

# Craft Alliance Center of Art + Design's Staenberg Summer Camp

## / FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions

**When does the summer camp program begin?** Weekly half-day camps begin May 29 and run for 11 weeks, until August 10.

**What ages can attend Craft Alliance's summer camps?** Morning and afternoon half-day camps are designed for ages 4 to 14. Late day camps, 3:45 to 5:30 are designed for teens, ages 14 to 18. Campers are grouped by age; 4 to 6, 7 to 9, and 10 to 14. Campers must be 10 years old to take glass or metals camps that use torches.

**When do camps meet?** Each camp meets for 3 hours. Morning camps meet from 9:00am to 12:00pm, afternoon camps meet from 12:30-3:30pm. There is a supervised lunch care from 12:00-12:30pm for campers staying all day. Before-care is available from 8:30-9:00am and after-care is available from 3:30-5:30pm.

**Where do camps meet?** There are two locations for summer camps at Craft Alliance Center of Art + Design - in the Delmar Loop, 6640 Delmar Blvd. and at the Grand Center location, 501 N. Grand Blvd. in the Kranzberg Art Center, lower level.

**How do I drop off and pick up my campers?**

**WHEN ARRIVING for camp on the first day:**

- Please bring your camper into the building to help them find the correct studio and meet the instructor. A staff member will be located outside the building on Delmar and in the foyer at the Grand Center location to assist you.
- Parents may stay for the first 30 minutes of the camp on the first day to meet the instructors and the other campers.
- Parents may not remain in the studios for the duration of the camp session.

**PICK-UP:**

- Please come into the building on time to pick up the younger camper.
- After-care parents will need to sign out the camper each day. After-care ends at 5:30 and parents will be charged \$5 for every 5 minutes past the pick up time.
- Children under 12 are not allowed to leave the Delmar building without a parent.
- Children left in studios after end of camp will be escorted to after-care and parents will be charged for that day.
- Written permission is needed if your child is to walk home after camp or leave the building unescorted. *Delmar campers must have written permission if they are allowed to leave the Delmar studios unsupervised during lunch.*

**Where can I park my car?**

There is free parking behind the Delmar Loop location and metered parking in front of the building. The Grand Center location, on the NW corner of Grand Blvd. and Olive, has metered parking on Olive.

**Who teaches the art camps?** All of the camp instructors have college degrees and are practicing artists. The campers work with the same instructors who teach in our adult, children's, and community programs, and use the same studios and equipment as the adult classes. Craft Alliance also has a summer teen intern program where teens ages 15 to 18 assist the instructors in the materials preparation, clean-up, and camp activities.

**What is the teacher/student ratio?** The camp sizes are small – a maximum of 8 campers in the glass, graphics, and metals classes, and in the 4 to 6 age range. A maximum of 10 campers are allowed in the clay and fiber classes. Ratio of instructor to camper is 1:10 and 1:8. Including the teen intern assistants, the ratio is 1:4 and 1:5.

**What food should the campers bring?** Each camper should bring a snack for the half day camps. Campers staying all day, (taking a morning and afternoon camp,) should bring a lunch, a drink, and two snacks. We do not have refrigeration available so please pack lunches in an insulated lunch bag. Drinking fountains are on each floor.

**What should the campers wear?** Art camps can be messy so dress appropriately. We do have smocks available. Please no open toed shoes for safety. Glass campers should wear long cotton pants. \* Campers should not bring toys or non-essential personal items to camp. Craft Alliance cannot be responsible for lost or stolen personal items.

**What is a typical camp day?** Each day has a planned activity related to the theme of the camp. Students learn about materials, techniques, and creative problem solving. Each 3 hour camp session has a 10 to 15 minute break in the middle. Weather permitting, the campers go outside with the instructors and play games, eat their snacks and get some exercise.

**Who supervises the lunch care and makes sure my child get to the next camp?** One of our instructors supervises the lunch care, takes attendance, and make sure each camper gets to their next camp safely and with supervision.

**When can I register?** Registration opens **February 6** for Members at the Craft House level, and **February 20** for Non-Members.

**5 easy ways to register for summer camps:**

1. Online, (the easiest and quickest) at [www.craftalliance.org](http://www.craftalliance.org). Online registration is available up to 3 business days prior to the beginning of camp, by the Wednesday before camps begin.
2. In person, during regular business hours, 9:00am to 5:00pm, at the Delmar Loop location, 6640 Delmar Blvd. or the Grand Center location, 501 N. Grand Blvd. in the Kranzberg Art Center.
3. By Mail – Complete the registration form found on the website, [www.craftalliance.org](http://www.craftalliance.org), or use the form found at the back of the Summer Camp catalog. Mail the completed form with check or money order for tuition and fees, or complete credit card information, to Craft Alliance Center of Art + Design, 6640 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63130 or 501 N. Grand Blvd. St Louis, MO 63103. A \$25 fee assessed for returned checks.
4. By Phone: Delmar Loop location – 314-725-1177, ext. 325 / Grand Center location – 314-534-7528, 3xt. 302. Office hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday-Friday.
5. By Fax, to 314-725-2068. Completed registration form and credit card number with expiration date are required.

**Can I stay with my child during camp?** Parents are invited to stay for the first 30 minutes of camp on the first day, to meet the instructor and the other campers. Parents may not remain in the studio for the duration of the camp sessions.

**If a camp is full, can I be called if there is a cancellation?** There are waiting lists for camps and the registrar will contact you if a space becomes available.

**If my child misses a camp day during a session, can they make it up during the next session.** Unfortunately there are no make-ups; due to limited space and the required pre-registration for the following camp weeks.

**Can my child take home the work they make?** Yes, they will have projects to take home almost every day. However, final clay pieces need to dry and be fired and will be ready to be picked up two weeks after the last day of your child's camp. Craft Alliance cannot be responsible for any work left in the studios after September 14, 2018.

**What is your discipline policy?** On occasion, a child has difficulty interacting with other campers. The first step is a time-out with the camp Director or other supervisory staff member. If the situation is repeated, we call the parent or guardian. Craft Alliance reserves the right to refuse continued enrollment to disruptive students.

Craft Alliance has an Anti-Bullying policy and reserves the right to refuse continued enrollment to students who bully other children. After the first serious offence, parents will be notified. Upon the second intervention, parents will be notified by phone and asked to pick up their child. No refunds will be given.