



**The Dairy Barn**

# **Summer Art**

# **Camp 2017**

## **Parent Camper Handbook**

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## A Letter from the Education Director

Welcome to Summer Art Camp 2017. This year is the 21<sup>st</sup> year of Art Camp. For me, it will be my 9<sup>th</sup> year of camp. I can't believe it! I started with the Dairy Barn back in 2009 as a Summer Art Camp instructor, and took over as the Education Director in 2011. I have watched so many of your children grow up right in front of my eyes, and I am so proud of all of them, and of our amazing camp community. This year, we reunite with the campers we have known for years, and look very forward to making new friends with the addition of campers who are just joining us. The Dairy Barn has served a generation of children with this amazing camp program and I know there are so many kids who have Dairy Barn memories to last a life time. I hope 2017 will be the best year yet!

This year will be extra special because it will be the first year of camp post-renovation. Right after camp ended last August, we began renovation of the upstairs of our building. What was once an art room and ceramics room is now one large space, with a fully stocked pottery studio and open airy, art making space. We replaced the linoleum tiles in the AEP wing with stunning hard wood floors and broke ground on the building expansion. In May of this year, the construction trucks will drive off, leaving us with a brand new back of the Barn. We will have a large beautiful glass lined lobby, and a multipurpose room where we will likely receive campers on the first floor, making it easier for parents to pick up and drop off. We will also have a brand new, very large gallery shop, a catering kitchen and bar/patio area for our fabulous Dairy Barn events. Lastly, a brand new second story fiber arts studio and digital arts workroom will complete the renovation and expansion. With all these improvements, we will be increasing our camp capacity as well as adding many great classes and workshops for kids *and* adults! As we move forward in the second century of the Barn, we are honored to mold ourselves into a space that will serve our fair community in a multitude of ways. I encourage each of you to come and visit the gallery exhibitions, attend Dairy Barn events, and check our classes and workshops.

Looking at this year's Camp, we are very excited to be adding some new instructors, and look forward to utilizing some of our new spaces. The pages of this manual cover many important aspects of our camp and even if you are a veteran art camper or you've just joined us this year, these organizational policies will help our camp continue to grow and improve every year. As participants and parents you are an important part of this development and your input is valuable to us.

If all campers, instructors and staff maintain the same general principles, philosophies and mission of Summer Art Camp, we believe that we will all have a wonderful shared arts experience! Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions!

Sincerely,



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## Mission, Philosophy & Goals

### “Give the Arts to a Child”

As part of the mission of The Dairy Barn Arts Center we offer educational outreach programs to our community year round for individuals of all ages and abilities. We have been offering a summer art program since 1997 that has evolved over the past 20 years into an incredible and high quality visual arts program. Campers learn a variety of art making techniques and mediums including painting, drawing, printmaking, collage, ceramics, papermaking, mask-making, fabric dyeing, beading, digital art, photography, design and much more! There have always been diverse components of integrated disciplines throughout the theme weeks. The programming is designed to include other academic subjects such as art history, art appreciation, multi-cultural art and cultural studies, the sciences, literature and language.

In fulfilling the mission of our programming we have designed Summer Art Camp to provide children an opportunity to learn the arts in a SAFE and FUN environment as the two primary goals. We do this by following agreed upon guidelines and educating the whole child through nurturing and encouragement of meaningful inquiry while blending academics, arts, and good old fashion play! We also seek to build children’s critical thinking and leadership skills through creating a well structured environment with an emphasis on being respectful to our space and to one another.

## Objectives:

1. To create a safe environment where each camper can learn to their fullest potential.
2. To develop a sense of respect for rules, regulations, and the authority of adult instructors in the classroom and surrounding environment.
3. To create a community where pride is taken in our camp classroom and surroundings and the relationships formed with other campers are positive and mutually respectful.
4. To enable each camper to make new friends and develop positive relationships with the adult instructors.
5. To focus on campers' capabilities, not inabilities.
6. To help each camper grow in self-respect and self-confidence while gaining a positive feeling about his or her own abilities with the arts.
7. To create lessons which promote comprehensive and interdisciplinary learning.
8. To improve campers' powers of observation and deduction through meaningful and thought provoking hands-on activities.
9. To promote independent and critical thinking skills and foster leadership qualities in our campers that they can carry with them through our camp, into our community, and through their lives.
10. To introduce campers to a variety of new experiences and skills via exposure to a plethora of art making mediums, techniques, and dialogues about art.
11. To teach campers about the historical, social, and cultural value of the arts.
12. To increase campers' social awareness, understanding of, and mutual appreciation for human diversity in a diverse and globally inter-connected world.
13. To foster a sense of social responsibility for each camper in all subjects encountered at camp.
14. To develop in each camper, an appreciation for the beauty, dignity and mystery of the art world and an awareness of the fundamental connection between art making and the human spirit.
15. To increase camper capacity for effective self-expression through art making and their fundamental grasp of, and appreciation for the art work of others.
16. To BE CREATIVE and HAVE FUN!

## Camp Structure & Times

The Dairy Barn's Summer Art Camp Program consists of 8 (9 this year, but typically 8) weeks of art programming run non-consecutively over the summer. Each week consists of an AM session theme (class from 9:15am-12:00pm) and a PM session theme (class from 1:15pm-4:00pm). The sessions are separated by an hour break for lunch and recess for those campers who stay for a full day. Some families will select to participate in a half day, while others may choose the whole day.

### **Times: Monday -Friday**

**Morning Camper arrival and sign in-** between 8:30 and 9:00am

**Full Day-** 9am-4pm

**Morning Half Day-**9am-noon

**Afternoon Half Day-**1pm-4pm

**Aftercare-**4pm-5pm

**Campers who are arriving for afternoon sessions are welcome to come at noon and eat lunch with us, but please check in. Campers who leave at noon are welcome to stay and eat lunch with us, but pick up must be before 1pm.**

**Aftercare is provided for \$25 a week from 4pm-5pm and should be pre-registered at the start of each week.** It is understandable that a parent may be running late for pick up at 4pm, but if it happens more than once or twice, a **\$5 fee for each daily occurrence** will be assessed at the end of each week to account for tardiness. This will also apply for late pick-up after 5pm for aftercare campers.

## 2017 Schedule of Weeks with Themes

Week	Dates	Time	Theme
1	May 22-26	AM	Sweet Home Appalachia
		PM	A Summer Abroad
Teen Camp June 5-9			
2	June 12-16	AM	Wizards!
		PM	Magical Creatures
3	June 19-23	AM	A Viking Voyage
		PM	The World of Ancient Egypt
4	June 26-30	AM	Funky Fibers – Threading Together
		PM	Props to That! – Accessories for Play
No Programming week of July 25 -29			
5	July 10-14	AM	Cats Vs. Dogs
		PM	Endangered Animals
6	July 17-21	AM	A Galaxy Far Far Away... Jedi Camp
		PM	Super Heroes/Villains
7	July 31-Aug 4	AM	Micro – It's the Little Things
		PM	Macro – The Big Picture
8	Aug 7-11	AM	Take Me There -Vehicles
		PM	The Art of Story Telling
9	Aug 14-18	AM	The Art of Science
		PM	The Science of Art

## Daily Schedule

The basic daily schedule is as follows:

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

**8:45am-** Instructors arrive at camp for any prep

**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

**12:00-1:00pm -LUNCH & Recess**

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

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

**2:55pm-3:05pm-** Snack

**3:05pm-3:55pm-**Session3

On Fridays, if applicable, parents are invited for a demonstration/exhibition of that week's work at 11:45am and 3:45pm. This will be decided on a week to week basis and parents should inquire during drop off before Friday

**Aftercare: 4:00pm-5:00pm**

What's the rarest kind of  
dinosaur? See page 11

## Camp Procedures & Guidelines

### **Arrival/Check-In**

The Education Director or a Summer Art Camp Assistant will be in charge of checking in the campers with their parents. **All parents must sign in campers.** Campers will make a name tag that they will keep throughout the theme week.

### **Morning Welcome**

As campers arrive, they will mingle and play in our “common area”. They can play games, get to know one another, work on their own artwork, and get to know the art camp assistants that will be accompanying each instructor for the week’s theme. After all campers have arrived we will start the morning with icebreaker games designed to build camp unity and friendships. Our Art Camp Coordinator and some Art Camp Assistants will always be with the campers in the morning.

A few minutes before class begins, instructors for each theme will introduce themselves to the group and talk a little bit about their theme and the activities they have planned for the week or day. Campers will then know what will be expected of them in each class for that day and what fun activities they will be doing.

Campers will be divided into three groups according to age/grade.

Piranhas: 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>

Barracudas: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

Sharks: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

We accept 36 (possibly more some certain weeks) students per theme and divide them into three class groups based on age. Some weeks the ages within each group will be more varied depending on the number of campers from each age group we have enrolled for that week.

Instructors will have a roster of names for each group, and will take attendance at the beginning of each class.

### **9:15am-Morning classes for theme begin.**

**Lunch:** Every camper attending for the full day will have their own packed lunch and will eat outside with Camp Assistant and Camp Director. Campers only attending mornings or afternoons are also invited to join us for lunch and recess. Instructors can join us or eat their lunch inside or go out for lunch if instructing for the whole day.

**Afternoon Sessions** will follow the same procedure of introductions and assigning a group name tag. End of day cooperative games may occur with groups to build camp unity. Afternoon sessions begin at 1:00pm.

### **Aftercare:**

The Education Director, Camp Coordinator and Assistants are in charge of looking after campers and organizing games with those staying for aftercare.



### **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.

### **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.**

### **Lunch**

If they are joining us for lunch, please send a daily lunch with your child that does not require refrigeration or heat as they will not have access to a refrigerator or microwave.

### **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 every day to bring with them to camp with their name clearly marked on the bottle.

### **Sunscreen & Sun Hat**

These are very important items to have because **all campers go outside daily** for lunch and games and sometimes for classes. Please send sunscreen marked with your child's name to keep in their weekly camp bag.

### **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.

## Heat Advisories

The Education Director will monitor the heat index and there may be days that the campers are kept indoors. We will play inside games on these days.



## What to Wear to Camp



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 any time!** Also, please remember we are an **Art Camp** so campers should avoid wearing new or favorite clothing. We will use materials that may stain clothing permanently and the Dairy Barn is not responsible for damage to clothing, this includes shoes! Please do not yell at Lyn when your camper gets paint on their clothing. Please use common sense when dressing your camper in the morning!

## 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 (Paper Grocery Bag)

Please send a bag (duffle bag, bookbag, or something similar) each week with your child to store sunscreen, water bottle hat and extra clothing if necessary. Also, we ask each child **to bring in a paper grocery bag** at the beginning of each week with their names clearly marked to keep their daily art projects. We will keep them for the week and teachers and assistants and campers will put their art in them as it accumulates to take home.



## Personal Items

Due to feedback from parents, the Dairy Barn is no longer allowing digital devices to be brought to camp. Campers may not bring cell phones or other personal media to Summer Art Camp. Campers may bring real books, and non-electric toys if approved by Lyn. The Dairy Barn and Employees are not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Lyn Stanton [lyn@dairybarn.org](mailto:lyn@dairybarn.org). Campers can bring other toys, but please talk with your child about the rules for home brought toys which are they can only play with them during free times, never in class, and during class, they have to put them away for safe keeping. Items can get damaged or lost if left out.

## 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 summer 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 concerning discipline at Summer Art Camp. Taking an “I’ll be tough with them and then loosen up” approach will definitely fail with many kids today. Another approach likely to fail is the “I’m your buddy, not your parent or school teacher- let’s go nuts”. A much better 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 Summer Art Camp. Conversely, camper’s being disrespectful to other campers, teachers, or assistants will also not be tolerated.

This summer we will ask each camper and parent to sign acknowledgments stating that they know and agree to the rules. For the campers, the acknowledgment states they agree to the value contract (below). For parents or guardians, the acknowledgment stated they have read and understand the parent camper handbook. The full value contract is a very basic framework within which campers will be expected to operate. 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. Each group can add certain things to this contract based on the age of the campers and the problems that may arise in class. The wording may also need to be geared up or down according to age. Below is the outline of the contract. The camp director will go over this with the campers at the start of each week and theme, but instructors may need to repeat this in class from time to time.

### Full Value Contract

- **Have respect for self, others, instructors, and classroom space and classroom materials.**
- **Work together as a group when necessary and show good teamwork skills.**
- **Adhere to all camp safety and class behavior guidelines.**
- **Show good behavior.**
- **You are responsible for your own actions.**
- **Be Creative and have Fun!**

### Consequences

- **1<sup>st</sup> time contract is broken: Verbal warning by instructor**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> time contract is broken: Send to Camp Director and placed in “thinking chair” and have a talk.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 dismissed from Art Camp at the discretion of the Education Director.**