

Summer Art Camp 2020



Parent-Camper Handbook



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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 2+ decades into an incredible and high quality visual arts program. Campers learn a variety of art making techniques and mediums such as 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, mathematics, literature and language.

Countless studies have shown that children who participate regularly in arts enrichment programs have increased chances at success in many their aspects of their lives from academic pursuits to inter-personal relationships. Summer Art Camp is an embodiment of the opportunities art can provide for children. It is our continuing mission to provide these opportunities to the youth of our community.

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 and other academic disciplines and skill sets.
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 Structures, Times, & Costs

The Dairy Barn's Summer Art Camp Program consists of 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.

Camp Cost:

One-time non-refundable registration Fee: \$25.00 per camper

Member rate per theme (week long half day session) \$80.00

Non-Member rate per theme (week long half day session) \$95.00

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. After 3 instances of being charged \$5.00, the fee will increase to \$10 per late pick up. **This will also apply for late pick-up after 5pm for aftercare campers.** This policy of a late fee has not traditionally been enforced, but because we have experienced some issues the past few years with late pick-ups, we will be enforcing it strictly this year. Fees will be assessed and invoiced to parents at the discretion of the Education Director.

2020 Summer Art Camp Weeks and Themes Schedule

| Week | Date | AM /PM | Theme |
|------|--------------|-----------|---|
| 1 | June 1-5 | AM | Art of Our Appalachian Woods |
| | | PM | Art Outside |
| 2 | June 8-12 | AM | What a Circus! |
| | | PM | Puppets |
| 3 | June 15-19 | AM | Rainforests |
| | | PM | Deserts |
| 4 | July 6-10 | AM | Greenland |
| | | PM | Iceland |
| 5 | July 13-17 | AM | Wizards! |
| | | PM | Fables and Fairy Tales |
| 6 | July 20-24 | AM | Australia |
| | | PM | New Zealand |
| 7 | August 3-7 | AM | Weaving Art |
| | | PM | We've Got to Stitch Together - Sewing |
| 8 | August 10-14 | AM | Mystical Mermaids |
| | | PM | Ocean Adventurers: Pirates and Explorers |

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

Note: Pick up is by 5:00 Sharp. Not 5:04, or 5:15. To discourage late pickups, a fee of \$5.00 per 5 minutes may be assigned to a parent at the discretion of the Education Director.

Camp Procedures & Guidelines

Arrival/Check-In

The Education Director or a Summer Art Camp Coordinator 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 community space. 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 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. The group will also review rules of camp, and make any announcements needed. 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.

Foxes: 1st-2nd

Coyotes: 3rd-4th

Wolves: 5th-6th

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 on the patio with Camp Assistants, Camp Coordinator and sometimes the 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.**

What to Bring

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.

The Ora Anderson Nature Trail

We will try to utilize our beautiful hiking trail as much as possible in the summer. This means a few extra safety precautions.

- **Poison Ivy/Outdoor allergies:** We don't plan to be off trail, but just in case please make sure to list in the allergies section if your child is allergic to poison ivy or any other outdoor things like sumac or wasps. If we need to carry an Epi pen for your child we will do so!
- **Sunscreen:** We mean it! Pack sunscreen or coat your camper in the morning! If you don't use it, then they need light long sleeves.
- **Bug Spray:** Also a potential allergy situation, please apply any bug spray at home as it can cause allergic reactions in other kids if applied inside next to them.

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 to substitute recess.



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 The Education Director or Teachers 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, book bag, 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.

Littlest Campers

Accidents happen! If you think it's possible your camper might have an accident at camp, please pack extra clothes and undergarments and a gallon sized zip lock bag to put soiled clothes in. If your camper has trouble dressing themselves to get into dry clothes, let The Education Director know so together we can make a plan for what to do in case of an accident that you and your camper are comfortable with.

Personal Items

Due to feedback from parents and issues we have had at camp, the Dairy Barn is no longer allowing the following items to be brought from home by campers.

NO:

- NO Digital Devices. Campers may not bring cell phones or other personal media to Summer Art Camp.
- NO Card games such as Pokémon or Magic.
- NO Make Up. If a camper chooses to wear makeup in the morning and their parent approves, that is fine, but no camper may bring and/or apply makeup during camp hours.
- NO Toy weapons of any kind.

Campers may bring real books, and non-electric toys if approved by the Education Director. 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 The Education Director 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.

Calling Home Policy:

A camper can be sent home for extreme behavioral disturbances, or illness. Additionally, if a camper **requests** to call home/parents due to feeling ill or emotional upset, we **will** call home. It necessarily, doesn't mean that the camper will go home, as that is to be decided by the parent and or Education Director, but we will call and check in.

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. Violence on the part of a camper may be grounds for excusal from camp. If a camper is dismissed from camp, a refund will not be issued.

Camp Agreements

We will go over the agreements of Camp every Monday morning and afternoon with all the campers and review them periodically through the week. Some of our agreements are a little silly, but most are very serious. Campers may add to the list as the summer progresses. We call them "agreements" in place of the word "rules" because it helps to instruct campers what TO do, as opposed to just what NOT to do. This is what your camper can expect to hear:

- Be Creative and Have Fun!
- Be a **Peacemaker**
- Use your **eyes** and **ears** before using your **body**, or your **voice**
- Be a good listener
- Begin with the end in mind!
- It's always okay to make a mess, it's never okay to leave one
- Practice kindness
- It's always okay to ask for help!
- **Teamwork** Makes The **Dreamwork!**
- Use butterfly feet upstairs (AKA no War of the Giant Centipedes...
~little stompy feet upstairs can disrupt the people in the gallery, so we ask campers to think about their feet and walk normally rather than stomp)
- Be a sharer!
- But, ***Don't Share Food***-possible allergies!
- Safety First!
- Respect people's space