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 Details

Each camp is Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm. Campers should bring a lunch, two snacks, and a drink.

Registration

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

Camp FAQs

Changes for 2021 NCMA Camps

Why are there no options for Before and After Care this year?
The number of campers taking advantage of our Before and After Care varies greatly week to week. As a result, we combine class groups and staff in order to maintain appropriate ratios for this group. This year, due to the pandemic, we are making every effort to keep our groups separated, which unfortunately necessitates the cancellation of our Before and After Care program.

What precautions are being taken this summer for COVID-19 safety?
- Adults will be asked to remain in their cars with our new curbside drop-off and pickup.
- There will be daily health screenings for campers and staff, including temperature checks.
- Campers and staff will be required to wear masks and will engage in increased hand washing and use of hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- Campers will be spread out in the studios and practice social distancing throughout the day.
- Each group of campers will be in separate studio spaces with minimal contact between groups. Groups will no longer be combined at lunch, snack break, drop-off, and pickup.
- There will be increased sanitation in high-traffic areas and studio spaces.
- Campers will visit museum galleries but will not spend extended periods of time in individual galleries to avoid close contact with museum visitors.

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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 wear and bring to camp?
Each day campers will be spending time inside the Museum’s galleries and studio spaces as well as time outside on the Museum grounds for workshop activities, midmorning and midafternoon breaks, and lunch. For their comfort and safety, we recommend the following:
- 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.
- Closed-toe shoes
- Mask
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sweatshirt or jacket (it’s often chilly inside the museum)
- Lunch and drink as well as snacks for midmorning and midafternoon
- Water bottle
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Backpack or tote to carry these items

What kinds of art will my child see?
Campers will explore and discuss works of art in the Museum’s galleries 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, including media for drawing, painting, and sculpting. Projects focus on creative expression and camp themes as campers find limitless inspiration in the galleries and Museum Park.

Will my child go outside?
Campers will hike the Museum Park trails during instructor-led walks. Weather permitting, campers will also take lunch and snack breaks outside.

Cancellation Policy
To receive a refund (less a $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 an email to Angela Faulk at angela.faulk@ncdcr.gov or call (919) 664-6855 for more information.