

# Parent/Guardian's Guide to Art Camp

## Sign-in & Sign-out Procedure

Students must be signed-in and signed out by a parent/guardian every day they attend Art Camp. Classes begin at 9:00 AM. Sign in begins at 8:45 AM. For half day attendees, sign out is between 11:45 AM and noon. Sign out for full day students begins at 3:45 PM and all students must be signed out no later than 4:00 PM. Sign-in and Sign-out will take place in the Museum's lobby. The Museum encourages parental involvement. We encourage you to visit your child's class and get to know his or her teacher and teacher assistants when you pick your child up in the afternoon. We do ask that before going to your child's classroom to pick them up that you sign your child out first. This enables us to provide the safest possible environment for all attending Art Camp. Individuals not listed on the Authorized to Pick-Up section of the Art Camp Information Form will not be allowed to pick up your child. NO EXCEPTIONS. All individuals picking up your child should be prepared to show identification. Children will not be allowed to leave the premises without being signed-out by an Authorized Adult.

## Dress for Art

Making art can get messy, especially for small children. While all the supplies your child will use during Art Camp are child safe, they are not all washable. We ask that you dress your child in old clothing. Some activities also take place outdoors, so please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes.

## Snacks and Lunch Time

Art Camps last all day so please be sure to pack a lunch as well as a morning and an afternoon snack for your child. Meals must be ready to for your child to eat. The Museum has a refrigerator for your child's snacks/lunch. Please write your child's name on their lunch bag and snacks.

## Art Exhibition

On the final Friday of each camp session the Museum will host an exhibition and artist reception showcasing your child's artwork. Please feel free to invite the whole family to see your child's creations. Exhibitions will take place at 11:45 AM and 3:45 PM, immediately after Sign-out. We ask that you take all of your child's artwork home at this time and that you follow regular Sign-out procedures.

## **Art Camp Rules**

The primary goal of the Museum's Art Camp Program is to provide each camper with a fun and safe educational experience. In order to ensure that your child's camp experience is the best it can be, please go over the Art Camp Rules listed below with your child before their camp session. Any camper that engages in behavior that compromises the safety or education of other campers will be subject to disciplinary action including removal from the Art Camp Program. Art Camp teachers and assistants will not complete artwork for campers; campers who refuse to participate in activities will not have artwork from that activity.

1. Campers must be under the supervision of an Art Camp Staff Member at all times. Never leave the classroom without a teacher or assistant.
2. Always raise your hand to speak and wait your turn to speak. Never talk while the teacher is talking. Always use your inside voice.
3. Always get your teacher's permission before using supplies.
4. Never run in the classroom or the Museum.
5. Always pick up after yourself and put away supplies when you are done with them.
6. Always keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself. Never throw things.
7. Always be courteous and respectful to your teachers, the assistants, and fellow campers.
8. Never touch another camper's artwork without his or her permission.
9. Always wait your turn when using supplies or taking part in activities.
10. Always share.
11. Always follow directions.
12. Always do your best.

Breaking the camp rules may result in:

1. Changed seats.
2. Student/Teacher conference.
3. Removal from the classroom.
4. Call to parents.
5. Expulsion from Art Camp Program without refund.
6. Other appropriate actions.

## **Contact Information**

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## Your Child will Learn About

The Elements of Design- The Elements of Design are the most basic components of a work of art. Every work of art is made up of a combination of the Elements of Design. These Elements include: Color, Line, Shape, Texture, Value (how dark or light an object is), Space, and Form. Every work of art contains lines, shapes, colors, etc.

The Principles of Design- The Principles of Design are rules artists and designers use when arranging the Elements of Design, like colors, shapes, and lines, in their work. The Principles of Design include: Balance, Unity, Variety, Repetition, Scale, Proportion, and Emphasis. A good work of art should be Balanced and Unified, but have enough Variety to be interesting. Many artworks have focal points or parts of the work that are Emphasized.

Color Theory- Color Theory is the study of color. Artists and designers use color theory in figuring out the best combinations and arrangements of colors. Color Theory is also used in mixing colors to create new colors.

Creative Problem Solving- Art is a great way for children to learn about working through problems in a creative way. Through art, children learn to set boundaries for themselves, prioritize information, prioritize and sequence activities, follow-through with activities, set short-term and long-term goals, and more. Art is also a great way to exercise a child's imagination.

**"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand." Albert Einstein**

Critical Thinking Skills- Through art, children learn to analyze information, apply information to new and different situations, find connections between wide-ranging information, and evaluate information.

Communication Skills- Through art, children learn to interpret information. Art helps children understand their own thoughts and feelings and the thoughts and feelings of others. Most importantly, art helps children develop empathy with others.

Visual and Motor Skills- Art helps children in developing eye-hand coordination and helps to boost their powers of observation.