



CRAFT SHOP YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

2026

JUNE 8-JULY 31

The emphasis of these camps is on the creative process and to encourage imagination and creativity. Art builds better people and communities by developing confidence and poise that can last a lifetime. Art also increases motivation, improves attitudes and academic performance.

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June 8 – June 12

Clay Dinner Party

Get creative with clay! Discover wheel throwing and hand-building techniques to create a unique themed set. Students will learn how to make plates, bowls, cups, clay food, and other items for the table. Each day will focus on different items to add to the decorative and functional table setting. The class will learn to add color with underglaze and glaze. Finished works will be available for pick up approximately 2 – 3 weeks after camp after the final glaze firing.

9 AM – 11 AM (Grade 1 – 3)

- Min 4 - Max 12
- Cost: \$185

1 PM – 4PM - (Grade 4 - 8)

- Min 4 - Max 14
- Cost \$195

June 15 – 18

(4-day camp – No Friday due to Holiday)

Wearable Art

Create unique wearable art such as pins, necklace, crown, stamped leather belt, and custom printed tee shirts, and more. We look at artists who focus on wearable items. Campers will create a variety of materials such as clay, fabric, felt, paper, yarn, leather, and more.

9 AM – 11 AM (Grade 1 – 3)

- Min 4 - Max 12
- Cost: \$160

No kids afternoon camp this week

June 22 – June 26

Design your own Board Game

Design your own board game! Throughout the week we will create a book of rules, develop board box packaging, design the game board, create the parts and pieces using clay and various other mixed media. By the end of the week, you will have a playable creativity-created board game.

9 AM – 11 AM (Grade 1 – 3)

- Min 4 - Max 12
- Cost: \$165

1 PM – 4PM - (Grade 4 - 8)

- Min 4 - Max 12
- Cost \$175

June 29 – July 3 – No Camps

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July 6 – July 10

Paper, Print, Bookmaking

Explore the age of technique of papermaking, printmaking, and bookbinding. This week camp will learn to make our own paper using molds and deckles from paper pulp to plant fiber. We will use our handmade paper for drawing on, collage and to print. to create a colorful creative artist book.

9 AM – 11 AM (Grade 1 – 3)

- Min 4 - Max 12
- Cost: \$180

1 PM – 4PM - (Grade 4 - 8)

- Min 4 - Max 12
- Cost \$190

July 13 – July 17

Sewing Stuffed Sculptures

Learn both hand sewing and to use sewing machine to create felt stuffed sculptures. You can make a pillow, animal, cartoon, or use your imagination and create a mythical creature. We will design on paper, create a pattern, sew, and build. After our sculptures are assembled, we will embellish with fabric paints, buttons, embroidery and appliqué techniques.

9 AM – 11 AM (Grade 1 – 3)

- Min 4 - Max 10
- Cost: \$200

1 PM – 4PM - (Grade 4 - 8)

- Min 4 - Max 10
- Cost \$200

July 20 – July 24

Art Explorers

Discover the world of art. This week camp will focus on different media each day from watercolor painting, clay, fiber arts, printmaking, sculpture, sewing, and more.

9 AM – 11 AM (Grade 1 – 3)

- Min 4 - Max 12
- Cost: \$175

1 PM – 4PM - (Grade 4 - 8)

- Min 4 - Max 12
- Cost \$185

July 27 – July 31

Clay Sculpture

Learn the many techniques of hand-building with clay to make sculptures. We will work on a theme each day to create four creative projects. We will learn to coil, pinch, and slab build to create a sculpture from our imaginations. On the last day we will use colorful underglazes, slips, and cold finishes such as paint and mixed media to add color and finished pieces. Finished works will be available for pick up approximately 2 – 3 weeks after camp after. This is not a wheel throwing class.

9 AM – 11 AM (Grade 4 – 8)

- Min 4 - Max 10
- Cost: \$185

No Afternoon workshop this week.