



The Dairy Barn Arts Center
Spring Camp 2016
Parent/Camper Handbook

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Welcome Letter

Dear Athens Families and Friends,

Welcome to Spring Camp 2016! The Dairy Barn is proud to present your family with this valuable service. This camp is a response to Ohio University having changed their format from quarters to semesters. As you are all undoubtedly aware, the Athens City School District calendar is no longer in sync with the OU schedule as it pertains to breaks. So, to make life easier on families affected by this change, we have created "Spring Camp". The camp runs for the week of Athens City Schools Spring Break (March 28th – April 1st 2016).

Just like our regular art camp, students currently enrolled in kindergarten through 7th grade are eligible to attend this camp. Camp will run from 8:30am (check in) to 5:00pm (pick up). Different from our regular camp however, we will have not weekly but rather daily themes. This is because we are offering the camp on a day to day basis to accommodate those families who may not have need of the whole week of programming. It can be nice to take a day off to be with your children or perhaps get doctors appointments and other such errands out of the way. Unlike our regular camp however, while we still will have a lunch and recess element, this camp runs the whole day as opposed to an AM and PM themed session.

The Dairy Barn values its members and as an added benefit family membership holders receive priority registration for Spring Camp as well as a discounted registration fee. Registration for members opens January 8th and community registration begins January 22nd.

The price of Spring Camp after a \$25.00 registration fee is \$55.00 per day for non-members and \$45.00 per day for family membership holders. If a camper is signed up for 4 days, the fee for the fifth day is waved as the Dairy Barn's gift to the families who support and participate in our programming.

Thank you in advance for letting the Dairy Barn be a part of your family this Spring. I know we will have a great time at Spring Camp 2016!

Sincerely,
Lyn Stanton



Education Director
The Dairy Barn Arts Center

Basic Daily Schedule

8:30am-9:00am- Drop off/Individual Activities

9:00am-Morning opening with announcements/group activities/icebreakers

9:15am-10:05am- Session 1

10:05am-10:15am- Snack

10:15-11:05am- Session 2

11:05am-11:55am-Session 3

LUNCH & RECESS 12:00-1:00pm

1:15pm-2:05pm-Session 1

2:05pm-2:55pm- Session 2

2:55pm-3:05pm- Snack

3:05pm-3:55pm-Session3

4:00pm – 5:00pm Outside/Homework or Movie Time

2016 Spring Camp Themes:

- **Monday: The Five Senses**
- **Tuesday: The Four Elements**
- **Wednesday: The Third Dimension**
- **Thursday: The Second Dimension**
- **Friday: One and only: Unique in the Universe**

Daily Details:

Lunch: Every camper attending will have their own packed lunch and will eat outside (weather dependent) with camp teachers and camp director. **Lunches are to be bagged and may not require refrigeration or heating!** One rule of all our Art Camps is we DO NOT SHARE FOOD! While generally lunch time trades are the product of well intentioned sharing, many children have serious food allergies and should only be eating the foods their parents or the camp itself provides. Please remind your child they can not share food!

The 4:00-5:00pm Block: Classes end at 4:00 as they do for summer art camp, but in order to better accommodate working parents; we have extended the hours of Spring Camp to 5:00pm with out charging for aftercare. During this time campers may go outside depending on weather, watch a movie, be allowed to work on their school work or have quiet reading time. **We do ask that parents be on time for pick up.** If a parent can not regularly retrieve their child by 5:00, it is important they make arrangements with another parent or find someone else.

Late Pick up: Our staff have families and after work obligations as well and need to leave the building by 5:00 sharp. If a parent or other picker-upper is late more than twice, a **fee of \$10:00** per instance will be charged.

Pick-Up: All parents must sign out their camper at the end of each day; **no child may leave the building or wait downstairs unattended.** A parent may send a note giving permission for a child to be picked up by another parent or adult. No phone calls please unless an extreme emergency, please plan ahead.

Absence: Please call The Dairy Barn each day before your camper's session begins if your child will not be coming to camp. **The Dairy Barn WILL NOT give refunds or vouchers for other programs for missed days.**

Illness: If a child reports he/she does not feel well and/or has a fever of 99.0 degrees or higher, the child will be removed from the classroom and the camp director will contact parent or designated emergency contact. A child should be kept at home if he/she shows any signs of illness (fever, sore throat, vomiting, green nasal discharge, or severe cough) and not return to camp until he/she has been free of fever without fever reducing drugs for at least 24 hours. The Dairy Barn will not issue a refund for days missed due to illness and partial vouchers may only be given at the discretion of the Education Director.

Medicine: Prescription medication must be clearly labeled in its original container and accompanied by a statement signed and dated by the doctor explaining the dosages.

-Over the counter medication may be dispensed with signed permission from the parent/guardian.

-Children are not allowed to be in possession of any prescription or non-prescription medication.

-Any camper needing the use of an inhaler or epi-pen must provide a note from the doctor stating the reason and directions for use.

Snack: Daily snack will be provided twice a day. If your child has allergies or is picky, please pack extra food for snack in their lunch bags.

Water Bottle: Hydration is important! Each camper should have a water bottle filled everyday to bring with them to camp with their name clearly marked on this.

Outside Time

All campers must go outside for lunch daily and for participation in their classes, if a camper is not well enough to be outside then they are not well enough to be at camp.

Rainy Days

Campers will eat lunch and have other planned activities on rainy days inside, **if it is only drizzle, we may still go outside, so, send a rain coat or hooded jacket.**

What to Wear

Campers should be attired in clothing that matches the weather and for comfort, shorts and t-shirt for warm days and a light jacket if cool. Campers should also wear a sturdy gym shoe as we do play physical games. **No flip-flops** are allowed at anytime! The straps can easily break and cause children to fall. Also, please remember we are an Art Camp so campers should avoid wearing new or favorite clothing.

Paint Shirt

Campers should bring in an old big t-shirt or button down shirt with their name clearly marked on the tag to keep in one of their paper bags for the week.

Camp Bag

Please send a bag each week with your child's water bottle, hat and extra clothing if necessary. Also we ask each child **to bring in two paper grocery bags** at the beginning of each week with their names clearly marked to keep their daily art projects in.

Personal Items

Campers may not bring iPods, Game boys, Cameras or Cell Phones or any other personal media devices to Summer Art Camp. (Kindles or other book reading devices can be approved in advance by the education director). They may bring toys, books or other items from home to be used during breaks only. Items used inappropriately in class will be confiscated until the end of the camp day.

Pocket Knives

Pocket knives and any similar item are **not allowed at camp** unless they are given for use by an instructor and then there will always be supervision.

Camper Behavior Policy

One of the biggest obstacles an instructor will face each camp is maintaining a well-behaved group. How well the group behaves is often a reflection of the approach taken when working with children. The camp director has given all instructors and assistants training on how to handle discipline at Art Camp. The Dairy Barn's approach is to start friendly and be firm. Children need structure and consistency. However, children do not need to be yelled at in a disrespectful or embarrassing manner! It is not appropriate for instructors or assistants to use a harsh tone with kids to get them to listen and this approach will not be tolerated at Art Camp. Conversely, camper's being disrespectful to other campers, teachers or assistants will also not be tolerated.

As we do for Art Camp, we will ask each camper and parent to sign the **Parent and Camper Acknowledgment**. This contract is a very basic framework that campers will be expected to operate within. It clearly states the expectations we have for campers and what the consequences will be should they break the contract. We want the campers to treat the adult instructors and assistants with respect and to listen to directions. Below is the outline of the contract. The camp director will go over this with the campers at the start of each day, but instructors may need to repeat this in class from time to time.

Camper Acknowledgment ~ Rules of the Barn

- Have respect for self, others, instructors, and classroom space and classroom materials.
- Work together as a group when necessary and show good teamwork skills.
- Safety First!
- Show good behavior.
- You are responsible for your own actions.
- **BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!**

Consequences

- 1st time contract is broken: Verbal warning by instructor
- 2nd time contract is broken: Send to camp director and she will place in “thinking chair.”
- 3rd time contract is broken: Camper’s parents will be called and behavior discussed to make an at-home contingency plan that addresses camper’s behavior during the day.
 - Campers with continual behavioral disruptions face the possibility to being dis-invited to Art Camp at the discretion of the Education Director.