

WELCOME to Multi Arts Connection Camp Summer Program 2019

We are thrilled that you have chosen to share part your summer with us. For your child's safety and preparation, please read below carefully.

- We have a lot of fun and are both messy and active! Please dress appropriately. Ideally wear sneakers.
- Morning activities start at 9 AM
- Drop Off begins at 8:30 AM at the playground on the side of our building. It is partially covered and will be used rain or shine.
- In addition to providing a snack option in the AM and PM, water is consistently available to your child. Please leave water bottles at home unless it is part of your full day camper's lunch, or there is a medical issue.
- Pick Up is at 12:30 or 4:30 PM at the playground. Camper must check-out by returning their name badge before leaving. There will be a late pick-up fee charged if you are more than 5 minutes late. After Care and Before Care are Available.
- If you wish, bring a change of clothes to keep on hand (they can be stored at the Institute all week in an assigned location). All personal toys should be left at home.
- Parents please fill out the emergency care and release form on your iClassPro family account or print it to bring along on the first day of camp.
- Friends and Family are invited at 12 PM Every Friday (Wednesday During 4th of July Week) to enjoy a mini-demonstration by the participants of what was learned, games that were played, songs that were sung and an art show of the work that was produced throughout the week.
- FULL Day Camp Sessions: Pack a ready-to-eat lunch that doesn't need to be heated or need refrigeration. Lunches are stored indoors, but please add a cold pack as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me: 610-376-1576 ext. 205 or primarystages@gmail.com

Looking forward to a fun summer!
Beverly Houck
Artistic Director

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) About Camp:

Have questions about the Summer Camps? We have answers!

WHO WILL BE WITH MY CHILD DURING CAMP?

In addition to our Teaching Artists that collaborate, create and lead each activity, each group has an assigned Aide. Aides are at minimum 16 years old (many are college students and older) who are interviewed and trained to best support the age group they are with. We consistently have at least one person certified in first aid on site. All of our staff and faculty at the Yocum Institute must have their clearances up to date.

The term "teaching artist," can be a broad term. At the Yocum Institute for Arts Education, we use the definition that many States use in the context of Education "A teaching artist (artist-educator) is a practicing professional artist with the complementary skills and sensibilities of an educator, who engages people in learning experiences in, through, and about the arts." We choose our teachers and aides carefully based not only on their resume, but their ability to work with children and classroom management skills. We also, typically have them lead a sample class prior to hiring.

DOES "3-10 YEARS OLD" MEAN THAT MY 3 YEAR OLD WILL BE WITH 10 YEAR OLDS?

In short: "no." All campers are together during drop-off time and during lunch break for full-day campers. However, for each camp we divide the participants into developmentally age-appropriate groups. Typically there are 3 groups that then stay together through the week with their assigned Aide and travel to studio spaces to experience each art form with the Teaching Artist.

IS CARE AVAILABLE BEFORE and/ or AFTER CAMPS?

Yes, for ages 3 and up for most camp programs from 7:30 -8:30 AM and/ or 4:30-5:30 PM. Additional Care must registered and paid for prior to the first date of use. Extended care costs: \$10 for up to 1 hour. You can register for 1 slot or a whole week at a time.

WHAT IF MY PLANS CHANGE OR MY CHILD GETS SICK?

There are no refunds for withdrawals that occur less than 72 hours before start date of camp. If for unforeseen circumstances the enrolled student cannot attend the camp for which they are registered, you have the option to transfer the registered student to an approved camp, pending availability. between Institute Department, classes or programs.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS SPECIAL FOOD OR BEHAVIORAL NEEDS?

We believe in creating a space that allows all children to succeed. To best support your child, please let us know of any concerns or potential challenges your child may face. Directors and staff will work with you to make sure all known special needs of campers are met throughout the week. We are open to making adjustments and accommodations within the parameters of the planned activities and our camp staffing capabilities.

Please keep in mind, that if a child's behavior is disruptive to the detriment of a group's positive experience, we will first work with the child to address the behavior. If that does not resolve the issue, we will discuss with you what alternatives are available for your child. However, In the event that a faculty, staff or another camper is verbally or physically threatened by your child's behavior, the camper will be asked to leave without refund.

DO YOU OFFER DISCOUNTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS?

Members always receive a discount and can also feel great knowing they are supporting the arts! Basic family membership are \$75 per calendar year, Individual memberships start at \$35. Consider a membership today

Partial Scholarships are available to families in need. You must submit a scholarship application (available at the Institute or online) with your registration form noting which camps you are most interested in attending. Special in 2019, there are a limited number of full scholarships available to Title 1 Students for the Pre-K Storybook Camp and Third Graders in the Theater Performance Camps.

I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS!

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