

SUMMER ART STUDIO

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Summer Art Studio; a camp where we invite everyone to come as they are and to prepare for an artistic journey like no other. With one of the best teams assembled yet, we are ready to make this an unforgettable summer.

Art is one of the first subjects that we get to explore as children. We learn how to use a crayon to express ourselves and often times it would start as scribbles, but over time, those scribbles evolved into shapes, features, animals, creatures, and actualized IDEAS. One of the most important pieces of Summer Art Studio is placing an emphasis on creative problem solving within each of our subjects to make each of the campers who pass through leave better equipped to use their imagination and creativity in every aspect of their lives.

And while the art may be why we are here it's not the only important thing to us. We understand the power of relationships and social interactions while here at Summer Art Studio. From team building, team games, and collaborative brainstorming, campers create deep and enriching relationships that last long after the camp season has ended and it is these campers that come back again and again because this isn't just an art camp, it's a family; a chance to find your people.

We invite you to read on to learn about the different subjects offered, theme days, gallery shows, the 4th of July carnival, an after camp enrichment that's new this year for seniors called Artist Workshop, what PARROT is, and so much more.

This summer is going to be amazing and we can't wait to meet your camper.

See you soon,
Miss Chelsea (director) and Miss Heather (assistant director)

A DAY AT SUMMER ART STUDIO

While our subjects and themes change each week, we have a structured camp setting. We treat our days as if we are in an art school, dedicated to the exploration and experimentation that comes with creating while also incorporating the excitement of camp into our everyday.

Upon arrival, we gather into our groups and head off to class 1. After class 1, we have snack 1, and then proceed to class 2. After class 2, we have lunch and recess before jumping into class 3. Once that ends, we have snack 2 and a big camp gathering where we go over announcements, insights, have our PARROT ceremony, and give the campers free time.

Although structured, we make time for spontaneous moments of fun and unbridled creativity. Sometimes class groups will go on nature walks, explore areas on campus, learn a new game with their group, and more.

ARTIST WORKSHOP *NEW IN 2024*

For the first time, we are presenting our senior division with a new and exciting after camp opportunity: Artist Workshop! Artist Workshop is limited to ten seniors where they will have the opportunity to dive even deeper into a particular medium, technique, and hone their skills even more with additional insight and learning from one of our talented instructors. Artist Workshop is a great place to work on something they know well (or don't) in an encouraging and laid-back environment.

THEMED DAYS

For the first time ever, we are excited to premiere all of our theme days for each week of camp ahead of time. Theme Days will take place each Friday of that week except for week 4 when we will have our theme day on the Thursday of that week. Participation is not mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged.

Week 1: High Seas Adventure – Mermaids, Pirates, and whatever else lurks in the sea

Week 2: Dinner Party – Come dressed as, or inspired by, your favorite food!

Week 3: Cowboys VS Aliens – From the wild west to outer space, who will win?

Week 4: Big Top Parade – Clowns, ringleaders, acrobats, strong folks, and more!

Week 5: Superheroes VS Super Villains – From comics to cartoons, we all know them!

Week 6: Winter Wonderland – A play on Christmas in July, an inclusive holiday take!
Week 7: Halloween – Trick or Treat! Come dressed in your Halloween best!
Week 8: Fancy Final Friday – Come dressed to impress for the last gallery show.

UPCOMING SUBJECTS

Junior division

Week 1: Painting, Ceramics, Fibers
Week 2: Drawing, 3-Dimensional, Jewelry
Week 3: Multi-Media, Ceramics, Storybook Illustration
Week 4: 3-Dimensional, Printmaking, Cartooning
Week 5: Painting, Comics, Sculpture
Week 6: Collage, Ceramics, Fibers
Week 7: Multi-Media, 3-Dimensional, Photo
Week 8: Jewelry, Ceramics, Illustration

Senior division

Week 1: 3-Dimensional, Product Design, Foundation: Figure Drawing
Week 2: Wheel Throwing, Comics, Collage
Week 3: Anatomy, Fibers, Art in Nature
Week 4: Ceramics, Acrylic, 3-Dimensional
Week 5: Wheel Throwing, Sketchbook, Printmaking
Week 6: Watercolor, Photography, Foundation: Portrait Drawing
Week 7: Ceramics, Jewelry, Book-making
Week 8: Illustration, Sculpture, Exploring Still-Life

JUST A REMINDER

- Open toed footwear and Heelys are not allowed at Cranbrook Camps. This is a safety issue. Examples of acceptable footwear: sneakers, tennis shoes, Crocs.
- Two snacks per day and hot lunch (if opted for) are provided for your child. Please be sure to send water (or other beverages for lunch) with your child as there will not be beverage service available at Cranbrook. We recommend a water bottle which they will be able to fill throughout the day.
- On Wednesdays, we swim at the Williams Natatorium. Please, make sure your child has a swimsuit and a towel if swimming. Swimming is optional.
- Drop off is from 8:45 am - 9:00 am and pick up is from 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm.
- During pick-up and drop-off, continue to move as far forward as possible. Please **do not** exit your vehicle when you are in line. Staff will be available to help your child enter and exit through the passenger side doors.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us create a fun and safe camp experience!

JULY 4th CARNIVAL

The week of the 4th of July, camp will run as usual with one exception: on the 4th of July there will be a camp wide carnival! Water slides, games, inflatables, and a BBQ lunch will make this day extra fun for all. This carnival is only open to campers and we hope we can count on your child to attend.

GALLERY SHOWS

To culminate each half-session, on Friday, July 12th (weeks 1-4) and Friday, August 9th (weeks 5-8), we will have our gallery shows from 2:00-3:00 PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to see each camper's work on display in a gallery setting. Is your child coming on one of the non-gallery show weeks, but still wants their work included for the gallery show? No problem! We can hold onto work from any of the weeks to include in that session's show. We also do tie-dye on these Gallery Show Fridays. You can purchase a Summer Art Studio apron and/or tote bag to participate.

P.A.R.R.O.T.

Picasso the Parrot is Summer Art Studio's mascot.

Part of our camp's culture is embodying qualities that help make camp fun, where we strive to be the best that we can be. Parrot stands for:

Polite
Attentive
Respectful
Responsible
Organized
Teamwork

Each day, Summer Art Studio has an award ceremony where several campers are nominated to become Parrot based on how well they incorporate Parrot into their daily actions and choices. Out of those nominated, two campers are chosen, one from the junior division and one from the senior division, and they become PARROT!

We hope your child will join us in helping to be PARROT while spending time with us this summer. Be sure to ask your child about PARROT and what they are doing to make conscious choices towards being a PARROT.

