



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the Aiken Center for the Arts' Summer Art Camp 2020!

We are so glad your camper can join us! This summer we are focusing on unleashing the inner creativity in your child(ren). Campers will discover the world of art and their own creativity through a variety of mediums! Older campers will develop their expertise in different mediums each week in our Middle School Studios. All will have the opportunity to have their work on display in our galleries until September 4. Here are a few reminders about Summer Art Camp which will help make your child's experience pleasurable.

COVID-19 changes Classrooms have been reconfigured so that each student has their own individual work table spaced 6 feet apart. They can work at these tables mask-free. Campers are encouraged to wear a mask at camp when it is not possible to stay 6 feet apart. Check-in will also be different this year. Each child will have their own designated area. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands several times during camp.

Drop off & Pickup: Camp starts at 9am. Doors will open at 8:45. Please sign in and check out your camper daily inside our main gallery. Camp ends at 12:00 PM. Campers will be brought down to the first floor. If your child will be absent or late, please call and let us know.

Collaborative Project: We will be working on a collaborative project in the mornings from 8:45 – 9am. There will be a new activity each day. Your camper's individual creation will become part of a community art camp hanging installation. Parents of younger children are welcome to stay during this time to help them complete their pieces.

Clothing: Please make sure your child wears clothing appropriate for art camp - we will get messy and would hate to ruin good clothes! Camp T-Shirts will be handed out on the first day. Many students choose to wear their shirts all week, but that is not a requirement. Aprons have been put away to prevent the spread of germs but your child is welcome to bring one from home. We also have ACA aprons for sale in our gallery shop for \$15.

Snacks: Students should plan to pack a snack and drink for our mid-morning break. Please make sure your child's name is clearly labeled. No soft drinks or peanut products please. Our water fountains are not accessible to help prevent the spread of germs so a water bottle is also recommended.

Electronics: Please do not bring portable electronic games and devices to camp. Campers who bring cell phones will be asked to keep them put away unless they are being used as part of a class project. If you need to contact your child during camp, call us at 803-641- 9094 and we will get a message to them, or let us know and we will find a time for them to check their phone.

Friday "Happenings" Please join us right after camp on Friday at 12pm as students present their art on the 2nd floor. This will be a time to reinforce the creativity that each child brought to our camp.

Student Exhibition: At the end of each week of camp, students will be invited to select a piece of their work to display in the ACA Gallery. Pieces that are chosen will be on display until Sept 4, 2020. Usually we have an open house, "Arts Alive", in August but because of the Covid-19 restrictions it will not be held in 2020. This year we invite you to come during the week of August 24 – Sept 4 to enjoy the exhibition and pick up your artwork. The student exhibition is optional, but highly encouraged. It's always exciting for young artists to have their work on display for the world to see. All artwork left after Sept 30 will be discarded.

We look forward to having a great week with you as we learn and enjoy the arts. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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