

Creative Arts Camp Catalog 2023



We were going to include a little bio about each Lead Artist, but it made these course descriptions a bit long! Suffice it to say, we are truly blessed with EXPERTS in each of these fields!!! Some are professionals, many are college educated in their art, just about all have been teachers of their art...there are years and years of experience here! They are all very good with kids and find joy in inspiring kids and passing on a passion for their art. The only hard part for you is choosing!

CAKE & COOKIE DECORATING (JUNIORS ONLY)

Have you ever looked in the window of a bakery and wondered how they make those fancy cakes? Well, this is the class for you - The Art of Cake and Cookie Decorating! In this class we'll be working with three different kinds of frosting, learn how to fill and use piping bags, and decorate with various tips and colors. We'll learn several fun borders, how to make flowers and leaves, and even write with frosting. We'll practice the skills, and then design and decorate cupcakes and cookies. We'll finish the week with a beautifully decorated cake that would rival any bakery. So, if you love those fancy cakes, sign up for "The Art of Cake and Cookie Decorating."

CERAMICS

Get ready to get your hands dirty! In this class we will create pinch or coil pots like the ancients did, make a stamp, explore slab or tile work, carve words and designs in clay tiles, build and decorate a mug, create sculptures, and experience throwing on a potter's wheel! All pieces will be displayed "green" at our Friday Night Showcase but will be professionally fired and glazed after that so you will get these masterpieces back a few weeks later...a beautiful transformation!

CULINARY ARTS

In this yummy class, we will be cooking our way around the world! We will be whipping up tasty treats that are simple and fun, sweet and savory. The kids will learn about cutting, measuring, and kitchen tools, and by the end of the week they will come away with some goodies and a recipe book of favorite treats. From elegant to effortless, we will enjoy this experience together! We may also find time to create something special for your favorite pup! "The more you know, the more you can create. There's no end to the imagination in the kitchen." -Julia Childs

DANCE: HIP HOP CHOREOGRAPHY

This class will provide fundamentals of jazz and modern technique for beginners and how dance can be used in worship, praise, and ministry. Students will learn some general dance vocabulary, technical warm-up exercises, center floor sequences and across the floor drills. Health and safety is emphasized while stretching and trying new tricks like spins, leaps, and balancing. We will explore musicality, choreography and improvisation and how they can be utilized at any skill level of choreographed praise, spontaneous worship, or storytelling ministry. Both classes will participate in a combined presentation to showcase learned choreography, their own creative sequences, and spontaneous worship.

DRAMA

Aaaand...Action! Our drama class will perform the final evening's on-stage skits. Students will learn expression, voice projection, and stage presence. Taking direction is also an important life skill! The drama is a simple and fun production tied into the week's theme and is an excellent introduction to the world of acting, as well as a huge confidence booster. These kids will shine on stage at our Friday Night Showcase!

DRAWING & ANIMATION

DO YOU LIKE CARTOONS AND COMICS? Then drawing and Illustrating is perfect for visually expressing your imagination! You will learn the building blocks of drawing and illustrating. Your imagination will be the key to having fun in this course.

ENGINEERING

Are you interested in learning how to design and build machines? Then, this is the class for you! In engineering we are going to learn the science of cause and effect, motion and force, and the basic mechanics of physics as we build a giant Rube Goldberg Machine. We'll be working with pulleys, inclined planes, wheels and axles, levers, wedges, screws, along with many other components. We'll discover how the transfer of energy works, how friction interacts, and how to use the forces of gravity. If you'd like to design a machine, diagram its sections, calculate the energy required, predict the outcome, build it, test it, and then demonstrate your invention to others, then you'll love this class!

FABRIC ARTS

In Fabric Arts we will make simple fabric items that are fun and appropriate for each artist's skill level. We will learn about different types of fabric and their best use, as well as how to use a sewing machine. What's a pattern? Measuring, marking, and other general sewing terms will help prepare young needle crafters to begin their own sewing journey. There will be a variety of creative projects to choose from, including a drawstring backpack!

GARDENING

"So you like to eat? Then learn about "GARDENING".

How do plants grow? What is soil and how do we take care of it? Do you like worms? What is pollination and what does it? What is life like as a butterfly? What are good bugs and bad bugs? Learn about these and other topics at the GARDENING sessions."

ILLUSIONS

Alacazam! "How did you do that?!" are words your student will hear again and again when they learn how to amaze their friends and family in this exciting and fun-filled course, where students will embark on a journey into the art of illusion. The course is designed to introduce students to the study of magic as a performance art and some of the different styles and techniques used by magicians. The course will cover some of the basic principles of illusion, including sleight of hand, misdirection, and audience management. Students will learn how to perform classic magic tricks, as well as how to create their own props that will allow them to puzzle and bewilder their audiences. Throughout the course, students will have the opportunity to practice their skills and receive feedback from their peers and instructors. They will learn how to refine their technique and learn that, like in any art, the path to perfect their performance is through building confidence through practice and discipline. By the end of the course, students will have a repertoire of magic effects that they create and practice (yes, there are arts and crafts involved!) to showcase their skills in a magic show to entertain and amaze audiences of all ages!

JEWELRY

In this class, we will be learning several different jewelry-making techniques as we create finished pieces to keep. We will learn basic wire-wrapping, various knotting styles and their purposes, and how to use findings in the design and completion of our projects. Each student will be able to create several lovely items to keep or use as gifts!

LEATHER CRAFT

New class alert!! Come try your hand at something new. Our leather craft class will cover the basics of leather stitching, tooling and dyeing. You will be able to create items and skills that will last a lifetime. We will carefully design and assemble projects using real leather and a variety of specialized tools. By the end of the week, you will go home with pieces to keep for yourself or gift to someone who will cherish all your hard work.

MIXED MEDIA (JUNIORS ONLY)

If you just can't decide which kind of art class you want to take, try Mixed Media. In this class we combine different mediums to create unique works of art, like watercolor with tissue collage and raised painting with glue. With a variety of mediums mixed together, we'll make textured pictures, three dimensional sculptures, and more. So, if you want to try it all, Mixed Media is the class for you!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

In this elective, the kids will be diving into the world of fly fishing! They will make personalized fly-fishing lanyards and their own flies, including wooly buggers, pheasant tail nymphs, and chironomids, all on barbless hooks (we can also remove the tips if a parent prefers). Students will also learn knot tying, fly rod assembly, and fly casting. The kids will come home with their flies, rope, educational coloring book, lanyard, laminated information pages, and the Varsity Crafter will receive a fly-fishing tool kit! The kids will demonstrate their fly-casting skills at our Friday Night Showcase!

PHOTOGRAPHY (VARSITY ONLY)

In this class, the kids will be exploring the art of capturing beautiful photographs with a focus on nature, portraits, action shots, landscapes, and close ups. They will learn about framing within the photograph, matting, and presentation. They will also be contributing to the end of the week slideshow! It is highly encouraged that kids bring their own digital camera or smartphone.

VOICE

Come enjoy learning the foundations of voice—God’s design for you as a singer—and how to be a vocal athlete. We will teach you warming up, posture, breathing, dynamics and other skills...Discover simple techniques that will help you grow as a singer and preserve your voice for years to come. Our singers will learn a special song for our Friday Night Showcase! Do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti-do!!

WATERCOLOR

Wild for Watercolor! Join us for a fun week of experimenting with watercolor! We will be learning what materials are needed, how to use materials properly, trying different watercolor techniques, and creating some cool jungle themed pieces! It's going to be a wild time of discovery and fun!

WELDING (VARSITY ONLY)

Fire up your torches! This activity will teach you the safety rules and the techniques required to weld pieces of metal. You will create fun projects using these newly developed skills, whether yard art or functional but artistic household items! Welding is a lot of fun and a skill you can use all your life. It can also become a well-paying career!

WOOD ARTS

Creating artwork on wood is a unique form of artistic expression. With such tools as pens, ink, stamping, drawing, paint pens, and wood burning we’ll be putting our designs on wood. We’ll be working with beads, leather, and split rings, and we’ll learn stitching, gluing, and drilling. Then we’ll give it a professional touch with finishing skills, such as sanding, stains, and varnishes. Some of our projects include inspirational refrigerator magnets and plaques, wooden cross pendants for necklaces, even personalized walking and hiking sticks (please bring your own special stick). Come explore artistry on wood in our Creative Wood Art class.

WOODWORKING

It is our desire that a love for Woodworking design and development be kindled in the youth of our community. Hobby woodworking is a lifelong endeavor that develops focus of mind, satisfaction of heart, self-confidence, and pride in craftsmanship. Age-appropriate projects will be cut, assembled, and finished using an assortment of hand and power tools. Safety is always of primary concern. Our time together will include instruction from two career Jr High wood shop teachers as well as the constant watchful eye of several other experienced woodworkers as your child learns proper usage of these tools. We hope to see you in our class.