

# Young at Art Creativity Camps Parent/Family Handbook



Young at Art  
Creativity Camps

## Steamboat Creates

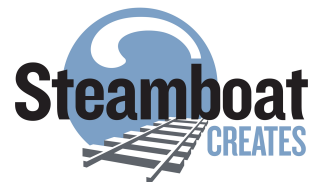
*“Nurturing the arts, so creativity flourishes”*

**Young at Art is a program of Steamboat Creates,**  
a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

School Days Off and Summer Creativity Camps take place in the historic Depot  
Art Center and beyond.

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# Welcome to Young at Art Creativity Camps!

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## **Steamboat Creates Mission Statement**

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Steamboat Creates enhances quality of life and economic vitality:

- For our creative sector through advocacy, promotion, education, infrastructure, and connections
- For our community and visitors by growing engagement in arts and cultural experiences.

## **Our Goals**

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Our goals for the Young at Art Creativity Camps include instilling an appreciation of the arts while encouraging each child to learn as they have fun experiencing a variety of art forms. We aim to improve and enrich each student’s artistic skills and foster a love of the arts. Creative problem solving, self-expression, communication and teamwork are cornerstones for our youth programming.

The Young at Art (YAA) teachers and staff play a vital role by fostering a child’s connection with arts and culture through creative lessons, explorations, games, crafts and inquiry based activities.

## Our philosophies

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- **We create** a diverse schedule of arts and culture programs in order to meet the needs and interests of our youth.
- **We believe** artistic expression is a personal form of communication and every child should have an opportunity to experience art in their own way.
- **We support** artistic expression, understanding that creativity can heal, challenge, elevate and inspire individuals and communities. Artistic engagement is directly linked to improved academic achievement.
- **We are passionate** about art! We want our students to experience our enthusiasm for the arts! Teachers inspire students by sharing their creative passions.
- **We build** lessons and activities that incorporate both art and body movement, especially with hands. Research shows that using multiple learning modalities when teaching creates deeper connections for students.
- You are part of a team. We support each other by being kind, helpful and compassionate. We understand that life can be challenging, and we don't want any child to miss out on camp due to circumstances beyond their control. If your child wants to attend but is facing obstacles, please reach out! We're here to help and can connect you with resources to support your family—because every young artist deserves the opportunity to create and thrive. We're in this together.
- **We have fun!** An important goal of Steamboat Creates' Young at Art program is to have fun and be safe. We balance academics with experiential learning in this summer enrichment program.

## Whom do we serve?

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Most of our students are local, with some visiting from the front-range and other parts of the country. Our participants range from elementary school age to high school students. Children must exhibit independent eating, dressing and toileting to attend our camps. A diverse range of abilities, learning styles, artistic talent, maturity levels, social functioning, intelligence and family dynamics are represented. We welcome all kinds of individuals with the goal to connect with them all through art and artistic expression.

## Times

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### **Full Day Camp:**

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Half Day Camp:**

Morning session: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*Lunch supervision from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. is provided for full-day campers, this includes campers enrolled in two half day camps.

## Getting Ready for Camp

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Please ensure children arrive ready to learn. Ready to learn includes:

- Dressed in clothes appropriate for the class they are attending. Kids will be engage in learning and need to be comfortable and able to get messy as necessary.
- Dressed appropriately for the weather for outside breaks no matter what time of year. We know outdoor play is fundamental to healthy happy kids.
- Arrive rested. Ensure children get a good night sleep.
- Arrive fed. Proper nutrition, our brains work better if they are fueled!
- Please apply sunscreen and bug spray as required. If sunscreen is not applied or provided, SC will provide sunscreen and have the child apply sunscreen before they are able to be outside.
- Pack with you:
  - 1 healthy snack for half day camp, or 2 snacks for full day camp
  - A water bottle labeled with your camper's name, as this is our most lost item at Summer Camp.
  - If scheduled for a full day, please provide a healthy lunch.
  - Sunscreen, labeled with your camper's name
  - Sweatshirt or warm layer
  - A hat
- Please communicate any special needs your child might have that will affect their participation in class with the Program Director and your child's class instructor. This could include things like allergies, behavioral concerns, or identified physical/mental disabilities. We want to be prepared to give your child the most positive experience possible, information is our most valuable tool to do so.
- Campers will not need money while at camp.
- If you are not able to provide the above items, let us know. We can help connect families to community resources.

## Drop off/Pick Up

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Most camps drop off/pick up at the Depot Art Center, located at 1001 13th St., Steamboat Springs. Please follow the signage. For “Off-site Camps” drop off/pick up will be at the specified studio or gallery space.

Please make sure children arrive **no earlier than 10 minutes** prior to camp start time. (Teachers need time to ensure the class is set up and ready for students).

**Full Day Camp:** Camp ends at 4:30 pm. Children need to be picked up by 4:45. After 4:45 a late fee of \$20.00 will be assessed for each 15 minutes beyond 4:45.

**Morning Session:** Camp ends at 12:00. Please pick children up by 12:15 pm. After 12:15 a late fee of \$20.00 will be assessed for each 15 minutes beyond 12:15.

**Afternoon Session:** Camp ends at 4:30. Children need to be picked up by 4:45. After 4:45 a late fee of \$20.00 will be assessed for each 15 minutes beyond 4:45.

### **Signing In and Out:**

All students are required to be signed in by a parent or guardian. Please accompany your child INTO the building on the 1st day of class.

After the first day of class a waiver may be signed to allow a child to sign themselves in. If there is no waiver signed, please plan on coming inside to sign your child in daily.

Every child must be signed in/out by a parent or legal guardian. This is a legal requirement for our program.

As you register your child for camp you will be provided with a waiver. You may sign this waiver to allow your child to sign themselves out after the first day. You may also sign a waiver to authorize other individuals to sign out your child. Only those listed on the signed paperwork will be allowed to pick-up your child. Additional waivers will be available onsite during camp upon request.

If a camp has a field trip organized that will be communicated to the parents in the days leading up to the trip. A field trip may require a change in drop off or pick up location for a day.

**Students will not be authorized to leave camp without a parent, approved guardian or a signed waiver.**

# Class Sizes

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## School Days Off

Class capacity of 20.

## Summer Camp

Class capacity up to 25. The range is usually between 15-20, but can fluctuate depending on the type of class.

All of Steamboat Creates' Young At Art Programming is taught by local educators and artists. Class sizes vary based on the capacity of the individual instructor and our facility.

## Typical Camp Schedule

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Each camp at Steamboat Creates is driven by the individual instructor's plans. So daily camp schedules will vary depending on the camp however a sample camp schedule is below.

Time	Activity	Additional Note
8:30 AM	Check-in	
8:30 AM	Warm up art activity	
8:50 AM	Work on Project #1	
10:15 AM	Snack and Play Break	
10:35 AM	Work on Project #2	
11:45 AM	Wrap up activity/share	
12:00 PM	Lunch	Pick up for AM only campers
1:00 PM	Warm up Art activity	Drop off for PM only campers
1:20 PM	Work on Project #3	
2:45 PM	Snack and Play Break	
3:05 PM	Work on Project #4	
4:15 PM	Wrap up activity/share	
4:30 PM	Pick up	

For our week-long camps teachers will send an email to all the parents introducing themselves and their camp plans. This is in addition to the reminder emails from Steamboat Creates.

## Cancellations

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To submit your request in writing please email: [programs@steamboatcreates.org](mailto:programs@steamboatcreates.org)

### School Days Out

- We do not offer refunds for the cancellation of Young at Art **School Day Off Camps**.
- You may transfer your young artist into another Young at Art **School Day Off Camp** if the transfer request is made, in writing, at least **14 days** prior to the enrolled camp. Transfers can only be made to another camp within the same school year.

### Summer Camps

- **Before May 21st:** refunds can be given for cancellations minus a non-refundable \$35.00 administration fee.
- **After May 21st:** no refunds will be given for cancellations.

You may transfer your young artist to another Young At Art Camp, in the same season, for no cost (unless there are additional camp fees) as long as there is space and the transfer request is made in writing **14 days** prior to the start date of camp. Each camper is allowed up to 2 free transfers per summer.

Steamboat Creates does not allow transfers from Summer Camp to our School Day Out programming at this time.

Steamboat Creates does not refund or prorate camps for limited attendance.

*Steamboat Creates reserves the right to cancel or reschedule a workshop for any reason, including workshops that do not meet the minimum registration requirements, or canceling a workshop due to inclement weather. If SC cancels a workshop, registrants will be given a full refund.*

## Scholarships

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**Scholarships must be approved *before* registering for camp.** We are not able to award a scholarship after you have already registered for camp. Scholarships are only available for the requested camps on the application, scholarship awards are not transferable between camps.

## Student expectations

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- No bullying or violent behavior will be tolerated at any time.
- Campers are not to be within 10 feet the Yampa River.
- Campers are not to be within 10 feet of the railroad tracks.
- Campers may not leave the group without permission of the teacher.
- Campers are not to touch artwork in the galleries or mirrors in Bliss Hall.
- Both basements are off limits to campers.
- Cell phones and smart watches are prohibited during camps unless authorized by the teacher or administration.
- Campers must be respectful of YAA supplies and tools.
- Campers must use the restrooms one at a time with permission from the teacher.
- All campers must wear shoes at all times unless specified otherwise by the teacher.
- No running inside the building.

## Discipline

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SC staff strives towards all campers having a positive experience while at the YAA camps. Thus, all participants must understand and follow camp guidelines and rules. These are put in place to ensure the safety of children and staff. Should a camper choose not to follow these rules, these are the guidelines that the staff will follow to address the situation:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Time out or time away from the group.
3. Phone conference or in person meeting with parent or guardian.
4. Suspension or dismissal from the camp. Fees will not be refunded if child is dismissed from camp due to safety/behavior concerns.

