Camps at the NCMA

Let your child’s imagination soar. These fun-filled camps are the perfect place to discover art, both indoors and out. Enhanced by exploration of the Museum’s galleries and Park, camps include drawing, painting, mixed media and sculpture; nature walks; storytelling; and creative movement. Each camp’s offerings are unique, so children may enjoy more than one session.

Camp FAQs

What age group should I sign my child up for?

Your child should be the appropriate age for the selected camp on the first day of the camp. No exceptions will be made.

What does my child need to bring?

Children attending a full-day camp need to bring a lunch, two snacks, and a drink. Children attending a half-day camp need to bring one snack and a drink. You may want to also send a refillable water bottle, a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, bug spray, and a bag or tote to carry these items.

What does my child need to wear and bring to camp?

Each day campers will be spending time inside the Museum’s galleries and workshop spaces as well as limited time outside on the Museum grounds for workshop activities, mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks and lunch. For their comfort and safety, we recommend the following:

- Closed-toe shoes preferred
- Campers should wear comfortable and layered clothing that they don’t mind getting dirty or soiled with art materials. Please be aware that some art materials (like acrylic paint) can be difficult to remove from clothing.
- Full Day Camp - Bag lunch and drink, as well as snacks for mid-morning and mid-afternoon.
- Half day Camp – One snack and a drink.
- Hat
- Bug spray
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sweatshirt or jacket, if necessary
- Backpack or tote to carry these items

What kinds of art will my child see?

Campers will view works of art from the Museum’s collection every day. Camp instructors choose the works of art based on the camp theme, and discussions are age appropriate.
What kinds of art will my child make?
Campers will have a chance to use a variety of materials while at camp, including media for drawing, painting, and sculpting. Projects and creative expression opportunities are determined by professional art instructors based on camp themes and inspiration from the collection and Museum Park.

Will my child go outside?
Campers will hike the Museum Park trails during instructor-led walks. Weather permitting, campers will also spend the lunch hour outside, with an opportunity for organized or free play.

How does the registration process work?
Camps are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If there are cancellations, campers from the waiting list are contacted. Confirmation will be sent by mail shortly after all registration information has been received.

Camp Details
Each camp is Monday–Friday,
9 am–4:30 pm
Campers should bring a lunch, two snacks, and a drink.
Early morning drop-off at 8 am is available
Late afternoon pickup at 5:30 pm is available

Registration
Register through the NCMA Box Office online (camps are listed by start date on the calendar) or by calling (919) 715-5923.

Download the Camp Health Form.

Cancellation Policy
To receive a refund (less $50 fee per student, per camp), you must cancel at least three weeks before the first day of the camp. No refunds will be made during the three weeks before each camp. If the NCMA cancels a camp, a full refund will be made.

Financial Assistance
The North Carolina Museum of Art offers a limited number of camp and workshop scholarships
to families that demonstrate financial need. Send email to Angela Faulk or call (919) 664-6855 for more information.