



SUMMER CAMP 2025 GUIDEBOOK



WELCOME!

Welcome to the Art Gallery of Guelph's Camp Create! We are so excited to meet your young makers, and we look forward to learning and creating with them. This document briefly introduces our leaders and policies, and provides an overview of everything else campers might need to know in order to have a great week! If you have any questions regarding our policies or camp information, please contact us using the information below.

AGG'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Guelph is situated on treaty land that is steeped in rich Indigenous history and home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people today. We acknowledge that the Art Gallery of Guelph resides on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek Peoples, who are the ancestral holders – and today the treaty holders – of this land. We recognize the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant to this land and offer our respect to our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Métis neighbours as we strive to strengthen our relationships with them. We express our gratitude and recognize our responsibility for the stewardship of the land on which we live, work, and create.



ABOUT US

OUR MANDATE

The AGG is a platform for artistic practice and participation in the arts for the City of Guelph and the wider region. The art gallery of Guelph sets the highest possible standards for excellence, relevance, and sustainability: fostering the visual arts locally, regionally, and internationally by means of a rigorous exhibition, publication, education, and collection program advancing the artistic field.

OUR MISSION

To stimulate, provoke, and inspire through artistic experiences that nurture creative excellence, strengthen community, and inform public discourse: contributing to positive social change.


OUR VISION

To advance the arts globally as a leader in exceptional, impactful, and inclusive programming: cultivating and interpreting artistic practices that ignite engagement with important issues of our time.



BASIC INFORMATION

LOCATION

 Art Gallery of Guelph (358 Gordon Street, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 1Y1)

DROP OFF

Time: 8:30 - 9 am

Location: Front entrance of the Art Gallery of Guelph.

Sign-In: Caregivers are to sign in campers with camp leaders at the front entrance.

Late Drop-Off: If you are arriving after 9 am, please call the AGG classroom at 519-824-4120 x56580.



PICK UP

Time: 4 - 4:30 pm

Location: Front entrance of the Art Gallery of Guelph.

Sign-Out: Caregivers are to sign out campers with camp leaders at the front entrance. *Please be prepared to show your ID at pick-up so that we can cross-reference with pick-up permissions.*

Late Pick-Up: Please note that there is an extra charge for pick-up after 4:30 pm. The fee charged is \$15.00 for up to and including the first 15 minutes, and \$15.00 for every 15 minutes thereafter.

CONTACTING STAFF

Programs Associate - Sophie Dernovsek

519-824-4120 x53839

sdernovsek@artgalleryofguelph.ca

END OF WEEK ART EXHIBITION

On Friday between 4 - 4:30 pm, we invite friends and caregivers to join campers in celebrating the artwork they created throughout the week in a final art exhibition at the art gallery.

MEET OUR CAMP LEADERS!



EVELYN HOEKSTRA

Hey Campers and Parents! My name is Evelyn and I am a Studio Art and Museum Studies student at the University of Guelph. This is my second summer at Camp Create, and I can't wait for all the amazing art and fun we'll have together! I've worked at other summer camps too, and even volunteer in classrooms, bringing art to life. I love exploring all kinds of art, from printmaking to digital and sculpture, and I'm super excited to share my passion with you!

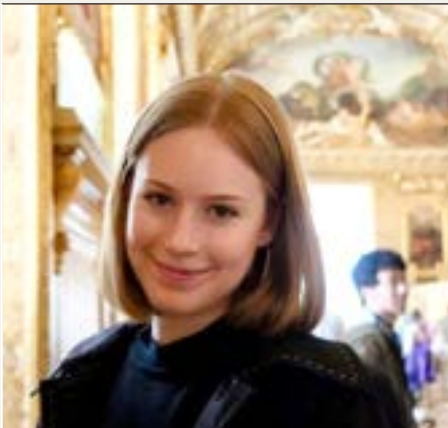
HANNAH CATTRAN

Hi! My name is Hannah. I am a recent graduate of the Studio Art program at the University of Guelph. In September I started Teachers College at Wilfrid Laurier University. I am so excited to be working at Camp Create this summer. I am experienced in sculpture, printmaking, drawing, collage, photography, painting and more. Above all, I love making colourful art and my favourite colour is orange. I am looking forward to exploring all kinds of different artmaking with you!



OLIVIA BUZA

Hi! My name is Olivia Buza. I am excited to be joining the Camp Create team this summer, for I am passionate about all things art! I recently graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto, where I specialized in Art History and minored in English. In the coming fall, I will begin a Master's degree in Art History at McGill. When I am not learning about art or exploring galleries, I can be found reading fiction books, browsing record stores, and seeking out new coffee shops.





A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

8:30 - 9 am

Drop-off

9 - 10:30 am

Art activity

10:30 - 11 am

Snack and free play

11 am - 12 pm

Art activity

12 - 12:45 pm

Lunch and outside time

12:45 - 2:30 pm

Art activity

2:30 - 3 pm

Snack and free play

3 - 4 pm

Outdoor art activity

4 - 4:30 pm

Pick up

CAMP INFORMATION

LUNCH & SNACKS

Please send campers with:

- A labelled water bottle
- A **NUT-FREE** lunch and two snacks

The AGG:

- Will provide water refill stations
- Will not provide refrigeration, microwaves, or cutlery

WHAT TO BRING & WEAR

- Loose-fitting clothing that allows for movement and messiness (all craft materials will be washable).
- Weather-appropriate clothing for outdoor play and art activities (i.e. sunhat, sunscreen, bug spray...).
- A change of clothes in case of any spills/accidents.
- Extra masks (optional).
- Any needed medications.

Campers are allowed to bring the following to use during their breaks only:

- Books, journals, toys, trading cards.
- Please leave electronics at home.

LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found is located in the classroom on the second floor of the gallery. Please contact the gallery regarding any items that may have gone missing.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

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Health and Safety measures are in place to ensure that each and every camper has a positive experience at AGG Camp Create. To support your camper, it is important to disclose any relevant health considerations and/or exceptionalities on registration forms. If there are any changes or updates to be made, please contact Sophie Dernovsek at sdernovsek@artgalleryofguelph.ca. Camp leaders will have immediate access to First Aid kits.

- Note: the AGG can guarantee a camper to leader ratio of 8:1, but is unable to provide one-on-one supervision for campers.
- Fire Drills: A routine fire drill will take place on the first day of camp, so campers will be aware of what to do and where to go in the case of an emergency.
- Field Trips: If a field trip is scheduled, parents will be notified of all details. field trip destinations are always within walking distance of the gallery.

MEDICATIONS/ALLERGIES

All camper medications needed throughout the day should be given to camp leaders at the start of each day and are to be taken home at the end of each day.

- Medications arrive and leave with campers.
- Medications are to be in original bottles with names and expiration dates.

INJURY POLICY

Any moderate to severe injuries will be documented using an Incident Report Form, filled out by camp leaders, signed off by an AGG staff supervisor, and provided to caregivers. This form will be used for physical injuries (moderate-severe), and any behavioural disturbances or concerns.



HEALTHY CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

PREPARING FOR CAMP

The Art Gallery of Guelph's Camper Illness plan is as follows:

- If a camper is feeling unwell we ask that you please keep the camper at home in order to ensure our community is safe and healthy.
- Please notify staff of absences for any reason by calling 519-824-4120 x53839.
- Camp leaders will promote the practice of hand-washing, sanitizing, and coughing/sneezing into your elbow.
- Camp staff will support a family's/camper's decision around masking. Please notify camp staff at drop-off if you have decided that masking is best for your camper.

CAUTIOUS IN THE CLASSROOM

The gallery has regularly scheduled cleaning to sanitize highly used touch-points such as seats, tables, door handles, and surfaces in the classroom and throughout the gallery.

- Campers will be seated in cohorts of 8 during activities in the classroom.
- When possible, snack and lunch breaks will take place outside.
- Camp staff will promote hand-washing before and after snack and lunch breaks.



CAMP CREATE CODE OF CONDUCT

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The Art Gallery of Guelph operates on a zero-tolerance policy regarding bullying and inappropriate behaviour. To ensure everyone's safety, AGG staff will contact caregivers immediately if a camper's behaviour has become disruptive or endangers themselves and others.

We want all of our campers to have a fantastic time and a positive experience with us at camp! This can be achieved by following our camper code of conduct: C.R.E.A.T.E! We encourage all to be...



STAFF PROCEDURES

On the first day of camp, the ground rules will be outlined by camp leaders. Our camp leaders will manage disruptive behaviour in a fair, concise, supportive, and positive manner. Any incident occurring during camp will be accompanied by an Incident Report Form. This form will be used for any illness, injury, or disruptive behaviour so that caregivers can be notified.





THANK YOU!

Thank you for choosing the Art Gallery of Guelph's camp program for you emerging artists! It will be a fabulous break, full of art adventures and learning in a studio setting and outdoors. Our trained art educators will be with the students all day, every day providing continuity throughout each project and supervision at all times. We look forward to welcoming all of our campers and their families to AGG's Camp Create community and to supporting their creative exploration. The week will conclude with an exhibition celebrating the campers' creations, which we invite you to join between 4 - 4:30 pm on Friday!

