

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SUMMER ART ADVENTURE

General: What is unique about the Summer Art Adventure at Art League?

Fun and challenging art projects that engage students and inspire creativity!

An experienced Staff of Art teachers and Art Assistants.

A safe environment with excellent facilities.

Early Childhood (5-6 yrs)

How is the class structured? How many projects do they work on weekly? Where do I drop my child off? Can I wait? What type of training do staff members undergo? What should we bring? Is there recess?

There is a teacher and assistant at all times with the group of 16 students max. Children are dropped off at 9:00AM and meet SAA staff inside the (right) side parking lot entrance at Paumanok Elementary School (Seaman Neck Road/Straight Path) **DO NOT USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE and look for signs for Summer Art Adventure.** Late arrivals will be escorted to their classroom by an SAA staff member. This is a drop-off program only. Parents/Guardians are not permitted to wait in the school during sessions. We have a security guard on-duty and all staff members are trained in CPR/AED methods, fingerprinted, and background checked. Most teachers are NYS certified art teachers or have extensive knowledge/experience working with children. There is structured circle time, where students are given directions and the project is presented. The numbers of projects vary each week, but the children engage in two different projects each day. Art history is integrated into the curriculum each week and the artist of the week is presented on Monday mornings. Children should bring a smock for painting and a change of clothes in case of accidents. There is a break for snack time in the middle of the session. There is no formal recess for the morning program, however children may have a few minutes at the end of the session to unwind on the playground depending on time constraints. Children are escorted to the hallway bathrooms and monitored at all times. All classrooms are air conditioned.

Young Artists (7-10yrs)

Where do I drop my child off? Which rooms have a/c? How is lunch/recess time spent? What about the bathrooms? Are there other people/activities going on in the building? What if my child wants to go home with a friend.

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classrooms/lunchroom have air conditioning. The students rotate rooms between morning and afternoon sessions. Recreation/lunch period is 35 minutes. Children bring their own lunch in an insulated bag. Drinks must be brought from home. We do not provide refrigeration. After they eat in the lunch classroom, children go outside for supervised recess. They can play kickball, or do sidewalk chalk, or just play outside on the playground. The art assistants are with them during this time. If they choose to stay indoors, or when it rains, they can play cards or other games in the cafeteria. The children are supervised by art assistants in the cafeteria. When a child needs to use the bathroom, the assistant will escort a small group. Children do not walk to and from the bathrooms alone. Parents/guardians must sign their child in and out of SAA. Children may go home with a friend if they send in a note from a parent. If a child needs to be picked up early, a parent must arrange this in advance, as the doors to the building are locked after arrival time. Paumanok Elementary school is an active school and there may be other children's programs running through the Half Hollow Hills School District.

Mature Artists (12-14yrs)

Please refer to the above FAQ's for Young Artists with the listed differences provided below.

Mature artists are grouped together by age, such as 11/12 yrs & 13/14yrs.

Students work on two projects per day, most span several days.

The projects are longer in duration than in Young Artists. Students should be able to work more independently. Instruction is provided by teachers and art assistants are there to help facilitate the lesson and help with supplies.

Is there an art exhibit? The art projects are displayed at the end of each Mature artist session (2 weeks). Students will have the opportunity to work with a guest artist (dates and activities vary based on session). Some examples are learning the art of raku clay. At the end of the program, students have a working knowledge of many different art materials and methods of creating art.

Medical FAQ's

Can my child bring an EpiPen? Yes, please provide parental consent/medical form stating that your child is able to self medicate. There is no nurse on site, therefore any medication must be self administered. AVI-Q is preferred.

What if my child has allergies? Parents are required to list all allergies, medications and medical conditions on a medical form that is

sent in before the start of camp or downloaded from the Art League website. Please medicate your child prior to attending camp to avoid an interruption in their day. Children are allowed to stay indoors during recess to avoid pollens & heat.

Registering with a Friend: Can my child be placed with a friend in the same group? If they are the same age, younger children seeking to be in the same group as a friend/relative must be approved by the Director (samples of artwork may be requested). The Art League will try to accommodate all requests when possible, but understand that the children are placed according to their artistic developmental stage/age rather than by grade level.

Class Size: What is the maximum in each group- There is a teacher and assistant at all times with the group of 16 students.

Art Projects: What kind of projects do they do?

The children are engaged in a variety of creative projects that include drawing, painting, sculpture, air-dry clay, crafts, and mixed media. They have 2 different projects to work on each day with one teacher in the morning and a second one in the afternoon. Most projects span several days. Art lessons are designed to enrich individual creativity and develop technical skills.

Schedule: How is the day structured?

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Summer Art Adventure Daily Activities for Young and Mature artists (ages 7-14)

9:00–9:20 Monday Morning Artist of the week/orientation (Lunchroom)

9:00-11:30 Check in and AM Instruction

11:30–12:05 Lunch/Recess

12:05-1:55 PM Art Instruction (Teacher Change)

1:55 Line-up and Dismissal