

Teen Art Camp Policies and FAQs 2023

If you have any questions or wish to discuss our teen camp policies call Laken at 276-628-5005 ext. 109. Due to limited staffing in Art Lab, phone calls during teen camp may go unanswered. Please leave a message; the phones will be checked periodically. You may also follow up with an email to Laken at lbridges@wkmuseum.org which can be accessed by Laken during camp in the classrooms. If you urgently need to reach Laken during camp, call the security office at 276-628-5005 ext. 117.

General Policies

ATTENTION: There is a NO REFUND POLICY for summer camps. If a teen is unable to attend camp, their registration fee is considered a donation to the museum.

Refunds will be issued in the event that WKMA cancels camp for unforeseen circumstances or a if WKMA is unable to host the camp

If camp is canceled due to too many counselors getting sick from an outbreak of illness, this circumstance DOES NOT automatically incur a refund. We will plan a make-up week or half-week of camp if possible.

- Teens are expected to engage in camp, pay attention to instructor demonstrations, use studios, tools, and equipment with care, and be respectful of other teens, instructors, staff, and volunteers.
- Bullying and violent, aggressive, bigoted, and other unkind behavior will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from camp.
- Teens must stay with the camp group and shall not explore the campus unsupervised or work in other rooms unsupervised.
- Teens should wear “art” clothes and closed-toe shoes that can get messy
- Parents and Guardians must sign in and sign out their teens the first day and may be required to provide identification. After the first day, Parents and Guardians may allow their teens to sign out.
- All individuals dropping off and picking up a teen must be listed (with contact information and vehicle description) on the teen’s camp registration form.
- Drop off and pick up will take place in Art Lab’s upper level foyer (entrance is down the sidewalk at the back of the museum.)

- We recommend that each teen brings/wears:
 - Comfortable clothing that is ok for a messy art project
 - Lunch and snacks
 - Refillable water bottle
 - Sunscreen and insect repellent
 - Any medication they may need during the day, including over the counter medications
- Phones are welcomed but must be put away during demonstrations and group projects.
- Earbuds / headphones are discouraged as camp is a collaborative environment
- WKMA is not responsible for lost/damaged items
- Lunch/snacks must not:
 - Include peanuts or peanut butter
 - Require reheating or cooking
- Failure to comply with pick up and drop off times may result in dismissal from camp
- Teens must take all artwork home at the end of each camp, even if they are registered for multiple camps, with the exception of clay camp. Parents or Guardians of teens in clay camp must pick up finished clay pieces within 1 week of “ready for pickup” notification.

Safety Policies

- Do not bring sick teens in to camp: teens who appear ill will be sent home
 - If a teen has to miss camp days due to illness, they can have those days transferred to another week of camp (make-up days)
 - If a teen is sent home after they are brought in appearing sick, they will forfeit that particular make-up day of camp
 - If a teen has to be sent home BUT had no symptoms when dropped off for camp, they will not need to forfeit that particular make-up day of camp
- Staff will not come in if exhibiting any symptoms of illness. Substitute counselors will fill in for sick staff members.
 - Staff who exhibit signs of illness will also be sent home

- Lunches can not include peanuts or peanut butter due to allergies
 - It is important to be aware of severe allergies because kids interact after eating lunch
- Parents must sign a hold harmless agreement at the beginning of each week of camp and be aware of the assumed risks of camp, playing outside, etc.
- Instructors will be aware of safety protocols, the location of the nearest fire extinguisher, and the location of first aid kits
- Instructors and staff cannot administer any medications to teens. (Teens prone to headaches must bring their own medication.)

COVID-Specific Safety Policies

- We encourage vaccination against COVID-19 to reduce the chances of transmission and infection, but do not require vaccination for campers or councilors
- Masking while indoors is encouraged but also not a requirement for campers or counselors
- If your teen is immunocompromised and you are worried about exposure to COVID-19 please call Laken at 276-628-5005 ext. 109 to discuss extra precautions we can take
- Staff will take COVID-19 rapid tests at the beginning of each week of camp to help prevent the possible spread of infection
- We encourage parents to test teen before each week of camp if possible—you do not have to provide us with evidence of test results
- If a teen has to miss camp due to COVID-19 infection, the missed days can be transferred to a different week of camp
- Camp may be canceled if too many camp instructors test positive for COVID-19 and are unable to teach. Closure from COVID-19 outbreak **does not incur a refund** as it does not fall under the category of unforeseen circumstance as it is a known and preventable risk.
- COVID-19 outbreaks (3+ cases diagnosed at around the same time) will be reported to the local health department

FAQs

Q: Can I sign up for one week now, and then sign up for the other weeks of camp after my teen attends the first week to see if they like it?

A: May 22nd is the registration deadline for ALL teen camp weeks. Because teen camps require more specialized supplies, this deadline includes all camps to allow time for ordering and preparation of supplies, tools, and equipment based on camp enrollment. If you and your teen want to register for an additional camp after the registration deadline, you may contact Laken at 276-628-5005 ext. 109 or lbridges@wkmuseum.org to find out if another teen has dropped out and a space is available.

Q: Early drop off/late pickup policy?

A: Teens must be registered for early drop or late pickup in order to access this offering. Art Lab's teen camp staff is extremely limited and will not be available for unplanned early drop-offs.

- For an additional fee, teens may be dropped off early (9 AM-9:50 AM)
- For an additional fee, teens may be picked up late (up to 5:00 PM)

Q: Why has the price of camp increased this year?

A: Prices have been adjusted to pay instructors and to pay for the increased cost of art supplies and overhead.

Q: Why do you have a no refund policy?

A: WKMA is a small 501C non-profit organization. Unused registration fees are considered donations to the museum's operating costs. Because we don't offer refunds, we make an effort to offer make-up days or discounts in response to certain circumstances.

Youth Summer Camp 2023

Youth Camp Age Categories

- Early Childhood Camp for Ages 4–6
- Youth Camp for Ages 7–9
- Youth Camp for Ages 10–12

Youth Camp Dates 2023

- Natural Impressions June 5–9
- Field Explorers June 12–6
- Backwoods Builders June 19–23
- Wild Media Mish Mash June 26–30
- Halloween in July July 10–14

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