

Camp Information Package



We are looking forward to Art Camp here at the Art Gallery of Hamilton and are pleased that you'll be joining us! The following package contains information that will help you and your family be ready for a great camp experience. Please review the following information with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call and we'll be happy to address them. We look forward to seeing you at camp soon!

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**In cases of emergency, please call the AGH Front Desk at 905-527-6610 ext. 200*

Drop off / Pick up procedure

Drop off will begin AFTER 8:30.

Pick-up is between 4:00 to 4:15. Campers registered for aftercare must be picked up by 5:30.

- Use the doors off of Summers Lane near the entrance to the parking garage – buzz Security.
- A parent/guardian or authorized individual is required to sign each camper in and out at the camp desk.
- For some campers, arriving at a new camp can be distressing. Please drop your camper off as close to 9:00 as possible and “kiss and go”.
- If your child will be leaving for lunch or leaving camp early, please notify the instructor responsible for sign-in at the beginning of the day. Make sure to sign your child out and in.
- If your child will be late or absent from camp, please leave a message at 905-527-6610 x272
- Please note that the Gallery does not have a drop-off parking area. Parking surrounding the Gallery is managed by the City of Hamilton. Temporary parking is available on Summers Lane – a quarter will give you 15 minutes.

Daily schedule

8:30 – 9:00	Drop off
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome
10:00 – 10:30	Snack and Break
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch and Recreation time
2:00 – 2:30	Snack and Break
4:00 – 4:15	Pickup
4:15 – 5:30	Aftercare

In the Galleries – Campers will visit the Galleries to view and discuss art.

In the Studio – Campers will participate in hands-on art making – drawing, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture and more.

Recreation – Weather permitting, campers will spend a portion of their day outside for recreation in the Sculpture Garden.

Camper Checklist

What to Bring

- Healthy lunch (nut free please!)
- Snacks (nut free please!) – there are two snack breaks. If your child is signed up for aftercare, please send an extra snack.
- Water bottle
- Clothes for art making! You will get messy and some materials will not wash out!
- Comfortable shoes
- Change of clothes – just in case!

What to Leave at Home

- Electronic devices – including cell phones, tablets and gaming devices.
- Toys
- Anything valuable

Lost and Found

Please label all items your child brings to camp. Lost and found items will be kept at camp for up to two weeks after camp. It is up to campers and their guardians to claim lost items. To claim lost items, please visit security the AGH Front Desk or contact Jocelyn at 905-527-2210 x254 or education@artgalleryofhamilton.com. Campers are STRONGLY advised to leave all valuables at home. Campers who bring valuables of any kind do so at their own risk. The Art Gallery of Hamilton is not responsible for any lost or damaged items. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity after two weeks have passed.

Allergies

Though AGH Campers are asked to refrain from bringing products that include nuts to camp, the Gallery is a public space that has catering on site. It cannot be guaranteed that there will be no exposure to nut products while at camp. All campers, especially those with allergies are strongly encouraged not to share or trade packed lunch or snack items.

Medication at Camp

If you camper requires medication at camp, please fill out the Medication Authorization form on the first day of camp. All medications must be in the original container, clearly labeled with your child's name.

Inhalers and epi-pens

If your child requires an inhaler or epi-pen, please make sure they have it with them at all times and it is noted where it is kept (ie. on person, in back pack or with instructor). Please provide an Anaphylaxis Plan in advance (education@artgalleryofhamilton.com) or on the first day of camp. Instructors will carry a tote where epi-pens and inhalers can be placed for the day.

Rules and Regulations

Campers are encouraged to be respectful at all times.

Respectful of ourselves – Use your time at camp to explore new ideas and materials, have fun and make new friends.

Respectful of instructors – Instructors are there to keep you safe and teach you amazing things! Listen closely, look carefully and you will learn so much!

Respectful of peers – Treat others as you wish to be treated yourself. Bullying or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

Respectful of artwork – visiting the Galleries to experience the art on display is an exciting part of an AGH camp experience. Please, **do not touch!** When you are creating artwork in the studio, please do not touch other campers work.

Respectful of our materials – Tools and materials are shared. Campers will be taught to use new and exciting materials and care for their tools. Creativity is encouraged, with care in mind.

Respectful of our surroundings – Camp studios, lunch rooms, bathrooms and recreation areas are shared spaces. Please keep them tidy and clean for everyone's enjoyment and safety. Campers are expected to use quiet voices in their studios and whisper voices in the Galleries.

Appropriate Behavior

- Encouraging fellow campers to explore creative ideas and expressive artwork.
- Exploring and materials in a way that is respectful to yourself and others.
- Staying with your group at all times.
- Listening to what your instructor and friends have to share.
- Keeping your work and play spaces tidy and cleaning up after yourself.
- Having fun!

3 Strike Policy

All AGH campers should have a fun, happy and safe camp experience. If unacceptable behavior is displayed, AGH camp staff will follow the Three Strike Policy.

Strike 1 – Camp staff will notify camper about inappropriate behavior. Staff will provide a verbal warning of consequences. The incident will be documented and parents/guardians will be notified. Parents/guardians will be required to sign off on the incident report at pickup time.

Strike 2 – Camp staff will notify camper about inappropriate behavior. Staff will provide a second verbal warning of consequences. The incident will be documented and parents/guardians will be notified by the Senior Manager, Education. Parents/guardians will be required to sign off on the incident report at pickup time.

Strike 3 – Senior Manager, Education will contact parent/guardian who will be asked to pick up their camper. No refund will be given in this situation.

Inappropriate Behavior

- Interfering in another camper's experience
- Harassment, threats, intimidation, fighting or bullying of any kind
- Touching artwork – in the Gallery, on the wall or someone else's work in class. This includes – walls in Gallery spaces, frames, sculpture and the stands sculptures are on.
- Taking food, drink or bags into Gallery Spaces
- Possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons or harmful objects.

Bullying

The Art Gallery of Hamilton has a zero tolerance policy concerning bullying. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: actual or threat of violence, emotional abuse, deliberately excluding others from participation or provoking hatred.

Get Ready for Camp!

Drawing Assignments

- Find something really small, like a shoe or a toy car, and draw it REALLY big!
- Find something really big, like your home or a tree, and draw it REALLY small!
- Find something with lots of texture, like a pinecone or your sweater, and draw the patterns you see.

Thinking in 3-D

- Without cutting or ripping, can you make a piece of paper stand up?
- Can you create a sculpture of a tree or a forest with a single sheet of paper? Rip or cut the paper as needed.
- What kind of sculpture can you create with things you find in your recycling box?