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Registration Open Now!

Summer Art Camp at Art Center Sarasota

Kids and Teens Get Creative in Immersive and Fun Art Programs

May 30-August 4

For children 6 to 10 and 11 to 15

*Art Center Sarasota offers 10 weeks of art camp
with programs that explore new themes each week.*

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teaching and after-care assistants.**

New This Summer!

"Stop Motion Boot Camp"

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while learning about stop motion, video editing, and storytelling. Space is limited!*

(March 3, 2023) Registration is open now! Art Center Sarasota is once again encouraging young children and teens to set their inner artists free at its summertime art camps. The 10 weekly sessions run May 30 to August 4. The programs target two different age groups: **Creative Kids** serves children, ages 6 to10; **Emerging Arts** is for aspiring artists, ages 11 to 15. The camps are Mondays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 3

p.m. Before- and after-care is offered. Fees are \$250 per week for Art Center Sarasota members with a family membership; \$300 per week for non-members. Art supplies are included; participants will also receive a free art camp t-shirt. Sibling discounts and scholarships are available upon request. **Art Center Sarasota is also looking for teens, 15 and over, to volunteer as teaching and after-care assistants. Volunteer hours count towards high school and Bright Futures and National Honor Society requirements.** *For more information about Art Center Sarasota's summer art camps and its teen volunteer program, visit www.artsarasota.org or call 941-365-2032.*

Kinsey Robb, Art Center Sarasota's executive director, says that these young people's art camps are designed for all skill levels. She adds that each week's camp revolves around different themes, allowing parents and kids to choose what interests them best.

"Our 2023 summer art camp themes include nature, art history, sea life, and even food in art," Robb says. "Our goal is to mix things up, have fun, experiment, and introduce a variety of materials and techniques, as well as adding some art history to the mix." She adds that the instructors are all practicing artists. "Our instructors inspire and challenge our young artists. They also create a safe environment for them to practice self-expression. It's the ideal experience for creative young people who love the artmaking process and want to expand their creative toolbox. Seeing kiddos express themselves with art, make new friends, and try new things is so fulfilling for all of us here at the art center."

Robb explains that campers will experiment with a multitude of art mediums, including painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, ceramics, and more. The projects focus

on developing such artistic skills as color mixing, painting, and drawing—and mastering the use of professional-quality paintbrushes, pencils, markers, and pastels in the process.

Robb is particularly excited about the "**Stop Motion Boot Camp**," a new program Art Center Sarasota unrolled this year for students ages 11 to 15. The instructor is Aaron Corbitt, and will be offered for one week: June 5-9. The fee is \$250-\$300 and each class is limited to 10 students. Scholarships are available.

"Campers will have a unique opportunity to learn the basics of creating a short movie, while learning the basics of stop motion, video editing, and storytelling," she says. "Art and technology are so intertwined, and we want to help young people explore this medium. A stop motion class seemed like a great opportunity to do that. Especially with technology that is right in your hand, teaching teens to use their own cell phones to create stop-motion movies, how cool is that?" Robb adds that all campers will also have the opportunity to showcase their works at an in-person art show every Friday afternoon. "Friends and family are welcome to join and celebrate campers' creative accomplishments."

Robb notes that 2023 summer art camps are filling up quickly. Her word of advice for parents?

"Don't delay registering," she advises. "Art Center Sarasota's summertime art camps are on the top of many parents' wish lists—and we couldn't be happier! It just doesn't feel like summer without it."

Art Center Sarasota's summer camp programs are supported, in part, by Florida Department of State - Division of Cultural Affairs, The Patterson Foundation, the

Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Arts Axis Florida, and ACS's members and donors.

A quick glance at the schedule:

Week One: (May 30-June 2) “Earth Art.” (*This is a four-day week; no camp on May 30.*) To kick off the summer, campers will have the unique opportunity to draw inspiration from the surrounding beauty of the bayfront and The Bay Conservancy—weather permitting. Using elements that can be found in nature, campers will create 2D and 3D works. The sky’s the limit!

Week Two: (June 5-9) “Dreamers and Makers.” What happens when we dream? Campers will tap into their dreams and create surreal, abstract, playful artwork straight out of our wildest imaginations.

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Week Three: (June 12-26) “Delicious Creations: Clay Days!” (*Featuring a two-day “Creating with Clay” special class with Sarasota Clay Company.*) This week focuses on food appearing in art and making art from food. Campers will take inspiration from work created by celebrated artists, including Andy Warhol’s take on Campbell Soup cans and Cézanne’s delicious still-lives. They will also explore ways of using food to make art and creating with clay under the guidance of potters from Sarasota Clay Company.

Week Four: (June 19-23) Mix It Up. Mixed media means anything goes! Campers will explore collage, printmaking, sculpture, and even fabric dyeing. This week is about trying new techniques and broadening campers’ ideas of what art can be.

Week Five: (June 26-30) “Superheroes, Villains, and Mythical Beings.” Campers take inspiration from their favorite superheroes, villains, or both this week! They will explore the unknown and become empowered by their favorite characters using a variety of materials from acrylic painting to assemblage.

Week Six: (July 5-7) “Fantastic Art History.” (*This is a three-day week; there’s no camp on Monday, July 4.*) This week focuses on art history. Campers will look at

famous artists to glean inspiration for their own creations and to add their unique twist to famous artwork, using a variety of mediums.

Week Seven: (July 10-14) “Under the Sea: Clay Days!” Deep within the blue beyond, we will explore the many creatures and colors from nature's aquatic life—just outside our back doors. This week we will be using a variety of mediums, from watercolors to creating with clay from Sarasota Clay Company.

Week Eight: (July 17-21) “Musical Masterpieces.” Campers will dance into this mixed-up week, chock-full of projects that have motion and emotion. Mixed media, assemblage, and collage are techniques that will help us get into an artistic groove!

Week Nine: July 24-28) Mix It Up: Part 2.” This week we will revisit playing with mixed media. Campers will explore new inspirations in their art! This week is about finding new ways to express ourselves in the studio.

Week Ten: (July 31-August 4) “Space Oddity: Clay Days!” (*Featuring a two-day “Creating with Clay” special class with Sarasota Clay Company.*) Ground control to Major Tom! This week we will be making art that is out of this world. Campers will discover new horizons in the final frontier of operation summer camp. One small step for campers, one giant leap for creativity! Campers will have the opportunity to work in many mediums and creating with clay under the guidance of potters from Sarasota Clay Company.

About Art Center Sarasota

Founded in 1926, Art Center Sarasota serves as the first and oldest visual arts organization in Sarasota. Art Center Sarasota is admission-free and open to the public; our mission is to bring together creatives and the broader public to increase understanding of our human condition, support wellbeing, and build community connection through the universal language of art.

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