



HERMITAGE
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ART CAMP AT THE HERMITAGE

HELPFUL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

Reviewing this information before your camper attends Hermitage Art Camp will help us provide a most successful experience! Thank you!

WHERE IS CAMP?

Camp takes place at the **Goode Family Visual Arts School (VAS)** located on Hermitage property just off of North Shore Road. The **Visual Arts School** is the horizontal, brick building adjacent to the playground and can be seen from the road. Parking is available in the parking lot adjacent to the building. The physical address is **7701 North Shore Road**, Norfolk, VA 23505.

DROP OFF AND PICKUP

Camp day begins at 9:00am. **We respectfully request that your camper is dropped off at the VAS NO EARLIER than 8:50 am. The camp day ends promptly at 4:00pm** and no after-care is available. Please alert Hermitage staff immediately if you find that you will be arriving past 4:00pm to pick up your camper: 757-901-4086. Parents/guardians must come inside the building and sign-in/sign out their camper with a Hermitage representative. During drop-off, parents/guardians must indicate who will be picking up their camper at the end of the day. Picture ID may be requested during pick-up to ensure the safety of all campers.

FOOD

Campers should pack a lunch, two snacks and beverages and/or a **refillable water bottle**. Lunch takes place at 12:00 p.m. with snack time in the morning and in the late afternoon. Campers may NOT share food due to the prevalence of allergies, etc. The Hermitage does not provide any food for campers.

DRESS CODE

Campers should dress comfortably in clothes that will get messy. No open toed shoes are allowed. This is for campers' safety during outdoor activities. Campers will be using a variety of paints, clays, glues, dyes, and other mediums and should dress accordingly.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Weather permitting, the campers will spend approximately 2-3 hours total outdoors daily participating in nature walks, scavenger hunts, playground time, wetlands tours and other activities. Campers will encounter heat, sun, insects, wildlife, plants, dirt, mud, etc. Parents/guardians should apply sunscreen and/or instruct your camper to do so when appropriate. Hermitage staff may not apply sunscreen. These same guidelines apply to bug spray. Water will be provided by the Hermitage but campers are responsible for bringing hats, sunglasses and anything else that may make them comfortable while outside. Outdoor activities will not take place in extreme heat.

PARTICIPATION

Art camp at the Hermitage offers a wide range of activities and group projects each day. Participation in each activity is often essential as many projects and lessons build upon each other. *Please encourage your camper to take part in each activity and try each project.*

SCHEDULE CHANGES

While we strive to stick to the schedule of activities and projects planned for each day, changes do often occur for various reasons such as weather, the length of time it takes each camper to complete a project, enthusiasm for a certain activity, group dynamics, etc.

BEHAVIOR

The goal of art camp is for everyone to have fun, learn new things and make friends. Because cooperation and participation are essential to a successful camp experience for all participants, parents/guardians will be contacted immediately should your camper refrain from following the provided rules or if your camper disrupts the camp activities. Please review the camp rules with your child prior to attending camp and emphasize the rules throughout the week. Hermitage staff will do everything possible to provide clear and consistent guidance to campers but if repeated disruptions occur, the camper may be required to leave camp. Refunds are not provided should a camper be asked to leave camp due to behavior. Thank you for your understanding.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Because our camp only accepts a limited number of registrations and typically sells out, **we are unable to provide refunds unless camp is cancelled by the Hermitage.** In some cases, if your child is unable to attend a camp, another camper may be able to take your child's spot. In this instance, we are able to provide a refund, however the Hermitage will retain a \$10 cancellation fee.

SECURITY

The VAS is equipped with a phone, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and first aid kits. In case of an emergency, police may be quickly alerted by dialing 9-1-1. Throughout the camp day, multiple staff members and volunteers will be present in and around the VAS.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In case your child has a serious injury or illness or is involved in an emergency, 9-1-1 will be contacted immediately, followed by the emergency contact listed on your child's registration form. If your child is mildly ill or injured, the emergency contact will be called by a Hermitage staff member. Moderate First Aid may be performed by Hermitage staff such as placing band-aids or applying Neosporin.

Illness

In an effort to stop the spread of illness, we are requiring that any camper who is not feeling well stay home. Campers who are ill or have been exposed to individuals who are ill will not be permitted into the building. Any camper who becomes ill during the camp day will be sent home. Campers must be free of vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to camp. Campers must be fever free, without fever reducing medication, for 48 hours before returning to camp after an illness. In the event of contagious illness campers must be cleared to return. The Hermitage Museum reserves the right to set new policies in response to health related emergencies as needed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Amber Pierce, Visual Arts School Coordinator, manages art camp with the help of the Curator of Education, Carrie Spencer. They should be contacted directly concerning any inquiries.

Amber Pierce	(757) 901-4086
Visual Arts School	(757) 333-9534
Carrie Spencer, Curator of Education	(757) 901-4083
Hermitage Museum:	(757) 423-2052

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RULES FOR CAMPERS

Parents/guardians: please review camp rules with your child prior to camp. These are in place to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment!

- 1. Respect your teachers, camp volunteers and Hermitage Staff and follow all directions they provide.**
- 2. No open-toed shoes are to be worn**—this is for your safety during our daily outdoor activities.
- 3. Keep your hands to yourselves**—please do not touch other campers, other people's art projects or belongings.
- 4. Help clean up** your space, put art supplies away and throw trash away at the end of each project.
- 5. No food sharing** is allowed because of food allergies and other concerns.
- 6. No running inside the buildings**
- 7. Please refrain from excessive yelling**—use your indoor voices. **No screaming** unless you are hurt.
- 8. Cell phones and tablets** should only be used when permitted by instructors for a project or activity or during free time.
- 9. Have fun!!!**