



THE MUSEUM SCHOOL

Coleman Center for Creative Studies

26 Liberty Street

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SUMMER CAMP FAQ

What will my child do at camp?

Campers will enjoy a dynamic mix of hands-on art and design projects, gallery visits, creative games, and guided discussions inspired by the Museum's special exhibitions and permanent collection. Each week concludes with a mini-exhibition and celebration of camper artwork on Fridays at 1:45 PM, where families are warmly invited to attend. While activities vary week to week, you can view our Summer Camp Sample Schedule for a better sense of what to expect.

What should my child wear?

Please send your child in paint-friendly clothing and closed-toe shoes. Although we provide smocks, we still recommend comfortable, washable clothes since we plan to get our hands dirty!

Should my child bring lunch and snacks?

Yes! Please pack:

- Two snacks
- A lunch
- A refillable water bottle

As a nut-aware campus, we ask families to avoid sending any food with nuts. While we cannot guarantee a fully nut-free environment, we do our best to accommodate food allergies.

Do you offer before or after care?

No, we do not currently offer before or after care. Camp drop-off begins at 8:45am; camp ends promptly at 2:00pm.

What should I do if I'm running late?

Please notify the Director of Museum Education as soon as possible, preferably by phone if you can. If you're unable to reach them directly, please call the Museum's main number.

How do I register my child?

All registrations and payments are made online via our website. We recommend registering early, as space is limited and spaces cannot be held.

If you must pay by check, please visit our Education Office to complete online registration and submit your check in person. Cash is not accepted.

Can I register for more than one week?

Absolutely! Each camp is a unique, one-week experience. Many families sign up for multiple weeks, and each session offers new projects, themes, and inspiration.

Do you offer daily registration?

No, at this time we only offer weekly registration.

How do I apply my member discount?

Members receive 10% off all camps. Just log in using the email associated with your membership before checking out. If your discount isn't applying, contact our Membership Department for help updating your account.

Do you offer financial assistance?

Yes! Thanks to generous sponsors, we offer both partial and full scholarships. To apply, please submit a scholarship application at least two weeks before your desired camp start date.

What if my child has special needs or accommodations?

We welcome all learners! Please reach out to our Director of Museum Education at registration time if your child needs accommodations. Advance notice (two weeks or more) helps us ensure the best support possible.

What if my child needs medication during the day?

If your child requires medication during camp hours, please bring it to the check-in table on Monday morning. All medication must be self-administered, as staff cannot dispense it.

Will my child be photographed?

Yes, Museum staff may take photos or short videos during camp for use in promotional materials, including on social media and our website. By registering, you consent to this. If you do not want your child photographed, please notify us in writing at registration or contact us directly.

Why do I need to show my ID at sign-out?

For the safety of all campers, we require a valid photo ID at check-out *each day* to ensure that only authorized individuals are picking up children. This helps us maintain a secure and consistent process, even if staff members recognize you. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our camp community safe.

Do campers spend time outside?

Yes! We take full advantage of our beautiful museum campus. Campers may enjoy outdoor movement breaks, plein air painting sessions, or simply eat lunch outside when the weather allows. Make sure to wear your sunscreen or a protective hat!

What happens if my child is sick or needs to miss a day?

Please notify us as soon as possible if your child will be absent. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer refunds or make-up days for missed sessions.

Are campers grouped by age?

Yes, campers are grouped by age to ensure appropriate activities, instruction, and social interaction for their developmental level.

What is your toileting policy?

All campers must be fully potty trained before attending camp. Museum staff are unable to provide toileting assistance.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP. CALL US AT (401)619-7983.