

Summer Art Studio FAQs

What is the investment for Summer Art Studios?

At Silvermine Art Center, students will learn and explore in medium sized classes of 12-15, with experienced, knowledgeable and accomplished teaching artists. Students will receive individualized attention and always have the support of the instructor and camp assistant, to allow their creativity to flow freely!

Tuition for Summer Art Studios range from \$310 to \$505. A non-refundable \$35 registration fee per child is charged once per season. Please see individual camp listings for more specific pricing information.

What are the Withdrawal & Reimbursement Policies?

The withdrawal policies for Summer Art Studios are as follows:

Refunds for Withdrawals

- **Withdrawals on or before May 1, 2024:** Eligible for a full refund, less the non-refundable registration fee of \$35. No refunds after May 1, 2024 – No exceptions.

Credits for Withdrawals

- **Withdrawals on or after May 2, 2024 receive credit only:** Eligible for a credit to the student's Silvermine account, less the non-refundable registration fee of \$35 – up to 14 days before camp start date.

No Refunds or Credits for Withdrawals

- **Withdrawals within 14 days of the camp start date:** (refer to deadlines below) – Not eligible for a refund or credit. Please consider a transfer to an alternate camp.
- **Credits and refunds are not available for illness and/or COVID-19 related absences.**

There are no exceptions to these policies under any circumstances. As a non-profit organization, cancellations make it challenging for us to manage our enrollments and plan for programs. Any registration fees incurred shall be the responsibility of the registrant upon cancellation. **View the complete policies for Summer Art Studio [HERE](#).**

What if I want to transfer to another Camp?

Transfers to another Camp

- **Transfers on or before May 1, 2024:** Eligible for a refund of any program price difference. Transfers to higher priced program will incur additional costs.
- **Transfers on or after May 2, 2024:** Eligible for a credit only of any program price difference. Transfers to higher priced program will incur additional costs.
- **Transfers within 14 days of the camp start date:** Transfers that result in the program falling below the minimum required enrollment to run will receive a credit of which a prorated portion will be applied to the original camp. The remaining credit will be used towards the alternate camp. Additional charges may apply.
- **Transfers on or after camp start date:** You may incur additional costs.

View the complete policies for Summer Art Studio - [click here](#).

What happens if my child has to miss a day of camp?

If your child is unable to attend a scheduled camp day, please notify the School Office by email or phone as soon as possible. The instructor will be notified and they will do their best to get your child caught up when they return. Make-ups are not available for missed days of programs and there are no refunds or credits for missed days of camp. There are not exceptions for illness, injury, family emergencies or circumstances beyond the control of Silvermine Art Center.

Are there any required forms needed for my child to attend?

Yes, required camp forms include a Student Contact Sheet and Medical Authorization Form. Also included is an opportunity for parents to share any learning differences, needs and best practices with our staff/instructors. We highly encourage parents to communicate with us to give students the best possible experience in our programs. Required camp forms must be submitted at least one week prior to your child's first day, via email to, Schoolregistrar@gmail.com

Camp forms are available in each class listing or [click here](#).

Can my child bring their medication with them to camp?

Yes, students are allowed to bring their medication onto Silvermine's campus. In order to do so, [Click here for the Medical Authorization Form](#) must be completed with the appropriate signatures. **No medication will be allowed in Silvermine's studios unless the Medical Authorization Form is filled out completely, has all required signatures, and the medication is not expired. There are no exceptions to this policy.**

What types of art activities are offered?

We offer Summer Art Studios in drawing, painting, ceramics, photography, digital arts, jewelry enameling, glass flame working, and mixed media and collage. All camps will be filled with hands-on activities throughout the week. Teen programs will include in-depth demonstrations and meaningful critiques to support serious study and commitment to advancing art practices.

What age ranges are served in the Summer Art Studio programs?

We offer programs for ages 3 through 17. Please note, there may be certain weeks that do not serve all age ranges. [Click here to view our listings](#) and use our age filter to find programs that are age appropriate for your child.

What dates are available for my child to attend?

Summer Art Studios run on a weekly basis, meeting Monday – Friday, for a total of 10 weeks. Parents/students have the option of picking and choosing the camp of their choice and are not required to sign up for all 10 weeks.

Each week, a variety of programs are offered for a wide range of ages. Student may opt to attend a morning program from 9:00am – 12:00pm, an afternoon program from 1:00pm – 4:00pm or attend for the full day and participate in our Lunch Bunch Experience, a supervised lunch period.

Dates for each week of camp are listed below:

Camp Week	Camp Dates
Week 1	June 17 – June 21
Week 2	June 24 – June 28
Week 3	July 1 – July 3
Week 4	July 8 – July 12
Week 5	July 15 – July 19
Week 6	July 22 – July 26
Week 7	July 29 – August 2
Week 8	August 5 – August 9
Week 9	August 12 – August 16
Week 10	August 19 – August 23

Do I have to enroll my child in a full day of camp?

No, you do not have to enroll your child into a full day of camp. Parents/students have the option of picking and choosing the camp of their choice and are not required to sign up for all 10 weeks.

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What is A Lunch Bunch Experience?

Lunch Bunch is a program that is available free of charge *only* to attendees who are participating in a morning and afternoon camp session. Capacity is limited to 15 students. Enrollment in this program is **not** automatic. If your child is enrolled in a full day of programs, you must call the School Office at (203) 966-9700 x 2 to enroll.

Students who participate in Lunch Bunch will be escorted to and from their morning & afternoon camps by a Camp Assistant. Campers should pack a nut-free lunch in an insulated lunch box (refrigerators and microwaves are not available for use). During the lunch Bunch period, students will play games, and engage in free-art-making. Weather permitting, Lunch Bunch will be outdoors. In the event of inclement weather or extreme heat, Lunch Bunch will be moved indoors.

What if I am not enrolled in a full day and I would like my child to attend a Lunch Bunch Experience?

If you are interested in having your child attend Lunch Bunch, but they are not registered for a morning and afternoon program, You may have the option of attending for an additional fee of \$100 per week. Priority registration will go to full-day attendees and additional spots will only be available within two weeks of your child's program. Please call the school office at (203) 966-0700 x 2 to inquire during this time frame.

Do I have to bring Art Supplies?

All art materials are provided for our Summer Art Studio programs with the exception with our digital photography programs where students are required to provide their own camera. Please see individual camp listings for more information.

What should my child wear to camp?

Campers should dress for a mess! Art activities can be messy, attendees should wear/pack a smock or wear clothes that can be stained with paint, glue, glitter, clay, and more on. Campers should must always wear closed toed shoes. Specific mediums require specific clothing – see below.

- Clay: Closed toed shoes are required, no rings, bracelets, or long necklaces, long hair should be tied back.
- Glass Flame Working: Closed toed shoes are required, tee shirts (no tank tops), long pants, and long hair must be tied back.
- Enameling: Closed toed shoes are required, long pants, and long hair must be tied back.

What should I pack for my camper every day?

Parents should send students in with a water bottle, **nut-free** snack and lunch (if participating in A Lunch Bunch Experience). Students attending camps that will include outdoor exploration should pack hats, sunscreen and bug spray as needed. We suggest that campers arrive with sunscreen already applied.

What will happen if my child gets sick at camp or wants to come home?

Silvermine Art Center does not have a nurse on site. If your child begins to feel unwell at camp, their Camp Assistant will bring them to the School Office. The staff members will then call a parent or guardian to pick the child up.

If a child wants to go home, a staff member will contact a parent or guardian to discuss how to proceed.

What should parents expect on the first day of camp?

We recommend arriving 10 – 15 minutes before the start time of your child's program.

On the first day of *each* camp your child is attending, a parent or guardian must check-in campers at check-in tent, located in the main parking lot. There, they will check the attendee in with a staff member who will confirm that all of their required paperwork has been completed and review approved medications.

For an expedited process, we require that parent's email all paperwork to schoolregistrar@silvermineart.org at least one week prior to your child's first day. Once your child has been checked in by a staff member, a parent or guardian must walk the child to their classroom to be signed in by a supporting Camp Assistant. A copy of the **required** paperwork can be found [here](#).

If you arrive to the check-in tent without the completed paperwork, you will be asked to complete that paperwork in-person before your child can be checked in and enter their classroom. Babysitters, Au Pairs or carpool parents are **not** permitted to complete paperwork for campers.

This check in process will only take place on the Monday of each of camp. If your child misses the first day of camps, parents/guardians must check-in at the school office before heading to the assigned studio.