Welcome to Summer Camp!

Cultivate your child’s creative abilities in our summer camp. Campers will observe and explore artwork in the Museum’s galleries and gardens, experiment with different art media in the studio, and create and showcase their artwork in a special exhibition each week. Each camp is taught by professional Museum Educators and Teaching Artists trained in the fields of art history, fine arts, education, or science who will build the skills for students to look at, connect with, and create art in more personal ways. The Education team creates fun and engaging art projects and experiences inspired by the Cummer Collection, gardens, and special exhibitions that will spark your child’s creativity and imagination.

Please read this packet carefully to prepare for a great camp experience!

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CAMP HOURS & PRICES

Summer Camp
Choose from six weeks of Summer Camp for kids entering grades 1 through 6. $200 for Members per week, $230 for Non-Members per week. Summer Camp is Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp Extended Care is offered before camp from 7:30 to 9 a.m. for $30 per child per week and after camp from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for $30 per child per week.

All parents and guardians are invited to attend the weekly camp open house, Thursday 3 to 3:30 p.m. in one of the Studios. See Camp Open House section below.

Middle School Camp
Join us for one week of Middle School Camp for young people entering grades 6 through 9. $200 for Members per week, $230 for Non-Members. Middle School Camp starts the last Monday in July and runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no extended care for this week.

All parents and guardians are invited to attend the weekly camp open house, Thursday 3 to 3:30 p.m. in one of the Studios. See Camp Open House section below.

Camp Open House
All parents and guardians are invited to attend the camp open house, Thursday 3 to 3:30 p.m. in one of the studios. Families can see some of the artwork in progress, explore the studio, meet one of the teachers, and visit the rest of the Museum. This is a great opportunity for the campers to show off some of their creativity and tour family members through the galleries and gardens they’ve visited!

CAMP POLICIES

- Complete and submit the online Registration Form in advance to secure your spot for camp. Payment is due at time of registration. Camp registration will be reviewed by Cummer Museum staff, and if registration is incomplete or does not meet the registration requirements, Museum staff will contact you.

- Refunds are not given for missed days of camp, nor do we prorate any weeks. Refunds are not given for any reason once registration is complete.
• Late fees:
  o Any camper not picked up by 3:45 p.m. will accrue the daily afternoon Extended Care cost of $6.
  o Any Extended Care camper not picked up by 5 p.m. will accrue an additional late fee of $1 per child per minute past 5 p.m. and payment is due at the time of pick-up. There are no exceptions.

• Because art projects span multiple days, campers attending partial weeks of camp will not be able to complete all projects.

• With the exception of the camp open house each Thursday at 3 p.m., parents/guardians are not permitted to join Camp activities. This includes snack and lunch.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

DROP-OFF
• Camp begins promptly at 9 a.m.
• Campers will be admitted into the Museum beginning at (but not before) 8:45 a.m.
• AM Extended Care is available from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. for $30 per week, per child.

Drop-off Location – First Day of Camp
• Park in the parking lot across from the Museum on Riverside Avenue and walk your camper to the north Education Entrance of the Museum under the gray awning.
• Check in your camper at the Art Connections desk, review paperwork, and pick up your Dashboard Plaque.

Drop-off Location – Tuesday through Friday
• Park in the parking lot across from the Museum on Riverside Avenue and walk your camper to the north Education Entrance of the Museum under the gray awning.
  -or-
  Follow the carpool route on the reverse side of the Dashboard Plaque (also shown on page 6 of this handbook), and pull up to the north Education Entrance.
• Check in your camper with Museum staff by signing the daily check-in sheet.
**PICK-UP**

- Camp ends promptly at 3:30 p.m.
  - *Late Fee* - *Any camper not picked up by 3:45 p.m. will accrue the daily afternoon Extended Care cost of $6.*
- Pick-up begins at 3:25 p.m. *If you arrive before 3:25 p.m., please refrain from entering Art Connections to retrieve your camper until pick-up begins.*
- PM Extended Care is available from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for $30 per week, per child.
  - *Late Fee* - *Any camper not picked up by 5 p.m. will accrue an additional late fee of $1 per child per minute past 5 p.m., and payment is due at the time of pick-up. There are no exceptions.*

**Pick-up Location – Monday through Friday**

- Park in the parking lot across from the Museum on Riverside Avenue and walk to the north Education Entrance of the Museum under the gray awning.
  - *or-

  Follow the carpool route on the reverse side of the Dashboard Plaque (also shown on page 6 of this handbook), and pull up to the north Education Entrance.

**Pick-up Procedures**

- For the safety of all campers, everyone picking up a camper must show photo ID for each and every day of camp. Photo ID is not necessary at drop-off. Please be patient – we need to properly check every camper in and out.
- To expedite the pick-up process, please clearly display the Dashboard Plaque with your camper’s name.
- An authorized person must sign their camper IN and OUT of Camp. Everyone picking up must either be listed on the Registration Form or have written consent from the camper’s parent/guardian. This person will need to sign the daily check-out sheet.
- If you plan to carpool with other families, please inform staff in writing prior to the day of carpool.
- During extreme rain or any storm with active lighting, staff will hold campers indoors until it is safe to load. You may choose to park and walk up to retrieve your camper during these times.
Early Pick-up Procedures

- Please give staff one day’s notice if a camper is being picked up early during the week or if they will not be attending camp on Friday to help expedite the early pick-up process. You can either send a signed note with your camper or respond to the “Welcome to Camp” email.

- Upon arrival, please check in at the Art Connections desk with your Photo ID. Please be prepared to wait a few minutes for staff to retrieve your camper from class and to gather their things. Last-minute Friday afternoon pick-ups without prior notice will result in your student not receiving all of their artwork that day, and you can arrange with staff to pick up the artwork at another time.

- Due to time constraints and a full schedule, campers that leave early may not have time to complete some of their art projects.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE
DRESS CODE

We want campers to be comfortable and safe during camp.

- No short shorts or miniskirts.
- Please wear closed toe and closed back shoes. No flip flops.
- Jackets/sweaters must be clearly labeled with the camper’s name.
- This is art camp so be prepared to get a little messy; dress accordingly. We do provide smocks for messier projects.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

- Please pack a lunch, beverage, and morning snack with needed eating utensils for your camper every day. Label the lunch clearly with your camper’s name. Lunch and snacks are not provided by the Museum.
- Microwaves and refrigerators are not available for campers’ use nor may they purchase food from the Cummer Café. We do not provide any food.
- Campers are welcome to bring a water bottle to use throughout the day. Water fountains are also available in the Museum.
- You do not need to bring any art supplies or smocks. We will provide all art materials.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Gum, candy, electronic games, toys, and phones are not allowed at camp. The Museum is not liable for any lost or stolen items. If you bring a phone, it must remain in your bag throughout the entire day.
CAMP CODE FOR KIDS – Please review with your camper.

We hope that you will join us in making Summer Camp a safe and fun environment for kids and staff alike. We feel this can be best facilitated when you are aware of the Camp Code for Kids (i.e., guidelines). These guidelines are designed to prevent accidents or incidents that might endanger your child or other children and to ensure that all campers have fun. Thank you for your cooperation in making Summer Camp a wonderful and exciting week for all!

- The Museum staff’s first priority is to keep you safe. It is important to listen to staff and volunteers at all times and follow their instructions.
- Kindness and courtesy are expected from all campers. Summer Camp has zero-bullying tolerance. If a camper does not show respect for other campers or persists in not following the rules, he or she will not be permitted to return to camp.
- Art Connections is a “hands-on” area, a place where you can touch and explore the interactive exhibits. The galleries are “hands-off” areas; in order to preserve the artwork for other people to enjoy it is important to keep your hands to yourself when in the galleries.
- To preserve the gardens and for safety, please do not climb on trees, railings, or fountains. Also please do not pick the flowers or any plants.
- Materials are important to all artists. Use all materials and equipment in Art Connections and the studios properly and with care!
- Gum, candy, electronic games, toys, and phones are not allowed at camp. The Museum is not liable for any lost or stolen items. If you bring a phone, it must remain in your bag throughout the entire day.

Positive Discipline

We believe in and use positive behavior management. If campers are having challenges or causing disruptions, we’ll respectfully work with individuals to address and redirect their behavior in a positive and supportive manner. If campers cannot cooperate, are disrespectful, or do not follow staff instructions, they may be timed-out and removed from the group. If the camper’s behavior does not improve, the parent/guardian will be called to help find a solution. If disruptive behavior continues, the camper will need to be picked up early from the program, and the camper may be asked not to return. In this situation, there will be no refunds for any days missed.
• Museum staff will treat each camper with respect and set clear expectations and boundaries each day. Campers are expected to show respect to their peers and staff, as well as treat the facilities and art materials with care.

• For campers who experience difficulty with this structure, staff will work with the camper and their parents to create an individualized plan that meets the need of the camper while ensuring the safety of other campers.

• Frequent disrespect for peers, staff, and rules will result in a camper’s dismissal from Summer Camp.

• Consequence Procedures:
  o **Minor Offenses** - off-task, talking during instruction time, etc.
    1. Warning
    2. Redirect behavior
    3. Time out at AC Desk with another Museum Educator
    4. Call parent
    5. Removal from camp
  o **Major Offenses** - harming or threatening to harm teachers and/or other campers, inappropriate language, etc.
    1. Call parent
    2. Removal from camp