

Children and Preteen Summer Art Program Overview

Drop-Off

Regular drop-off is between 9:00-9:10 AM. Please arrive on time in order to ensure a seamless transition for your child. Enter the building through our handicap accessible Gallery entrance at the covered porch. If you arrive before 9 AM please be aware you will be asked to either wait with your child until we are fully staffed at 9 AM or pay \$5 for Early Drop-Off. On Mondays only arrival is available at 8:30AM

Early Drop-Off

Early Drop-off is available between 8:00-9:00 AM for \$5 per day, per child. Both Early Drop-Off and Extended Day can be paid in advance or on a pay-as-you-go basis, NOT totaled at the end of the week. Cash, checks or credit will be accepted at the door.

Pick-Up

Regular pick-up is between 3:50PM - 4PM. Be sure to sign-out your child with the staff member positioned at the door. If you may be late picking your child up, please call the office at 617-964-3424.

Extended Day

Extended Day is available between 4PM - 5:30 PM for \$20 per day, per child. Both Early Drop-Off and Extended Day can be paid in advance or on a pay-as-you-go basis, NOT totaled at the end of the week. Cash, checks or credit will be accepted at the door.

Friday Exhibition

Parents and families are invited to arrive at 3:30PM on Friday afternoon for a brief exhibition/presentation of the artwork created each week. Each group will present their projects in the main gallery. Be sure to sign out your child at the door before you leave! Bring a box or paper bag to carry all of the amazing artwork home!

What to Bring

Each child should bring 2 SNACKS, LUNCH, and a WATER BOTTLE. The NAC will provide two snacks a day. Lunch will not be refrigerated.

What to Wear

Please make sure your child wears comfortable, art-appropriate clothing. Old clothes and shoes are recommended since paint and clay may stain clothing. The art center has some smocks or students may bring smocks (with names printed on the label) and leave them at the center for the week.

Medication

All medications should be checked in with a senior staff member. Children may not keep medication in their backpacks or lunch boxes, and medications must be administered by a staff person. Please alert a senior staff member PRIOR to the start of the week if your child has any life-threatening allergies or severe medical issues. Use summer@newartcenter.org or call the office at 617-964-3424.

We will have a 15 minute snack time where all four groups will gather and eat together. This time is meant to give the students a brief break to unwind, socialize, and eat a little something. There will also be a 55 minute lunch/recess time. All four groups will eat together and then proceed to recess which will be held outside weather permitting. Both snack and lunch are supervised by TA's. Snacks and Lunch are NOT provided, please pack accordingly (nothing that needs to be refrigerated or micro waved).

Nut/Allergen Policy

Depending on enrollments, some weeks will be deemed NUT FREE weeks. This means no nut products what-so-ever can be sent to NAC. Parents will be alerted via email if your child is attending a nut free week.

Groups

The children are divided by grade into four small groups of 12-15 children. You will find out which group you are Picasso, Degas, Matisse, Warhol on your first day. All group or friend requests should be directed to summer@newartcenter.org prior to the first day of the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I register my child for the Summer program if he/she will be starting Kindergarten in the fall?

Yes. The youngest students admitted into the program are those who will be attending kindergarten in the fall.

My child does not have much experience with artwork, is that okay?

Absolutely! The program is arranged so that children of all levels can get the most out of the program and each class.

Will my child be grouped with other children from his/her same school?

We do what we can to be sure children have familiar faces in their groups, but also encourage students to enjoy the opportunity to meet children their age who attend other schools. If there is a specific individual that your child would like to be grouped with, please contact the office. We cannot make last-minute group switches on the first day of the session.

My child is shy/nervous about starting. May I stay during his/her class?

Generally, no. In order for all the children in the program to feel comfortable, we find it best to have them all start fresh together without parents in the classrooms. If you or your child is nervous about starting the program, then we encourage you to come with your child at the start of drop-off time (9:00) to meet their TA and participate in morning play. However, after morning announcements (9:20) is the best time for parents to make a clean break for the day. Children will then play ice breakers games to meet the other children in their group before beginning their first class.

My child has food allergies. How can I be sure he/she will be safe at lunch time?

Please indicate your child's food allergies on the emergency form so that faculty and staff are aware of them. The NAC Vacation Programs have strict "no sharing food" policy. If your child's allergies are airborne or otherwise severe, we can have a separate lunch table or in some cases—with enough advance notice—we can send notes home to parents about restricted lunch ingredients for other children's lunches. Please be sure to bring any and all emergency medications at the start of the week in a labeled bag with the medication form.

Is the New Art Center building air-conditioned during the Summer?

Although the entire building will not be air-conditioned, we will have air-conditioning for both the 2D, 3D studios and in the main gallery. All other classrooms are equipped with fans and water spray bottles. We

encourage students to bring water bottles with them to the program and they are always welcome to refill them at our drinking water fountain.

Can our babysitter pick up my child at the end of the day?

Yes. Please indicate all authorized pick-up persons on the emergency form. If any of the information changes or someone new will be picking up your child, we will need that information in writing in advance.

My child will have to miss one day of the program. What happens then?

We can certainly work around this. Teachers will work to the best of their ability to adapt the project if time is an issue in finishing it. A couple of special instances for planning ahead: since Monday mornings have a designated time for name games and team building exercises, it's not an ideal day to miss for shy ones. Also, if your child has to miss a Friday, then please be sure he/she tells the teachers, so work can go home as is on Thursdays. Please note that no partial or pro-rated refunds are made for missed days of the program.

What if a student becomes hurt or injured during the program?

No matter how many precautions are taken, accidents can happen. First Aid kits are located in each studio, and NAC Staff will assist in cleaning and bandaging a minor cut, scrape or wound. In the event of a more serious injury, trained staff members can administer first aid treatment and will notify parents; if a true and more serious emergency arises, parents and 911 will be notified immediately (please make sure to fill out the contact information section of the emergency form completely).

Will I get to see my child's artwork on display?

Yes! During the summer, we have an exhibition on Friday afternoons at 3:35PM where each student in the Children's Summer Program will display their artwork. Please bring a box or shopping bags to collect your child's artwork on Friday afternoon.

What if I can't make it to the exhibition on Friday?

No problem. We explain to the children that not all parents can be here for the presentation of the artwork, and that some will be there at the normal 4PM pick-up time (or 5:30 extended-day time). However, we suggest that you also let your child know if you will not be there, as there is generally a large turnout of parents at the presentations.

Teen Program Overview

Drop-Off

Regular drop-off is between 9:00-9:10AM. Please arrive on time in order to ensure a seamless transition for your teen. Enter the building through our handicap accessible Gallery entrance at the covered porch. Teens do not need to be accompanied by a parent at Drop-Off but they MUST sign in at the main podium.

Early Drop-Off

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Pick-Up

Regular pick-up is between 3:50PM - 4PM. If you would like to have your teen self-checkout, you must sign the parent permission form provided. All students must sign-out with the staff member positioned at the door. If you may be late picking your child up, please call the office at 617-964-3424.

Extended Day

Extended Day is primarily for students in our Children's Summer Program but it is available for teen students as well. Extended Day is available between 4 -5:30 PM for \$20 per day, per child. Both Early Drop-Off and Extended Day can be paid in advance or on a pay-as-you-go basis, NOT totaled at the end of the week. Cash, checks or credit will be accepted at the door.

What to Bring

Each teen should bring a LUNCH or lunch money and a WATER BOTTLE.

What to Wear

Please make sure your teen wears comfortable, art-appropriate clothing. Old clothes and shoes are recommended since paint and clay may stain clothing. The art center has some smocks or students may bring smocks (with names printed on the label) and leave them at the center for the week.

Medication

All medications should be checked in with a senior staff member in the main office. Teens may not keep medication in their backpacks or lunch boxes, and medications must be administered by a staff person. Please alert a senior staff member PRIOR to the start of the week if your child has any life-threatening allergies or severe medical issues.

Groups

Students enrolled in the Teen Summer Program will be divided into two groups of 8 students depending upon the time of enrollment and grades. Groups will be determined by overall age range of students, with the younger students in one group, and the older students in another group. Students will be informed of their group at check-in. Due to the strict number of students in each group, we will not be able to accommodate group changes.

Teachers

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We have fantastic professional art instructors assembled for the Teen Summer Program. Students will work with one instructor in studio art, and move to another in Ceramics – Wheel Throwing and Handbuilding . Teachers may vary week to week, depending upon the time of enrollment. All of our faculty are highly qualified to instruct students in Drawing/ Painting, Ceramics, and Sculpture/Mixed Media.

Lunch

Teens have an hour to eat lunch and take a break. Teens with a signed Permission to Leave the Premises Form are allowed to walk to Newtonville to purchase lunch. Teens are NOT supervised by an adult at this time. If a teen does not have a signed permission form, they must remain on the New Art Center premises.

Frequently Asked Questions

I'm not comfortable sending my teen to Newtonville for lunch, can he/she stay on the premises?

Yes, teens without permission to walk to Newtonville for lunch can stay in the building and opt to eat lunch with other teen students or with the Children's Program.

My teen is not very experienced in art, can he/she still join the program?

The Teen Summer Program is for students of all levels! It is not required for students to have a lot of experience with art, but highly recommended to have a definite interest in art, since the students spend the entire day creating art. Instructors will work closely with each student to develop their individual abilities.

Is there a Friday Exhibition for my teen?

Yes, teen work will be displayed in the Holzwasser Gallery on a rotating basis.