

CITY OF SAVANNAH

CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

SUMMER ARTS CAMP



2025 Parents' Guide

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Camp Registration and Fees

This year's Summer Arts Camp will be offered June 9-July 25. Early registration for Summer Arts Camp begins April 1 for Savannah residents. Those who do not live within the city limits of Savannah may register for available slots on a first-come, first-served basis beginning May 26. All campers must be registered by their legal parent or guardian.

June 9-13

Visual or Performing Arts Camp *Traveling Through Time*: rising 1st-6th grades

June 16-20 (4 days, no camp June 19)

Visual Arts Camps: rising grades 4 and up

Performing Arts Camp: ages 3-5 and rising grades 8-12

June 23-27

Visual or Performing Arts Camp *Western Rodeo*: rising 1st-6th grades

July 7-11

Visual Arts Camps: rising grades 7-12

Performing Arts Camp: rising grades 4-8

July 14-18

Visual or Performing Arts Camp *Around the World Art Heist*: rising 1st-6th Grades

July 21-25

Visual Arts camp: rising grades 7-12

Performing & Visual Arts (combination camp): rising grades 7-12

Visit savannahga.gov/artcamp for descriptions and pricing
Per Session Fee: \$100/City of Savannah Residents - \$120/Non-City Residents

***Camp Fees must be paid by 12:00 noon the Friday prior to the week of camp.** Reduced Fees are available for eligible children. Complete the Reduced Fee Program Application for consideration. **NO CASH is accepted.** Registration takes place on CommunityPass. Checks and credit cards are accepted. Make checks and/or money orders payable to: City of Savannah. Please notify the SCAC Camp Staff if he/she will not be able to attend. **Full refunds will be given only when a child has not participated in any days of the camp session.** Partial participation will not result in a refund.

Bring Your Own Lunch and a Snack: Campers must bring their own lunch and snack each day. The outside of lunch containers should have the child's name clearly marked. Lunch and snacks should be packaged in containers that the child can easily open. Do not send food that spoils easily, as food cannot be refrigerated. Nuts are not allowed in Camp under any circumstances. It is the camper's responsibility to turn their lunches over to staff (at the concessions window) when they arrive. Parents will be contacted if the camper does not have a lunch.

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Camper Clothing/Attire

Campers should wear comfortable clothing suitable for arts activities, both indoors and outdoors. Only shoes and garments that CAN be damaged by paint, clay, dust, grass, etc. should be worn. Athletic shoes/sneakers or other heel and toe-in, soft/rubber sole shoes are permitted. Sandals, flip-flops, slides and other open toe/heel shoes are NOT permitted. Campers should also avoid wearing jewelry.

Camper Belongings: Campers may bring ONE small bag/backpack with lunch, sunscreen and travel-size hand sanitizer. All objects must be labeled with the Camper's name. Campers may NOT bring personal toys, games or other objects of value. The City of Savannah will not be responsible for lost, damaged or stolen belongings.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Campers should arrive and will depart through the Turner Blvd. (side) entrance. Campers may be dropped off 30 minutes before camp starts and must be picked up no later than 30 minutes after camp ends. For the full day camps (June 9-13, June 23-27, July 14-18), this means you may drop off your camper(s) between **8:30am and 9:00am** and pick them up between **3:00pm and 3:30pm (please note the new time frames)**. Camp staff will check campers in each morning. Campers arriving after camp begins must enter through the main entrance of the building located on Montgomery Street. Once a child is signed into camp, the child cannot leave without an authorized adult signing him/her out of camp. Late pick-up will result in additional charges of \$.50 per minute.

Important: Please be sure we have complete and accurate information regarding who is authorized to pick up your child. Campers will not be released under any circumstances to people who are not on our list, nor to anyone who does not present a photo ID. Remember to bring your photo ID every day, IDs will be checked daily to verify that an authorized person is picking up your child.

Face Coverings: Face coverings are not required in City of Savannah buildings. City Staff and Campers may wear face coverings that shield the nose and mouth at their own discretion. Face coverings should be comfortable for the Camper and allow unrestricted breathing.

Health Etiquette: Camp Staff will instruct and reinforce the importance of Campers covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and washing/sanitizing their hands.

Emergency Contact Information: Parents MUST provide current, working phone numbers where the parent or other emergency contact can be reached in the event of an emergency.

Who to Contact When You Have Questions

The Cultural Resources Administrative Office phone number is: 912-651-6783.

Isolation Area for Sick Campers: Campers who are sick or recently had a close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home, monitor their health, and contact their physician as necessary for further guidance. For children who have entered camp, Parents/Emergency Contacts will be notified immediately when a Camper is exhibiting COVID-like symptoms. The Camper will be placed in a separate room where Camp staff will monitor the Camper until the Parent/Emergency Contact arrives. All children who exhibit COVID symptoms must be picked-up immediately after notification.

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- **Returning to Camp after Sickness/Exhibiting COVID-like Symptoms:** Campers will not be permitted to return to Camp until the Camper has taken a COVID-19 test and received a negative test result and is fever/symptom-free for 5 days.
- **Parent Responsibility to Inform Camp Staff of Campers Testing Positive for COVID-19:** For the safety of all Campers and Staff, parents MUST notify Camp Staff of any Camper testing positive for COVID-19. Notification is REQUIRED so that Camp Staff can implement additional safeguards, including notifying Parents of Campers who may have been in close contact with the Camper who tested positive. **If a Camper tests positive, Parents should expect the Camp site to close for one or more days to allow staff to clean and sanitize the facility.**

Failure to notify Camp Staff of children who test positive for COVID-19 or providing misleading/dishonest information about the child's symptoms or exposure to other individuals with COVID-19, will result in removal from Summer Camp for the rest of the term.

- **Hold Harmless Waiver Acknowledging Risk of Contracting COVID-19:** All parents must sign a waiver: 1) acknowledging the increased risks/dangers of possible exposure to COVID-19 to their child from his/her participation in Summer Camp; 2) accepting full responsibility for these risks; and 3) holding the City and its representatives harmless. For information on COVID-19 risks and increased risks to vulnerable populations, please visit the website of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Discipline Policy and Guidelines

CHARACTER CODE FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS

- I will show respect by treating other children and adults the way I would want to be treated.
- I will be honest, will always tell the truth, and will be a friend that others can trust.
- I will demonstrate caring by helping others and treating them kindly.
- I will take responsibility for my own behavior and accept the consequences for my actions.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

- To be free from cruel teasing and insults.
- Have a safe, calm, clean and orderly environment.
- Make mistakes without being ridiculed by others.
- Seek help from adults who are there to help.
- Be treated with dignity and respect by everyone.

CHILDREN AND PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY

- Avoid fights or verbal abuse of other children.
- Be fair and accepting of others eager to join any activity.
- Work and play safely.
- Use appropriate, acceptable language.
- Be kind, considerate, helpful, and respectful toward others.
- Share equipment and materials fairly and use them properly.
- Respect property, especially things that do not belong to me.
- Cooperate with others and with adults who are here to help.
- Speak out when witnessing unfairness or offensive language or behavior of others.
- Be a good sport whether I win or lose.
- Be truthful with everyone.
- Rising 1st - 6th Graders: Parent is responsible for providing a lunch that will not spoil; students should turn lunch in at concession stand upon arrival at camp.

CONSEQUENCES

The following outlines the progressive disciplinary procedure, however the City reserves the right to immediately suspend campers from participating in camp for egregious behavior including verbal and physical aggression; verbal and physical aggression are not tolerated at the Cultural Arts Center.

- **1st Offense-** Staff will notify the parent and discuss the behavior with the camper. The camper may be warned that further actions will result in suspension, or the camper may be suspended for one day or the remainder of camp, depending upon the seriousness of the violation.
- **2nd Offense-** Staff will notify the parent and discuss the behavior with the camper. The camper may be suspended for one day or the remainder of camp, depending upon the seriousness of the violation.
- **3rd Offense-** The camper will be suspended from camp and may be suspended from all arts camps for the summer.

Refunds will not be given to campers who are suspended.