Cheekwood Summer Camp Descriptions 2021

5-7 YEAR OLDS

HALF DAY
These camps run from 9 AM – 12 PM or 1 – 4 PM.

Bugs & Blooms (5-7)
In this all-time favorite class, campers will explore Cheekwood’s gardens to find artistic inspiration before venturing back into the studio to make their own crafts and creatures. Campers will learn about insects, plants, and bugs in the gardens in addition to creating beautiful artwork. This class combines time outdoors, weather permitting, with time in the studio.

Introduction to Clay (5-7)
Explore the exciting world of clay! Campers will expand their imagination and practice a variety of hand building and sculpting techniques, as well as learn to glaze and prep their work for the firing process. Please note that students will not work on the pottery wheel during this class.

Let’s Paint! (5-7)
Explore the fundamentals of paint and learn about different styles using tempera, watercolor and acrylic paints. Campers will practice new techniques, mix colors, experiment, and have a blast expressing themselves!

Wearable Art (5-7)
Campers will enjoy timeless activities like tie-dye and will also learn new techniques such as felting and stamping. From shirts and hats to bags and other accessories, campers will discover a lot about art making and their own style!

NEW! Model & Mold (5-7)
Campers will view Sean Kenney’s Nature POP! sculptures in the gardens and explore the Carell Trail before sculpting functional objects and imaginary creations. The budding sculptors will use numerous materials, from building blocks to clay to paper.

NEW! Nature Explorers (5-7)
Learn, play and discover the natural world found in Cheekwood’s gardens while cultivating respect and appreciation for the environment. While on daily nature walks through the gardens and the sculpture trail, campers will learn about plants, search for birds and insects, investigate ponds and streams, forage for found art materials, and use them in activities. Campers will explore their relationship with nature and develop a deeper appreciation for the natural world around them. Campers will spend most of their time outdoors, weather permitting, in addition to time in the classroom.
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NEW! Garden Sprouts (5-7)
Cultivate a love of gardens through exploration, experimentation, and art. Campers will plant seeds, learn about the life cycle of plants, and search for garden critters on nature walks. As campers explore Cheekwood’s gardens, they will observe the colors and shapes found in nature and create art projects inspired by them. Campers will spend time outdoors, weather permitting, in addition to time in the classroom.

NEW! Pond Life (5-7)
Emerging aquatic ecologists will learn about the turtles in the Bracken Foundation Children’s Garden and begin to identify the plants, insects, and other creatures in the water ecosystems around Cheekwood. These discoveries will inspire a variety of mixed-media art activities, pond observations, water exploration and more. Campers will spend time outdoors, weather permitting, in addition to time in the classroom.

NEW! Inspirational Artists (5-7)
Explore the unique art forms of important artists, both traditional and contemporary, from around the world. Campers will enjoy creating their own masterpieces inspired by these artists using paint, collage, and sculpture.

NEW! Studio Sampler (5-7)
Calling all budding artists! Working with a variety of materials, campers will sample a wide array of art processes including painting, collage, and sculpture. This camp offers the perfect chance to try out several different mediums and discover new creative outlets.

8-10 YEAR OLDS

HALF DAY
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Clay Fundamentals (8-10)
Discover the basics of hand building and throwing on the wheel. From learning the fundamentals and throwing their own cylinders, bowls, and plates to exploring underglazes and textures, campers will do it all. No prior experience is necessary.

Textile Fundamentals (8-10)
Explore the basics of the fascinating world of textile art. From creating woven wall hangings to making wearable items, campers will work with a wide range of media including fabrics, paints, dyes, fibers, and yarn.

Wearable Art (8-10)
Create your own style! Campers will enjoy timeless activities like tie-dye and will also learn new techniques such as felting and stamping. From shirts and hats to bags and other accessories, campers will discover a lot about art making and their own style!
Illustration Fundamentals (8-10)
Campers will learn about the various types and techniques of illustration along with its history and then put them to practice. Throughout the week campers will be given prompts and exercises to help them explore the world of illustration using mediums including pencil, pen-and-ink, watercolor, collage, and more.

Eco-Discovery (8-10)
Learn about the delicate balance in the great web of life with daily exploration of the various ecosystems around Cheekwood. Campers will learn about the organisms that make up and keep these ecosystems in balance and play games and create art inspired by their discoveries on the Carell Trail, in the Bracken Foundation Children’s Garden, and everywhere in between. Campers will spend time outdoors, weather permitting, in addition to time in the classroom.

NEW! Model & Mold (8-10)
Campers will view Sean Kenney’s Nature’s POP! sculptures in the gardens and explore the Carell Trail before sculpting functional objects and imaginary creations. Campers will construct one-of-a-kind artwork using anything from wood to wire.

NEW! STEAM: Architecture & Landscape (8-10)
The built world and the natural world come together in this camp for students interested in architecture, gardens, and the spaces that bridge the indoor and outdoor domains. Campers will gain inspiration from the Cheekwood’s grounds and use their imaginations to create their own structure to fit into the landscape. Focusing on scale, materials, and creative thinking, campers will take their designs and sketches and transform it into a model.

NEW! Artist Exploration (8-10)
Explore the art of important artists who have made an impact on the world. Campers will learn about traditional and contemporary artists before making their own pieces both recreating artists’ work and using them as inspiration.

NEW! Studio Sampler (8-10)
Can’t decide on just one medium? In this diverse art camp, campers will explore working with a variety of media. From painting and drawing to sculpting and collage, campers will complete both 2D and 3D projects.

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NEW! Pond Life (8-10)
Become an aquatic ecologist! Campers will observe turtles in the Bracken Foundation Children’s Garden, learn about the plants and animals that are a part of pond ecosystems, and talk about the health of our ponds. These discoveries will inspire a variety of projects including mixed-media art, water organism identification, water quality exploration, and more. Campers will spend time outdoors, weather permitting, in addition to time in the classroom.
NEW! Cartoon Creations (8-10)
Give your drawings a comical spin in this introduction to cartooning and storytelling. Campers will design characters, work on thumbnail sketching, and explore basic animation before these through projects like self-portraits, flip books, and comic strips.

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NEW! Painting Techniques (8-10)
Whether you are a practiced artist or picking up a paintbrush for the first time, this class is the perfect opportunity to develop new skills. Experiment with tempera, watercolor and acrylic paints while practicing brushwork, mixing colors, and working with different surfaces. Campers will spend time outdoors using the garden as inspiration, weather permitting, in addition to time in the classroom.

11 & UP
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Creative Sketchbook (11 & Up)
Campers will receive a new sketchbook and fill it with art, personal stories, poetry, and their own thoughts or experiences. Using Cheekwood’s beautiful art and gardens for inspiration, campers will express themselves with techniques like pen and ink drawing, watercolor painting, collage, and more.

Printmaking (11 & Up)
Explore a new way of creating images through the wonderful world of printmaking. Campers will use multiple printmaking processes through various methods of monoprints and relief prints before making pieces of their own design using what they have learned.

NEW! Art in 3D (11 & Up)
Explore the exciting world of 3D art! Campers will spend time in the garden observing sculptures on Cheekwood’s property, including Sean Kenney’s Nature Pop! and unique pieces on the sculpture trail. Campers will explore a wide variety of materials and gain an understanding of techniques on how and when to use them. Materials used may include wire, paper, wood, and found materials.

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NEW! Artist Exploration (11 & Up)
Discover the artists who have made the art world what it is. Campers will explore various art movements and artists and the ideology behind their pieces before creating their own works of art based on, inspired by, and in response to the artists they learn about.

NEW! Studio Sampler (11 & Up)
Can’t decide on just one medium? From painting and drawing to sculpting and collage, campers will complete both 2D and 3D projects. Campers will then have the opportunity to work on a self-guided project using their choice of medium.

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Painting Techniques (11 & Up)
Whether you are a practiced artist or are picking up a paintbrush for the first time, this class is the perfect opportunity to develop new skills. Campers will be introduced to the foundations of painting and experiment with various paints and surfaces. They will paint outside in the gardens and work on their techniques inside the studios, gaining practical knowledge that will help guide their art making for years to come.

Drawing & Illustration (11 & Up)
Campers will experiment with different drawing mediums while learning about the basics of drawing and the various types of illustration. Campers will learn to draw faces, landscapes, and botanicals while working on composition, shading, perspective and more. Each day will include an opportunity for free drawing where campers can work on a subject of their choice. This camp is for those wanting to improve upon skills they already possess as well as those just starting out with drawing and illustration.

NEW! Intermediate Ceramics (11 & Up)
Campers will be introduced to the different techniques of working with clay. They will discover the basics of hand building and throwing on the wheel as well as creating more advanced pieces. Campers will learn how to add detail to their work in the form of attaching handles, creating lids, and carving designs and will sculpt and design their own pieces based on the skills they have learned during the week.