

SUMMER ART STUDIO

NEWSLETTER



Hello and welcome to Cranbrook's Summer Art Studio!

I'm so pleased to welcome you to an unforgettable summer full of fun, games, friendship, learning new skills, overcoming challenges, and of course, a lot of ART.

I, Chelsea, have been working this camp since 2010 and the reason I keep coming back is because of the good that comes out of every summer. My philosophy is that camp has been successful if you walk away having learned something new, made a friend, and felt a sense of belonging. The best part about all of it is that we get to do art the whole time we're here. The power of creating and creativity cannot be overstated. By putting an emphasis on it here at camp, we are preparing our campers with the tools and imagination to express themselves, solve problems creatively, get in touch with their emotions, and connect with the world around them. How cool is that?

And while the art may be why we are here it's not the only important thing to us. We understand the power of relationships and social interactions while here at Summer Art Studio. From team building, team games, and collaborative brainstorming, campers create deep and enriching relationships that last long after the camp season has ended and it is these campers that come back again and again because this isn't just an art camp, it's a family; this is where you find your people.

We invite you to read on to learn about the different subjects offered, theme days, gallery shows, an after camp enrichment for seniors called Artist Workshop, what PARROT is, and much more.

This summer is going to be amazing and we can't wait for your child to be a part of it.

Warmly,
Miss Chelsea (director) and Miss Heather (assistant director)

A DAY AT SUMMER ART STUDIO

While our subjects and themes change each week, we have a structured camp setting. We treat our days as if we are in an art school, dedicated to the exploration and experimentation that comes with creating while also incorporating the excitement of camp into each day.

Upon arrival, we gather into our groups and head off to Studio 1. After Studio 1, we have snack 1 where we encourage socialization and bonding and then proceed to Studio 2. After Studio 2, we have lunch and recess before jumping into Studio 3. Once that ends, we have snack 2 and a big camp gathering where we go over announcements, have our PARROT ceremony, and give the campers free time.

Although structured, we make time for spontaneous moments of fun and unbridled creativity. Sometimes class groups will go on nature walks, explore areas on campus, learn a new game with their group, and more.

ARTIST WORKSHOP

For those interested in continuing their creative journeys, we are presenting our senior division with an exciting after camp opportunity: Artist Workshop! Artist Workshop is limited to ten seniors where they will have the opportunity to dive even deeper into a particular medium, technique, and hone their skills even more with additional insight and learning from one of our talented instructors. Artist Workshop is a great place to work on something they know well (or don't) in an encouraging and laid-back environment.

Week 1: Comics

Week 2: Word Art

Week 3: Whatcha mean, what's a ZINE?

Week 4: Creature Design

Week 5: Branch Weaving

Week 6: Clay Jewelry

Week 7: Button Branding and Sticker Design

Week 8: Pixel Art

THEMED DAYS

We love a theme day! Theme Days are a great time to let loose and really showcase your creativity. Theme Days will take place each Friday of that week except for week 4 when we will have our theme day on the Thursday of that week. Participation is not mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged.

- Week 1: Summer Vacation – Disney, Universal, Beach Party, whatever you want!
- Week 2: Shrektastic Fairy Tales – From Shrek to any fairy tale you can think of!
- Week 3: Dress like an Artist – Dress like an artist! Open to interpretation!
- Week 4: Colorful Earth Day – Rainbows to dirt to trees to flowers; take your pick!
- Week 5: Space Cowboy – The wild west and aliens! Take your pick or combine them!
- Week 6: Winter Wonderland – A play on Christmas in July, an inclusive holiday take!
- Week 7: Halloween – Trick or Treat! Come dressed in your Halloween best!
- Week 8: Fancy Final Friday – Come dressed to impress for the last gallery show.

UPCOMING SUBJECTS

Junior Division (Grades 2-5)

- Week 1: Painting, Ceramics, Pen & Ink
- Week 2: Drawing, 3-Dimensional, Art in Nature
- Week 3: Multi-Media, Ceramics, Storybook Illustration
- Week 4: Pointillism, Sculpture, Cartooning
- Week 5: Painting, Jewelry, Portraiture
- Week 6: Abstract, Ceramics, Fibers
- Week 7: Book Cover Design, 3-Dimensional, Non-Traditional Painting
- Week 8: Multi-Media, Ceramics, Illustration

Senior Division (Grades 6-10)

- Week 1: 3-Dimensional, Product Design, Figure Drawing
- Week 2: Wheel Throwing, Abstract, Costume Design
- Week 3: Anatomy, Fibers, Advertising Design
- Week 4: Ceramics, Book Cover Design, Plein Air
- Week 5: Wheel Throwing, Sketchbook, Printmaking
- Week 6: Watercolor, Portraiture, Plein Air
- Week 7: Ceramics, Illustration, Non-Traditional Painting
- Week 8: Pointillism, Sculpture, Exploring Still-Life

JUST A REMINDER

- Open toed footwear and Heelys are not allowed at Cranbrook Camps. This is a safety issue. Examples of acceptable footwear: sneakers, tennis shoes, Crocs.
- Two snacks per day and hot lunch (if opted for) are provided for your child. **Please be sure to send a water bottle with your child.**
- On Wednesdays, we swim at the Williams Natatorium. Please, make sure your child has a swimsuit and a towel if swimming. Swimming is optional.
- Drop off is from 8:45 am - 9:00 am and pick up is from 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm.
- During pick-up and drop-off, continue to move as far forward as possible. Please **do not** exit your vehicle when you are in line. Staff will be available to help your child enter and exit through the passenger side doors.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us create a fun and safe camp experience!

GALLERY SHOWS

To culminate each half-session, on Friday, July 11th (weeks 1-4) and Friday, August 8th (weeks 5-8), we will have our gallery shows from 2:00-3:00 PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to see each camper's work on display in a gallery setting. Is your child coming on one of the non-gallery show weeks, but still wants their work included for the gallery show? No problem! We can hold onto work from any of the weeks to include in that session's show. We also do tie-dye on these Gallery Show Fridays. You can purchase a Summer Art Studio apron and/or tote bag to participate.

P.A.R.R.O.T.

Picasso the Parrot is Summer Art Studio's mascot.

Part of our camp's culture is embodying qualities that help make camp fun, where we strive to be the best that we can be. Parrot stands for:

Polite
Attentive
Respectful
Responsible
Organized
Teamwork

Each day, Summer Art Studio has an award ceremony where several campers are nominated to become Parrot based on how well they incorporate Parrot into their daily actions and choices. Out of those nominated, two campers are chosen, one from the junior division and one from the senior division, and they become PARROT!

We hope your child will join us in helping to be PARROT while spending time with us this summer. Be sure to ask your child about PARROT and what they are doing to make conscious choices towards being a PARROT.

