Welcome to The San Diego Museum of Art
Summer Camps and Teen Studios!

Get ready for an exciting summer of art making, in which students will learn from artist-educators and enjoy the Museum, the Museum Art School studios, and the bounty of Balboa Park. We have provided some information for you in order to prepare you and your young artist for this creative adventure. Please read all of the enclosed information regarding Summer Camp and Teen Summer Studio policies and procedures, and return completed forms to the Museum prior to the first day of the program.

Museum Program Hours and Contact Information

Office Hours
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Monday–Friday / July 13–August 7

Program Hours
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Monday–Friday / July 13–August 7

Contact Information
Summer Program Registration:  
619.696.1935
Summer Program Questions:  
619.696.1952
Main Line:  
619.696.1955  
Monday–Friday / July 13–August 7 only
Summer Program Email:  
summercamps@sdmart.org
Daily Schedule

Morning
- 8:30 a.m.: The Museum Art School opens
- 8:45–9:00 a.m.: Drop off at International Cottages complex
- 9:00 a.m.: Walk to The Museum Art School to begin studio activities
- 9:00–10:30 a.m.: Studio activities
- 10:30 a.m.: Supervised snack break
- 10:45 a.m.–Noon: Studio activities

Mid-Day
- Noon–12:30 p.m.: Lunch
- 12:30–1:00 p.m.: Supervised activity period

Afternoon
- 1:00–2:30 p.m.: Studio activities
- 2:30 p.m.: Supervised snack break
- 2:45–4:00 p.m.: Studio activities
- 4:00 p.m.: Pick up at International Cottages complex
- 4:30 p.m.: The Museum Art School closes

Instructions

Forms

Please fill out the attached forms and return them to the Museum prior to the first day of the program. For your child’s safety, students cannot participate in the program unless these forms have been completed and returned to the Museum staff.
Policies

In Case of Emergency

If your child is ill or if Museum staff feels emergency action is needed, a parent or legal guardian will be contacted immediately. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, we will contact the emergency phone number listed on your Participant Information Form. In the event that we are unable to reach anyone you have listed and/or we feel your child requires immediate emergency medical treatment, your child will be transported to the closest medical facility. Please make sure to complete and return the enclosed Participation Information Form to the Museum before your child attends the program. This will authorize medical treatment in the case of an emergency.

Calling in Sick

If your child cannot attend the program due to illness or other reasons, please notify the Museum staff in advance at 619.696.1955.

Snack

We kindly ask that you send your child with small snacks and a bottle of water for them to enjoy mid-morning and mid-afternoon since active students are often hungry students.

Lunch

The San Diego Museum of Art staff will supervise a lunch period from 12:00–12:30, followed by a supervised activity period prior to the afternoon program. Please ensure that your child brings a lunch and a beverage in a bag or box that closes with their name clearly marked on it. Please do not send money to purchase a lunch in the park as the Museum staff is unable to help with lunch purchases. Also note we do not have facilities to refrigerate or reheat students’ lunches.

Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen to any exposed skin on your child before they come to the program. We ask that you send a bottle of sunscreen with your child’s name on it so that they can re-apply it throughout the day. We also recommend that you have your child wear a hat to shade their face and head from the sun as we may spend time outdoors.

Games, Toys, and Electronic Entertainment

Please do not send any toys, trading cards, electronic entertainment devices, or extra money with your child. The items listed above do not contribute to overall spirit and artistic goals of the program. There are many activities planned to keep students busy throughout the day, and personal toys and devices can detract from these activities or get lost or damaged. When students have spending money, their desire to purchase snacks and souvenirs takes away from their motivation to have fun in the activity in which they are participating.
Cell Phones

Cell phone use is not permitted during program hours. In the case of an emergency, Museum staff will contact parents. Parents/guardians may always call the Summer Camp Main Line: 619.696.1955 to get a message to their child during program hours.

Program Dress

Your child should be comfortably dressed for program activities including painting, sitting on the grass, and running. Students often get dirty, so simple t-shirts and shorts or pants are recommended. Please do not allow your child to wear brand-new or expensive clothing since they can get ruined by the active programs. We will be outside in the park during pick up, drop off, occasionally during class time, and lunchtime, so include a jacket and even lightweight pants on cooler days. All students must wear closed-toe shoes in order to participate in games and to avoid foot injuries.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Drop off and pick up will take place in the grass area just north of the United Nations Building, near the International Cottages complex and across from the large parking lot south of Spreckels Organ Pavilion. This location can most easily be accessed via Park Boulevard (on the east end of the park) by entering the park via President’s Way.

We ask that parents/guardians park in the Organ Pavilion parking lot or other nearby lots and escort campers over to the designated meeting spot. For the safety of the campers, please do not send them alone to the meeting point. Museum staff will check in campers and place them with their class. From there, Museum staff members will walk campers to the Museum Art School classrooms located in the House of Hospitality building.

Parents or guardians must present a photo I.D. at the time of pick up. The Museum will NOT release a child to anyone without a photo I.D. or to anyone not included on the authorized list. Parents or guardians MUST inform Museum staff if someone outside the authorized pickup list will be picking the student up that day. Thank you for helping us to keep all students safe this summer.

Late Policy: Out of consideration for the program staff schedules, we ask that all students be picked up on time. Please note: For every minute late to pick up (after five minutes), the Museum reserves the right to charge a $1.00/minute fee.

Exhibition Fridays!

Please plan to join your child and Museum staff at The Museum Art School at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays to view the artwork created during the week by Summer Camps and Teen Summer Studios.