



YOUTH SUMMER ART CAMPS HANDBOOK 2025

Welcome to “Nature’s Palette” Youth Summer Art Camp!

Let your child’s creativity bloom at Youth Summer Art Camp! Young artists will explore the beauty of the natural world through painting and drawing. Students will create themed art - including leaves, flowers, insects and birds - and bring them to life with color and imagination! Through hands-on activities, youth will learn foundational art techniques while developing their appreciation for nature. This camp offers the perfect opportunity for youth to explore creativity and curiosity in a joyful, supportive environment!

Read this packet carefully to prepare for a spectacular camp experience!

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"NATURE'S PALETTE" CAMP HOURS & PRICES

Youth Summer Art Camp 2025 – two-day camp

ONE session of this camp will be offered for ages 6-12. Students will benefit from a 5 to 1 student to teacher/assistant ratio. Students will be responsible for bringing a packed lunch and a reusable water bottle, while snacks will be provided by the Center at least once during the day. NO PEANUTS ARE ALLOWED IN LUNCHES – campers with severe allergies may be present.

Lunches will be eaten at Noon, on the Center's campus - which includes the Galleries, Art Park, Art Annex, Hudson Pottery Studio, Richard Hill Glass Studio, and (coming soon) the Meta Shaw Coleman Children's Imagination Station. Lunches will be eaten in one of the first three locations, subject to change at the Center's discretion.

May 27-28, 10am-3pm | Ages 6-12 | \$175.00 | \$165.00 member

Projects to be made include funky flowers, colors in flight (butterfly), parrot friends, and plant sculptures. Techniques explored include painting, drawing, mixed media, and collage.

CAMP REGISTRATION POLICIES

Complete and submit the online booking form, call the Center at 229.247.2787, or visit the offices at 527 N. Patterson St. IN ADVANCE to secure your spot for camp. Payment is due at time of registration, and spots CANNOT be held without payment. Registration closes two weeks before camp begins, or when a camp is full – whichever comes first. Camp registration will be reviewed by Turner Center staff. Refunds are not given for missed days of camp, nor do we prorate any days. Refunds are not guaranteed for any reason once registration is complete.

CAMP SICK PROCEDURE

All campers who have a fever or COVID-like symptoms (frequent coughing, sore throat, headache, or fever) without a known cause (like asthma, COPD, chronic sinusitis, etc.) or have been exposed to someone with COVID within the last 5 days are asked not to come to camp. If during the camp day, a camper exhibits COVID-like symptoms (frequent coughing, sore throat, headache, or fever), the camper's parents, guardians and caregivers will be contacted, and they must pick up their camper(s) as soon as possible. A camper may be readmitted to camp once they are fever free, without medication, and without other symptoms for 24 hours.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

DROP-OFF: Campers may be dropped off no earlier than 9:45am each morning. Camp begins promptly at 10am.

Drop-off location: Park in the Art Annex parking lot (601 N. Patterson Street) and walk your camper to the main entrance of the Art Annex – NOT the Galleries (527 N. Patterson Street). Students will need a parent's signature, or that of another approved adult whose name was provided to the Center, to sign in each day before camp. Unless previous notice is received, a student's listed parent(s)/guardian(s) will be called if a camper has not arrived by 10:15am.

PICK-UP: Camp ends promptly at 3pm each day.

Pick-up location: Park in the Art Annex parking lot (601 N. Patterson Street) and pick up your camper inside the Art Annex. Students will need a parent's signature, or that of another approved adult whose name was provided to the Center, to check out after each day before camp. Unless previous notice is received, a student's listed parent(s)/guardian(s) will be called if a camper has not been picked up by 3:15pm. If for any reason a parent/guardian is late for pickup, a camper may be taken to another location on campus (such as the Galleries) for pickup if necessary. The parent/guardian will be alerted of this when called.

DRESS CODE

We want campers to be comfortable and safe during camps. **Wear comfortable clothes.** No short shorts or miniskirts. As campers will be walking between class facilities, **shoes that are both closed-toe and closed-back are MANDATORY** - no flip flops! Jackets/sweaters must be clearly labeled with the camper's name. We do provide smocks, when needed but recommend being prepared for your clothes to get a little messy due to the use of paint and similar materials!

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

Please pack a lunch and a refillable water bottle for your camper every day. Label the lunch clearly with your camper's name. **Lunch is not provided by the Center.** Light snacks will be provided throughout the day as needed. **If your camper has any minor or severe allergies, please note them during camp registration.** Microwaves are not available for lunches, but lunchboxes may be refrigerated upon request. **All lunches must be peanut-free.** We frequently have campers with severe allergies to peanuts and must request that all lunches exclude them for the safety of all campers.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Gum, candy, electronic games, toys, and phones for recreational purposes are not allowed at camp. The Center is not liable for any lost or stolen items. If you bring a phone for contact purposes, it must remain in your bag throughout the entire day, except to contact a parent/guardian if needed. **No video games, movies, or other digital games allowed!**

CAMP CODE FOR KIDS

We hope that you will join us in making Youth Summer Art Camps a safe and fun environment for kids, instructors, and Center 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 camps a wonderful and exciting experience for all!

The Center staff's priority is to keep campers safe. It is important to listen to camp instructors and assistants, Center staff, and other specified volunteers AT ALL TIMES, and students MUST follow their instructions.

Kindness and courtesy are expected from all campers. Camps have 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.

Materials are important to all artists. Use all materials and equipment provided properly and with care!

We believe in and use positive behavior management. If campers are having challenges or causing disruptions, we will 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 instructor or Center staff instructions, they may be given time-out and separated from the group. If the camper's behavior does not improve, the parent, guardian or caregiver 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.

Center 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 Center staff, as well as treat the facilities and art materials with care.

For campers who have trouble with this structure, instructors and Center staff will work with the camper and their parents, guardians and caregivers to create an individualized plan that meets the need of the camper while ensuring the safety of other campers.

Frequent disrespect for peers, instructors, Center staff, and given classroom rules will result in a camper's dismissal from Winter Art Camp.

Consequence Procedures:

- Minor Offenses – off-task, talking during instruction time, etc.
 1. Warning
 2. Redirect behavior
 3. Time out

4. Call parent, guardian, or caregiver
5. Removal from camp
 - Major Offenses - harming or threatening to harm teachers and/or other campers, inappropriate language, etc.
1. Call parents, guardian, or caregiver
2. Removal from camp

CLASS POLICIES

These policies apply to all classes at the Turner Center, including camps.

Payment: Due to limited availability, no spots in a class can be reserved unless payment for the spot is received both by the minimum registration deadline and before a class, workshop, or camp reaches capacity.

Refunds: We require two business days (Mon.-Fri.) notice to issue a refund or transfer a class. For camps, special workshops, and all classes, workshops, and camps at maximum capacity, a refund or transfer may or may not be given, regardless of the amount of notice given, due to high demand. Refunds or transfers can only be approved by the Art Education Administrator.

Classes are rarely cancelled by the Turner Center – however, in the event of failure to reach minimum student count, severe weather, etc. resulting in a cancellation, you will be contacted by the phone number and email address you share during registration with options for a refund and/or transfer.

Attire: Closed-toe and closed-back shoes are required.

Class location: Classroom locations are included on registration forms and in confirmation emails. Classes take place in various facilities on the Turner Center’s campus and may occur outside of normal office and/or gallery hours.

Media Release: The Turner Center’s full media release, which applies to all videos, photos, etc. can be found at https://turnercenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Media_Photography_Feb2025.pdf. Your agreement to class policies and the handbook during registration is equivalent to signing this form. In summary, you grant the Turner Center, in respect to media (e.g. photographs, video, etc.) of you alone or with others, the absolute and irrevocable right and permission to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish the same in whole or in part. You also release and hold harmless TCA from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for the media specified above and acknowledge that participation is voluntary (opt-out by contacting Art Education Administrator Hailey Rathmann at hrathmann@turnercenter.org or 229.247.2787).

Accommodations: If you need any special accommodations or have any special circumstances the instructor should prepare for, please contact Art Education Administrator Hailey Rathmann at hrathmann@turnercenter.org or 229.247.2787 before completing your registration.

Artwork pickup: Creations from most of our programs can be taken home the same day of the class. Exceptions apply to all creations made in ceramics classes, which take four to six weeks to be fired and held for pickup, on average. Students will receive an email and/or a call from the Turner Center when creations are ready for pickup. Creations will only be held for 90 days after this notice, after which they will become property of the Turner Center.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & INDEMNIFICATION

In registering your child(ren) for this camp, you acknowledge that you have read this handbook and that both you and your child(ren) will abide by its policies. You also indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Turner Center and its employees, officers, agents, partners, and independent parties from and against any and all damages, losses, costs (including, without limitation, court costs and attorneys' fees), settlements, suits, actions, expenses, liabilities, and claims of any kind resulting from your child(ren's) participation in Winter Art Camps.