

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Creative Arts Camp will be here before you know it! This guide will have the information you need to help us make your child's experience successful.



New in 2026!

- Camp is offered to children entering **Kindergarten to 7th grade** (previously 8th grade).
- **Doors open at 8:45** every day since the check-in process runs smoothly now.
- We are asking everyone to bring their own **water bottles** (with their names clearly marked). Previously, the camp purchased thousands of water bottles for campers and staff and, as you can imagine, the plastic waste was enormous. We would like to be more environmentally friendly this year. Thank you for understanding!
- We will have **water stations** positioned around the grounds so campers can refill their bottles whenever necessary, and if a camper forgets to bring a water bottle, drinking cups will be available at each station.
- Class squares in the Worship Center are now coded; read more about this on page 2.
- During registration, you can identify one other parent to receive email messages about camp.

The following materials are available online:

1. Introduction to Creative Arts Camp (YouTube video)
2. What's New This Year (YouTube video)
3. Preparing for Registration (YouTube video)
4. Registration Preparation Worksheet (PDF)
5. What to Expect at Camp (YouTube video)
6. CAC 2026 Class Squares Floor Plan (PDF)

Registration Open/Closed

When registration closes, it means our classes are full and we are unable to accept more campers. We accept waitlist registrations while registration is still open, but even then, there is no guarantee waitlisted campers will be able to attend; that can happen only if another camper drops out and there is room in a class that the waitlisted camper would like to attend.

Cancellations

If one or more of your children are not able to attend camp, please call the office as soon as possible at (209) 223-1971 or contact the person at the bottom of your registration confirmation email message. This may allow us time to possibly fill the opening with a child on the waitlist.

Contact Information

This camp is hosted by Grace Fellowship Church of Amador and The Call Church in Pine Grove. The Grace church office phone number is (209) 223-1971.

Arrival & Parking

Camp is located at 8040 S. Hwy 49, south of Jackson. If you are driving from Jackson, enter the long left-turn lane (the only one you'll see) before turning onto the property. If you are heading north on Hwy 49, turn right soon after the Butte Store historical site. When you turn onto the property, head up the uphill.

At the top, turn left toward the front of the church building. Parking attendants will direct your way. Drive slowly and carefully, as other children will be arriving at the same time.

When you leave, circle the end of the parking lot, if necessary, and drive back toward the entrance of the parking lot, turn right and head down the driveway to the highway.

Signing In

Doors open at 8:45, and the program begins in the Worship Center at 9 AM.

1. When you enter the **Lobby**, approach a **check-in station**. Enter the last four digits of the phone number you used to register or the last name of one of your children. All children registered in your household should appear. Check each child in who is with you physically and tap "check in." Your child's name tag will print, listing both session 1 and session 2 classes (see **Important Notes** below).
2. Proceed into the **Worship Center**, turning left and then circling the room clockwise.
3. Stop at the Camp Guide for your child's session 1 class. See our [CAC 2026 Class Squares Floor Plan](#) for details.

Note: *Class squares are now coded to help you locate the Camp Guide on the outer ring. Rows are numbered from 1-4 and squares are lettered from A-G. This means that square 1A, for example, is in the first row nearest the stage and in the first square on the left. Rows are also colored from front to back (red, green, blue, purple); all signage will include this color scheme.*

4. The Camp Guide for your child's class will check your child in and direct your child to their class square. Do not let your child enter the class square until directed by their Camp Guide.
5. Please also don't enter the area for class squares with your child. You may watch from the outer ring, but we encourage everyone to keep moving around the room and exit through the double doors and back into the lobby.

Important Notes

- **DO NOT PLACE A NAME TAG ON YOUR CHILD ON THE FIRST DAY.** Ask for instructions from your child's Camp Guide. The name tag will be applied to your child after they put on their new camp T-shirt. Please ensure that your child wears their camp T-shirt each day of camp. Beginning Tuesday, you will apply the name tag after it prints in the lobby.
- Your child's tag may include an M if you reported any medical notes or NP if you would like your child to be excluded from photos taken during camp.
- If your child will not be attending on any particular day, please advise one of the attendants at the Welcome Counter in the lobby so we can make a note of it in our records.
- **Who will pick up your child at the end of the day?** When you registered for camp, you were asked to identify others authorized by you to pick up your child. If you need someone who is not on your authorization list, speak to an attendant in the lobby. **A photo ID may be required to pick up a child, including you. Please let everyone know.**

- Parents are invited to wait in the lobby after they drop off their child until they feel confident there are no issues. As long as we have your cell number, we will call you immediately if there is any reason for you to return.

Signing Out

You are welcome to arrive at 12:00 to watch the closing assembly from the back of the room, but please arrive by 12:15 to pick up our children.

You will enter the Worship Center the same as you did in the morning and proceed in a clockwise direction. Look for the Camp Guide in the outer ring for your child's session 2 class, and be prepared to present your photo ID. Once you sign your child out on a clipboard, your child will be released to you and you may leave, continuing in the clockwise direction around the room.

Please exit the Worship Center as soon as you have collected your children so we can keep the crowds and congestion to a minimum for safety reasons. You are welcome to hang out and visit with friends, but please do so outside the Worship Center. Thank you!

Friday Night Showcase

Please plan to come to our Friday Night Showcase on June 20th. Doors will open at 5:30. Our performing arts campers will begin their presentations at 6 PM. Come peruse the fabulous displays from all of our classes and see what our campers have created.

If your child is unable to attend the Friday Night Showcase, please let one of their Camp Guides know early in the week so we can plan accordingly. This is especially important for any performing arts classes. Thank you!

Media Release

If you denied permission to use photos of your children, we will add a designation (NP) on their name tag so our videographer and photographer will see it and avoid including your child in an image. Please help us out by explaining to your child your reasons why. Encourage your child to voluntarily step out of group photos or remind our photographer, who may point a camera in their direction when the child's name tag is not visible.

Clothing & Attire

A camper should wear their camp T-shirts each day. This helps us identify them as campers; the colors identify which group they belong to, and the name tags tell us their classes. Crafts and activities can get messy, so please send them in pants or shorts that are both modest and also something you don't mind getting messy. Campers need to wear shoes or closed-toed sandals for safety reasons. Long hair should be pulled back for many activities as well, so please send them with hair ties, just in case.

Illness & Safety

We want to keep campers healthy and safe. Our staff are required to wear staff T-shirts and pass background security checks. It is our policy to never be alone with a child. We have precise check-in and check-out procedures, hall monitors, and security staff to ensure camper safety at every location on the grounds. We also provide pre-packaged snacks and bottled water.

We ask for your help as well. When your children are with you before and after camp, please keep them close to you, especially in the parking lot.

If your child awakens with any symptoms of illness—such as a cough, a rash, a runny nose that is not clear or allergy related, a fever, nausea, or diarrhea—please keep them home until the symptoms have abated. You may send an email message to the camp to advise that your child cannot attend and why. We will watch other children in your child’s classes for similar symptoms.

Class Assignments

You will be advised by email when campers have been assigned to classes, so watch for future email messages!

We would like to encourage children to try a new class each year. Our best effort will be made to assign your child to their first or second choice of classes, but keep in mind that some classes are held at the same time, so scheduling a child in both classes is not possible. Your child may also want to repeat a class, and if that class fills up quickly, we may assign a camper to that class who has never attended it before.

Please keep in mind that we are unable to change classes. If your child is assigned to a class that is not in his/her comfort zone, you may let us know and we will see if something can be arranged. Every class will be top notch, so no matter which class they are in, they can expect to have fun and come home with inspiration, keepsakes, and new skills!

Craft Projects

Every class works on crafts that they take home anytime during the week. Most classes have crafts that are worked on each day and are not ready to take home until the end of the week. **If your child will not attend the entire week**, please let us know early so we can have their crafts ready to take home. If your child will attend Friday but not attend the Friday Night Showcase, we will need to have their crafts ready to take home Friday afternoon. Any crafts showcased at the Friday Night Showcase must be taken home at the end of this event. Any crafts left behind will be held for 10 days unless you contact the office and make special arrangements.

***Exception:** Ceramics must be fired and glazed. This process takes time, so it could be several weeks before ceramics are ready to take home. You will be contacted as soon as ceramics are ready to be picked up. If you live closer to The Call than Grace, we can arrange for you to pick them up there.*

After Camp Ends

Every year we compile a video of the children at camp, including all the various classes while they are in session. Return to our website within a week or two after camp ends to see if the video has been made and posted for your viewing.

Thank you for allowing us to spend this time with your children!