Welcome to Laumeier’s 2023 Art Camps and Teen Art Programs!

Dear Families,

Thank you for joining us! We are excited to encourage your young artist’s exploration, creativity, and growth this summer. It is our honor and privilege to provide a safe, supportive space for all young artists and staff - and to have fun while doing it!

This Family Handbook has been updated with important new information for 2023 and includes general information (2-4), required supplies (5), check-in and check-out procedures (6-8), Friday Art Walk details (9), behavior expectations (10), FAQs (11-13), and the program locations map (14-15). Please take time to read and review the entire document. You will receive additional updates and information via email and our Summer Buzz Newsletter throughout the summer. Ensure your email address is active and you are subscribed to our mailing list to receive communications. By working together, we can reach our goals and have a safe, fun, and memorable summer!

Feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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SUMMER PROGRAMS SESSIONS

Explore, discover, create! Laumeier’s 105 acre-campus provides a space that encourages self-expression and artistic exploration. Summer program participants have the opportunity to stretch their bodies and expand their minds as they learn, play, develop artistic skills and discover art in our unique outdoor museum.

Art Camps, for Ages 3.5-6 (Little Buds: Red), Rising Grades K-5 (Green, Yellow, and Blue), and Rising Grades 6-8 (Orange), are taught by creative instructors with diverse interests. Camp is structured to encourage artistic development and self-expression through social and individual skill-building experiences. An Art Walk at the end of each session celebrates the work made by every young artist.

One-Week Art Camp Session Dates
Little Buds Art Camps, Elementary Art Camps, + Middle School Art Camps

June 12 - 16 / June 19 - 23 / June 26 - 30 / July 3 - 7 (No programming July 4)
July 10 - 14 / July 17 - 21 / July 24 - 28 / July 31 - August 4

The Teen Art Programs (TAP), for Rising Grades 9-12 (Purple), are designed to stimulate creative expression and the development of artistic skills and knowledge through hands-on application and mentorship. Foundations of Art (FOA) is the perfect opportunity for teen artists to build the necessary skills to become more independent in their art making and Guided Studio Art (GSA) is a chance for experienced teen artists to develop and document a small body of work with the guidance of a mentor. Both teen programs culminate in the Teen Art Show at the end of the summer.

Two-Week Teen Art Program Session Dates
Foundations of Art + Guided Studio Art

June 12 - 23 / June 26 - July 7 (No programming July 4)
July 10 - 21 / July 24 - August 4 / Teen Art Show August 4

All programs run from June 12 through August 4, 2023, with session times, prices, and themes varying by program. Please refer to our website for session details: https://www.laumeiersculpturepark.org/artcamp.
**FREE SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Family Open House / Friday, June 9: 4-8pm**  
Tour the Park and education facilities, meet your instructors, and enjoy light refreshments. This is a great opportunity for young artists to get excited about and comfortable with attending Art Camps and Teen Art Programs. Food and beverage trucks will also be on site for purchases.

**Juneteenth Celebration / Monday, June 19: 9am-3:30pm**  
Young artists will learn about and celebrate Juneteenth through art, music, and special guests. Young artists must be registered for programs the week of June 19-23 to attend. Details to follow.

**Teen Art Show Opening Reception / Friday, August 4: 5pm-8pm**  
Please join us in the Aronson Fine Arts Center (12580 Rott Road) to celebrate the work of our teen artists at the Fifth Annual Teen Art Show. Event includes music, light refreshments, and family activities. Food and beverage trucks will be on site for purchases. Work will also be on view during open hours on Saturday, August 5. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**NOTE TO TEENS:** *All remaining teen artwork must be picked up from the Kranzberg Education Lab by 5pm on Monday, August 7, unless prior arrangements have been made. Work that is not picked up by the deadline will be donated or disposed of.*
CURRICULUM INSPIRATION

Education Mission:

To develop creative and innovative thinking through the exploration of art and nature.

Education Vision:

We envision a global community where curiosity, exploration, creativity, innovation, and collaboration are the catalysts for sparking vibrant exchange between artists, educators, and learners of all ages and backgrounds. Through this exchange we will unlock the power of art and nature, including its ability for personal restoration and growth as well as its broader impact on local, national, and international issues.

Summer Goals:

*Please take time to reflect on these three goals with your artists.*

1. **Identify as artists.**
   - Understand that anyone can be an artist!
   - Embrace the planning process through their habits and goals.
   - Integrate their minds and bodies into their work.

2. **Appreciate nature.**
   - Learn about and care for the natural world.
   - Consider the connection between art and nature.
   - Practice mindfulness outdoors.

3. **Build community.**
   - See diverse representation in art.
   - Learn about culturally significant arts practices and history.
   - Find their role as artists in their community.
PREPARE FOR CAMP

Bring these every day + clearly label with your artist’s full name for easy identification.

USE THIS CHECKLIST:

☐ **BAG/BACKPACK:** Artists are responsible for carrying their own supplies.

☐ **WATER BOTTLE:** Please provide a water bottle separate from a lunch drink. **NO glass bottles.** Bottle can be refilled throughout the day.

☐ **LUNCH:** Clearly label box or bag with name. **No refrigerator is available. Lunch is optional for half-day programs. You know your artists best.**

☐ **SNACKS:** Artists often need extra food throughout the day. **No food will be provided.**

☐ **TOWEL:** For drying off after water play, sitting for stories, doing yoga. **Old towel is fine!**

☐ **SUNSCREEN:** Sunscreen should be applied before arrival and sent with the artist for reapplication throughout the day.

☐ **BUG SPRAY:** Bug spray should be applied before arrival and sent with the artist for reapplication throughout the day. **Please notify us in advance if your artist has a severe insect allergy. There are many (!) insects and spiders at the Park: Emotionally prepare your artist to experience them.**

☐ **APPROPRIATE CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR:** Artists should wear clothing and footwear that is weather-appropriate good for hiking, playing, and art making. Consider wearing or packing water shoes for creek exploration. **We recommend close-toed shoes!**

☐ **CHANGE OF CLOTHES & UNDERWEAR:** For comfort after water play or accidents. **Especially recommended for Little Buds (Ages 3.5-6) and Grades K-5.**

☐ **Optional HAT:** Recommended for extra sun protection.

☐ **Optional COMFORT ITEM:** Artists are welcome to bring (and be responsible for) a fidget, toy, lovey, or other object that helps them feel safe and comfortable.

☐ **Optional FACEMASK:** We recommend using a mask holder/lanyard so the mask is easily accessible if needed. **We do not recommend artists wear masks during water play.**

**LOST & FOUND** Please email education@laumeier.org if your artist misplaces something. Include the session, team color, and a description of the item. If found, the item will be returned to you at check-in or check-out. You may also check the Lost & Found bin during the Friday Art Walk. If found items are not claimed within one week of the end of the session, the items will be donated or discarded.
CHECK-IN + CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Thank you for doing your best to check your artists in and out on time!

Refer to the map on the last two pages of this packet for program locations.
Look for the roadside signs in the park that direct Art Camp and Teen Art Program traffic.

If you have artists enrolled in various programs, we suggest checking in at the West Entrance first and then proceeding to the North Entrance.

Please notify us in advance if your artist is not able to use stairs or walk long distances. We are happy to make arrangements for a more accessible check-in and check-out.

Please expect a longer wait on the first day of every session as staff and families become familiar with procedures and take extra time to make artists feel safe and comfortable.

Each person picking up an artist must be listed on the pick-up authorization section of your registration, along with an accurate phone number to contact. We will not release artists to people who have not been officially authorized. If additional people need to be added after registration, please notify staff at check-in and email education@laumeier.org. For safety reasons, we reserve the right to ask for identification before releasing an artist to anyone, including you.

Late Check-In + Early Check-Out Instructions:

If your artist will arrive late or leave early, please notify us so staff can check them in or out. Please call and/or text with the following information:

1. Artist name
2. Artist grade and/or team color
3. Caregiver name
4. Name of person checking in/checking out
5. Time of check-in/check-out

For Littles Buds + Grades K-5, contact Elsie Tuttle: 217-931-2779.
For Grades 6-8 + TAP, contact Faby Torres Guerrero: 636-728-8672.
If you’re unable to reach the above staff, please call and/or text the Camp Assistant Line: 314-713-7030.
CHECK-IN + CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES, Cont.

LITTLE BUDS (Ages 3.5-6) / Red Teams

CHECK-IN/OUT LOCATION: Moss Education Lab 1

Please enter the West Entrance via 9050 Rott Road, then proceed to Parking Lot 3. Park your vehicle on the north end of the lot (to leave room for the carpool line) and walk the paved path to the Moss Education Labs. Check your artist in with their Instructor and/or Teaching Assistant in Moss 1, the first lab you see. Follow the same procedure when checking your artist out at the end of their day. You will be required to show ID at check-out.

CHECK-IN/OUT TIMES:

Red Morning Team
Program: 9:30am-12pm
Check-In: 9:15-9:30am
Check-Out: 12:00-12:15pm

Red Afternoon Team
Program: 12:30pm-3pm
Check-In: 12:15-12:30pm
Check-Out: 3:00-3:15pm

ELEMENTARY ART CAMP (Rising Grades K-5) / Green, Yellow, and Blue Teams

CHECK-IN/OUT LOCATION: West Entrance Parking Lot / 9050 Rott Rd.

Please enter the West Entrance via 9050 Rott Road, then proceed to Parking Lot 3 and join the carpool line. Please remain in your vehicle and make sure your color-coded tag is displayed. You will be given your car tag on the first day of the session. Once your vehicle reaches staff, you will be asked your artist’s full name, rising grade level, and if they have all required supplies for the day. Staff will check them in and send them to their team, alerting their Instructor and Teaching Assistant via radio. Follow the same procedure when checking your artist out at the end of their day. You will be required to show ID at check-out. Note: Your artist will only be permitted to leave their team and go to your vehicle when they’ve heard their name over the radio.

CHECK-IN/OUT TIMES:

Program: 9am-3pm
Check-In: 8:30-9am
Check-Out: 3-3:30pm
CHECK-IN + CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES, Cont.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART CAMP (Rising Grades 6-8) / Orange Team
TEEN ART PROGRAMS (Rising Grades 9-12) / Purple Teams

CHECK-IN/OUT LOCATION: Service Road Staircase via the North Entrance / 12580 Rott Rd.

Please enter the North Entrance (12580 Rott Road), at the intersection of Rott Road & Geyer Road. Take a left onto the Service Road to join the carpool line near the Carriage House. The check-in point is at the stairs. Please remain in your vehicle and make sure your color-coded tag is displayed. You will be given your car tag on the first day of the session. Once your vehicle reaches staff, you will be asked your artist’s full name, rising grade level, and if they have all required supplies for the day. Staff will check them in and send them to join their team, alerting their Instructor and Teaching Assistant via radio. If your artist is a teen driver, they will be directed to park in the lot after checking in. Follow the same procedure when checking your artist out at the end of their day. You will be required to show ID at check-out. Note: Your artist will only be permitted to leave their team and go to your vehicle when they’ve heard their name over the radio.

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IMPORTANT NOTES FOR ALL AGES:

Every Friday we host an Art Walk for Little Buds through Grade 8. Please refer to the section “Friday Art Walks” for information on how this affects check-out and parking on Fridays.

In the case of an Excessive Heat Advisory, Elementary + Middle School Art Camps and Little Buds Afternoon Camp will be released at 1:30pm. You will be notified of this early release by Laumeier’s Summer Buzz Newsletter, delivered via email.
FRIDAY ART WALKS

Join us in celebrating your young artists' work every Friday!

Caregivers are highly encouraged to join us for the Friday Art Walks at the Moss Education Labs and Carriage House Deck to celebrate the creative work of their young artists. Friday Art Walks are for Little Buds Art Camps, Elementary Art Camps, and Middle School Art Camps.

Little Buds and Elementary Art Walks are held at the Moss Education Labs, accessed by the paved/accessible path from the West Parking Lot, the same lot where Little Buds families park and Elementary Art Camp artists check in/out.

**Little Buds Art Camps** / Ages 3.5-6: Moss 1
- Red Morning Team: 11:45am-12pm
- Red Afternoon Team: 2:45-3pm

**Elementary Art Camps** / Rising Grades K-5 / Moss 2, Moss 3, and Moss 4: 2:15-2:45pm

Middle School Art Walks are held on the Carriage House Deck. Please park in Lot 1, near the Aronson Fine Arts Center, then walk towards the Carriage House, which is the smaller stone building past the Kranzberg Education Lab. You can access the Deck via the staircase or the concrete ramp, both located near the Carriage House restrooms.

**Middle School Art Camps** / Rising Grades 6-8 / Carriage House Deck: 2:30-3:00pm

You will be asked to complete a brief survey upon arrival at Moss Labs or Carriage House Deck as your "ticket", and then will be directed to check out your artist with their Instructor and/or Teaching Assistant before exploring their artwork. After exploring the artwork, you may take your artist home for the day.

Please review the noted locations in the Family Handbook and these details before arriving Friday. If you have any questions about how these walks will work feel free to reach out to Elsie Tuttle at etuttle@laumeier.org.
BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Thank you for discussing these expectations as a family!

We strive to provide fun learning experiences and encourage respect for the environment and others. Our staff aims to lead by example by practicing a growth mindset during Art Camp and TAP, and by completing multiple safety and behavioral awareness trainings before summer programming.

Artists and staff must show respect for others and the property of others. Respect is caring how words and actions may impact others and our environment. We need to treat each other with respect so we can all feel safe and have fun. We can show respect by:

- Using kind or polite words even when we’re upset.
- Using manners like sharing, waiting our turn, saying please and thank you.
- Accepting differences or at least using kind words when we disagree with someone.
- Being careful not to damage places or things.
- Sharing resources and only taking what we really need.

REMEMBER:

➔ We have a strict no bullying policy. Rude language, cursing, threats, and non-consensual physical contact of any kind will not be tolerated.
➔ Artists must remain with and follow staff’s directions at all times.
➔ Electronic use will only be allowed with permission from staff. If electronics are misused, they will be held by staff and returned to the caregiver at the end of the day.
➔ Absolutely no climbing on sculptures.

What happens when artists are not meeting these expectations?

When artists are not meeting these expectations, our de-escalation procedure is used to encourage awareness of feelings, redirection of thoughts, time to refocus, and reflections for the future. If artists continue to not meet expectations, they will be removed from their team and a caregiver will be contacted. Ongoing failure to meet safety expectations may result in artists being required to stay home for the remainder of their session.

Sources: Talkingtreebooks.com; Edutopia.org.
FAQs

How will I get updates throughout the summer?

Important Art Camp and TAP communication will happen via Laumeier’s Summer Buzz Newsletter, including weather-related closures and early releases. Please ensure you register using an active email address and do not unsubscribe from Laumeier communication. You will not receive important updates if you unsubscribe.

What if I need to check in/out artists at multiple program locations?

Start at the North Entrance to get on the Service Road for the Middle School Art Camp and Teen Art Program carpool line, then head to the West Entrance to access Parking Lot 3 for the Elementary Art Camp carpool line. Finally, for Little Buds Art Camp, park on the far north side of Parking Lot 3 to walk to Moss 1.

Contact Faby Torres Guerrero with more questions: ftorres-guerrero@laumeier.org.

What happens in the case of inclement weather?

Artists remain in their respective outdoor labs and indoor studios during normal summer storms. Should there be more severe weather announced by the National Weather Service, artists ages 3.5-6 and grades K-5 will go to the underground facilities in the center of the Park and artists grades 6-8 and 9-12 will go to the basement of the Estate House/Kranzberg building. The County Park officials and Rangers have continuous access to the weather service updates and will notify staff if immediate action is necessary.

How will my artist stay cool during hot summer days?

Artists are encouraged to stay hydrated and dress for the weather. They will spend time working in our shaded outdoor education labs (or indoors if they’re in TAP) and instructors will incorporate water into art projects and play time. Most teams play in large sprinklers and in the creek. The Aronson is available for cooling breaks in air conditioning.

NOTE: In the case of an Excessive Heat Advisory, Elementary + Middle School Art Camps and Little Buds Afternoon Camp will be released at 1:30pm for the safety of our young artists and staff. Families will be contacted regarding weather-related closures and early releases by Laumeier's Summer Buzz Newsletter, delivered via email.
FAQs, Cont.

What are the COVID guidelines?

Our staff is vaccinated, and we highly recommend eligible artists get vaccinated. Staff and artists may choose to wear a mask at any time.

You know your young artist best. If your artist is ill, has a fever, or is feeling generally unwell please keep them home. If artists or staff are exposed to COVID during programs, families will be notified and asked to monitor for symptoms. We recommend testing if symptoms develop. If your artist tests positive for COVID, please keep them home and follow the CDC’s guidelines for isolating. Please keep masks and testing kits at home in case the need arises.

Unfortunately we are not able to provide refunds for any cancellations made within three weeks of the start of the session, including illness-related cancellations.

How do I withdraw from or get a refund for camp?

Email notice of withdrawal from Summer Art Camp or TAP must be received at least THREE WEEKS before the program begins to be eligible for a refund. If you plan to withdraw from camp, please contact us as soon as possible, so that your artist’s spot can be filled with another participant on our wait list. Email education@laumeier.org with requests for withdrawals and/or refunds.

What if my artist misplaces something?

Please email education@laumeier.org. Include the session, team color, and a description of the item. If found, the item will be returned to you at check-in or check-out. You may also check the Lost & Found bin during the Friday Art Walk. If found items are not claimed within one week of the end of the session, the items will be donated or discarded.

Where can I donate items?

Many creative works of art are made from recycled materials. We greatly appreciate your donations. Please email education@laumeier.org to request a donations list. If you’re able to donate an item from our list, please give it to staff during check-in or check-out.
Can my artist bring in snacks or treats to share with their team?

We love celebrating birthdays and friendship! Please email education@laumeier.org with requests to bring in snacks or treats. We can help you determine safe food items for your artist’s team by checking for allergies.

How can I give feedback?

We encourage you to share your thoughts on Art Camps and TAP by filling out our Art Camp & TAP Surveys. Your feedback helps us to improve our programs and supports our fundraising efforts and grant opportunities. An Art Camp survey will be handed to families at the Friday Art Walk. A TAP Survey will be available at the Teen Art Show. If you have any questions you can reach our Education Department at education@laumeier.org.

Who do I contact with questions or concerns?

Before or after your session, please email education@laumeier.org with general questions. For questions about Teen Art Programs, please email Faby Torres Guerrero: FTorres-Guerrero@laumeier.org. For questions about accessibility and accommodations, please email Elsie Tuttle: etuttle@laumeier.org.

During your session, you may reach us by texting/calling the following numbers:

Little Buds (Ages 3.5-6) + Elementary Art Camp (Rising Grades K-5):
Elsie Tuttle, Learning & Engagement Specialist: (217) 931.2779 (cell)

Middle School Art Camp (Rising Grades 6-8) + Teen Art Programs (Rising Grades 9-12):
Faby Torres Guerrero, Education Coordinator: (636) 728.8672 (cell)

For Additional Support from 8:15am-3:45pm:
Camp Assistant Line: (314) 713.7030 (cell)

Where is the Program Locations Map?

The Program Locations Map is located on the last two pages of this Handbook.
Check-In & Check-Out Locations (Detail)

TRAIL DISTANCES + WALKING TIMES

A Art Hike Trail
0.77 miles / 45 minutes

P Central Pathway
0.64 miles / 25 minutes

W Western Woodland Trail
0.15 miles / 10 minutes

LEGEND

- Park Entrance
- Parking Lot
- Roadway
- Central Pathway
- Unpaved Trail
- Restroom + Water Fountain
- Creek

Little Buds (Ages 3.5-6)
Enter via the West Entrance from Rott, proceed to Parking Lot 3, then park your vehicle. Walk the paved path to Moss Education Labs (3) and check in/out directly with staff in Moss Lab 1. Contact us if you need assistance.

Middle School Art Camps (6-8)
Teen Art Programs (9-12)
Enter via the Main Entrance from Geyer, drive left on the Service Road, then check in/out at the stairs leading up to the Carriage House. Please stay in your vehicle during check-in/out.

Elementary Art Camps (K-5)
Enter via the West Entrance from Rott, proceed to Parking Lot 3, then check in/out while in the carpool line. Please stay in your vehicle during check-in/out.

NORTH

Note:
Please reference the Family Handbook for more details, such as check-in and check-out times for each program.