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FOR THE ARTS

SUMMER
2020



VACATION ARTS CAMP

• CREATIVE FUN FOR PRE-K - TEENS! •



Welcome to Summer at Arlington Center for the Arts

SUMMER LOCATIONS

WEEKS 1 - 7:
Gibbs School,
41 Foster Street,
Arlington, MA

WEEKS 8 - 10:
St Paul's Church,
929 Concord
Turnpike,
Arlington, MA

****Unless other-
wise noted**

Summer at ACA... it's the most wonderful time of the year! Our 2020 summer camps are shaping up to be our best yet, with creative, fun-filled programs for 10 straight weeks, for kids in pre-K through High school! Your budding artist can spend their summer days creating unique art projects, learning silly songs, playing wacky improv games, rehearsing hilarious skits, and playing plenty of outdoor games, out in the sunshine!

For children ages 4 & 5, our full-day Young at Art camp is offering creative weekly themes like Animal Planet and a special Eric Carle-themed camp. Our Vacation Arts Camp (*for children entering grades 1 - 6*) has something for everyone, from ***Harry Potter*** to ***Explorations of Space*** camps! Teens can make unique art projects and learn leadership skills in our Counselor-in-Training program, and/or engage in inspiring art intensives in our Teen Studio program.

And our new ***Art Academy*** program offers campers entering grades 3 - 6, who are specifically interested in visual arts, the chance to engage in elevated, unique art projects in a wide variety of mediums, including ceramics, printmaking and more!

As always, our creative campers will be welcomed into a friendly and inclusive environment, encouraging creativity and individual expression. Our dedicated, enthusiastic staff, from teachers to counselors to our camp admin team, are excited to work with your child this summer, helping them to learn, create, grow, explore and, most importantly...***have fun!***

Our Camp Programs

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A small and friendly camp for preschoolers, combining art, music and outdoor theme-related activities.

Monday – Friday, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm. Runs Weeks 1 - 7.

Vacation Arts Camp (grades 1 - 6)Pg. 6

A full day of art, music, drama and outdoor fun and games, with a new theme every week.

Monday – Friday, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm. Runs Weeks 1 - 10.

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Leadership training, challenging and fun art projects, and a weekly arts destination field trip for our oldest group of campers.

Monday – Friday, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm. Runs Weeks 1 - 10.

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A new theme every week to inspire your kids' creativity in Vacation Arts Camp and Counselor in Training Programs.

Art Academy (grades 3 - 6) Pg. 10 - 11

A new, full-day program for children specifically interested in engaging in elevated, in-depth art projects.

Monday - Friday, 8:45 am - 4:30 pm. Runs Weeks 8 - 10.

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A challenging and inspiring art class focusing on a new medium each week.

Monday-Friday, 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Runs Weeks 1 - 10.

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A two week session creating an original, kid-friendly production.

Monday-Friday, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm.

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Frequently asked questions about our camps.

Register online 24/7 at www.acarts.org

Membership saves you money!

Become a member of ACA for \$80/year and you'll save \$20 for each program

A great way to save money AND support ACA!

Early Drop Off & Extended Day available for Vacation Arts Camp , Drama Camp and Counselor In Training participants. Details on Page 7.

A photograph of several children in a room with wood-paneled walls. In the foreground, a girl with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue shirt and a grey patterned cardigan, has her arms raised. To her left, a girl in a pink shirt with a 'PORT MASSACHUSETTS' logo also has her arms raised. In the background, other children and an adult in a pink shirt are visible.

YOUNG AT ART^(YAA)

Ages 4 and 5

FULL DAY PROGRAM FOR PRE-K!

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm

Young at Art runs for 7 weeks, June 29 – August 14.

You may enroll for one or more weeks.

- Designed to foster creativity in a fun, enriching environment
- Age-appropriate music, art, games and outdoor activities each day
- Experienced pre-K teachers and trained counselors
- No more than 15 children for three staff
- Plenty of outdoor fun and activities
- Children **must** be potty-trained

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45 - 9:00 am Welcome and Greet Campers

9:15 – 9:45 am Circle Games

Campers will make new friends and get to know their counselor and teachers as they play games, read stories and are introduced to their activities for the day.

9:45 – 10:30 am Art Activities

Draw, paint, sculpt and build in fun, age-appropriate art projects based on the week's theme.

10:30 – 11:00 am Snack and Outdoor Games

A bite to eat and then hula hoops and parachutes galore.

11:00 - 11:45 am Music Activities

Silly games, percussion instruments, and fun songs, all based on the week's theme.

11:45 am - 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 - 1:00 pm Quiet time

A moment to wind down, take a nap, or listen to a quiet story.

1:00 – 2:00 pm Outdoor Games

2:00 – 2:45 pm Music Activities

2:45 - 3:15 pm Snack and Outdoor Games

3:15 – 4:15 pm Art Activities

Songs and games based on our theme.

4:15– 4:30 pm Pick p

Circle time and games.

Tuition is \$360 members/\$380 non-members unless otherwise noted

***Become a member to save on each week!**

WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: 6/29 - 7/2 (4 Day Week) Across the USA*

It's a great big country, filled with amazing places! Through art and music, campers will explore the Rocky Mountains, the rainforests of the Northwest, and the deserts of the South.

Tuition: \$280 m, \$300 nm

**Start date for Week One is dependent on the schedule for Arlington Public Schools*

Week 2: 7/6 - 7/10 Animal Planet

Explore the wild, wonderful, wooly creatures of the Animal Kingdom this week! We'll take a closer look at animals and their habitats all across the planet!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 3: 7/13 - 7/17 Upside Down/Inside Out

Things have gone tupsy-turvy at ACA this week! We'll let our imaginations run wild, as we make upside down and inside out art projects and music.

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 4: 7/20 - 7/24 Moonbeams & Starbursts: Explorations of Space

Our imaginations will rocket through the universe as we create art and music! We'll read stories about the moon and make shiny and starry nights! We'll light up the sky with our creations!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 5: 7/27 - 7/31 Growing Like Trees

Our youngest campers are growing like trees! Coniferous or deciduous, this week, we'll be celebrating trees and nature in art, music and drama!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 6: 8/3 - 8/7 Eric Carle

We'll become Very Creative Campers this week, as we take inspiration from the stories and illustrations of beloved children's author Eric Carle to make amazing art and music!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 7: 8/10 - 8/14 Once Upon a Time

Once upon a time at ACA camp... It's all about fairy tales this week. We'll make art and sing songs about our favorite fairy tale characters, from mermaids and trolls to faeries and gnomes!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm



**SHOW AND SHARE AT
3:45 EACH FRIDAY –
PARENTS AND FAMILY
INVITED!**

VACATION ARTS CAMP^(VAC)

For children entering grades 1 through 6

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm, from 6/29 - 9/4

- Theme-based art, music and drama activities emphasizing creativity and imagination
- Age-appropriate projects to inspire each camper
- Friendly staff, experienced teachers, and trained counselors
- Campers are grouped with their peers according to birth date
- Snack and Lunch outside
- Outdoor playtime with fun camp games and unstructured play each day

**EXTENDED DAY
AVAILABLE FOR VAC**

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45 – 9:00 am Drop Off

9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome and Warm Up

9:15 – 10:30 am Art

Projects in 3D art may include sculpture, assemblage, model-building or other projects based on our weekly theme.

10:30 – 10:45 am Snack

10:45 – 11:15 am Outdoor Fun & Games

11:15 – 12:30 pm Music

Sing, dance, play percussion instruments and let the music move you – plus, keep an eye out for camp music videos and flash mobs.

12:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 pm Outdoor Fun & Games

1:45 – 3:00 pm Drama

Play silly theater games, develop characters and act out stories on stage.

3:00 – 4:15 pm Art

Projects in 2D art may include drawing, painting, collage, printmaking, or some creative combination of materials!

4:15 - 4:30 pm Pick Up

Tuition:

\$360 members

\$380 non-members



**Open House and Camp
Show & Share
every Friday at 4:00 PM!**

Come see our art projects and a short skit or musical performance by each group in VAC!

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING^(CIT)

For teens entering grades 7 through 9

HOURS: Monday – Friday,
8:45 am – 4:30 pm, from 6/29 - 9/4

- An inclusive environment where teens can grow in their artistic practice and leadership skills
- Leadership training consisting of team-building, communication and self reflection activities
- Fun, elevated and inspiring art projects in a CIT-only art class
- Opportunities to assist younger campers in the Vacation Arts Camp
- Art Show each Friday, 4:00 pm, at the camp-wide Show & Share

Who is a CIT?

At ACA, Counselors in Training are the oldest group of campers, who want to build leadership skills, engage with younger kids and take part in challenging, inspiring art classes.

What do CITs do every day?

CITs receive leadership training each morning in the form of fun, creative communication and team building games. They also complete a visual or written self-reflection activity before heading to the classrooms to assist the teachers and act as role models for the younger campers. CITs have snack, lunch and recess to enjoy some relaxation and some outdoor time. In the afternoons, CITs have their own theme-based art class that features challenging and fun multi-media projects.

What's special about this program?

The CIT program fosters a uniquely creative, inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for young teens, while preparing them to consider their future involvement in the arts.

Are CITs hired for counselor positions?

CITs are eligible to apply to work as Assistant Counselors and Arts Camp Counselors. Please see requirements for those positions on page 14. Being a CIT does not guarantee employment, and many CITs prefer to stay in the CIT program, as it entails less responsibility and includes more creative art opportunities.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45 – 9:00 am Drop off

Meet the other CITs and CIT Leader.

9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome and Warm Up

9:15 – 10:30 am Group Time

Leadership training and fun team-building games.

10:30 – 10:45 am Snack

10:45 – 11:15 am Outdoor Fun & Games

11:15 – 12:30 pm Classroom Visits

Assist in VAC Classrooms, under the supervision of ACA Teachers and CIT Leader.

12:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 am Outdoor Fun & Games

1:45 – 4:15 pm CIT Art Studio

Fun and inspiring art activities in anything from video art to outdoor sculpture.

4:15 – 4:30 pm Pick Up

CITs may leave independently with prior written parental permission.

Tuition:

\$360 members

\$380 non-members

EXTENDED DAY FOR VAC AND CIT

Supervised free play, outdoors when possible.

Early Bird:

- 8:00 – 8:45 am
- Available Monday through Friday
- \$10 per child per day

Afternoon:

- 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- Available Monday through Friday
- \$25 per child per day
- No afternoon Extended Day on Friday

To sign up for Extended Day, visit acarts.org

VAC/CIT WEEKLY THEMES

Vacation Arts Camp (for campers entering grades 1 through 6)

Counselor In Training (for campers entering grades 7 through 9)



Week 1: 6/29 - 7/2 (4 Day Week)

Route 66: Across the USA

Buckle up and let's hit the road! This week we are celebrating the great American roadtrip and all the amazing places across the country. From the world's biggest ball of yarn to amazing national parks, there's lots to discover and explore!

4 Day Tuition: \$280 m, \$300 nm

**Start date for Week One is dependent on the schedule for Arlington Public Schools*

Week 2: 7/6 - 7/10

Animal Planet

Celebrate the amazing animals of the world, from A to Z, alpacas to zebras! We'll be inspired by creatures, both cute and creepy, and even our own pets as we create art, music and drama this week!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 3: 7/13 - 7/17

Raiders of the Lost Artifact

Adventure awaits at ACA, as we explore a world of ancient artifacts, buried treasure & more! We'll become aspiring archeologists, creating and uncovering lost art and songs and stories of old!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 4: 7/20 - 7/24

Moonbeams & Starbursts: Explorations of Space

Bring your imagination as we blast off into space to adventure through the galaxy and search among the stars. We'll make art, music and drama that explores the question: What would it be like to travel through outer space?

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 5: 7/27 - 7/31

Harry Potter

Pack your wands and broomsticks – ACA is headed to Hogwarts! From spells and potions to magical creatures of our own making (and, of course, Quidditch!), we'll explore

the wizarding world of Harry Potter through art, music, and silly skits!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 6: 8/3 - 8/7 **Into the Wild**

Take a walk on the wild side this week, as we explore the farthest corners of the world through art, music and drama – from the Sahara desert to the Arctic tundra!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 7: 8/10 - 8/14 **Fantasy Worlds**

Step into a fantasy world of your very own making! The possibilities are endless this week, as we bring our imaginary worlds to magical life with paint, pencils, paper mache, songs & drama games galore!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

****Held at St. Paul Lutheran Church,
929 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, MA**

Week 8: 8/17 - 8/21 **Time Travelers**

What would you do if you had your very own time machine? This week, venture back to the Prehistoric era to roam among the dinosaurs or into the distant future to zip through the sky on a hover craft...or both!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 9: 8/24 - 8/28 **Lights, Camera, Action!**

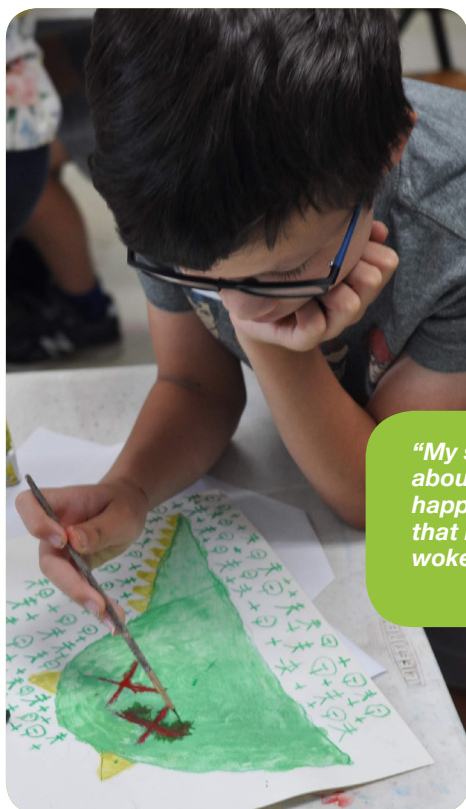
Make movie magic this week, as we celebrate the wonder of the big screen! From the songs of famous movie musicals to film-inspired art and drama, we'll become our very own Hollywood legends!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm

Week 10: 8/31 - 9/4 **Mysteries & Mazes**

Love mazes and all things mysterious? So does ACA – that's why we've got a week full to the brim with perplexing puzzles, ridiculous riddles, astounding art and maddening mazes!

Tuition: \$360 m, \$380 nm



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— ACA Camp Parent

Art Academy

For children entering grades 3 through 6



HOURS: Monday - Friday,
8:45am - 4:30 pm

- Offered during Weeks 8, 9 & 10 at the newly renovated ACA at **20 Academy St**
- Dynamic, inspiring art classes, with elevated & unique art projects
- In-depth activities allowing for creative exploration
- Experienced teachers and counselors
- Daily outdoor activities
- ***Extended Day programs are not available for Art Academy***

ACA's Art Academy will allow campers interested in the visual arts to explore and create elevated, in-depth and surprising art projects, in a variety of fun & unique mediums. Each day will consist of four separate visual art classes as well as outdoor activities, including organized games and supervised free play.

Throughout the week, we will focus on both 2D and 3D art techniques. Campers will learn drawing and painting skills. They will spend some time each day in ACA's brand new Ceramics Studio, to try out wheel throwing and hand-building. Other activities may include acrylic painting on canvas, screen printing, cyanotypes and fiber arts and more – the creative possibilities are endless!

PROGRAM LOCATION:

**Arlington Center for the Arts
20 Academy St
Arlington, MA 02476**

ART ACADEMY WEEKLY THEMES

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45 – 9:00 am: Drop off in Home Base Classroom

9:00 – 10:15 am: Art Activities

10:15 – 11:00 am: 1st Snack & Outdoor Fun

11:00 am - 12:15 pm: Art Activities

12:15 - 12:45 pm Lunch

12:45 - 1:30 pm: Outdoor Fun & Games

1:30 - 2:30 pm: Art Activities

2:30 - 3:00 pm: 2nd Snack

3:00 - 4:00 pm: Art Activities

4:00 - 4:15 pm: Clean Up & Group Time

4:15 - 4:30 pm Pick Up in Home Base Classroom

Week 8: 8/17 - 8/21 Back to the Future

Take a wild ride through time, as we create amazing, eye-popping art that explores the past and future!

Tuition: \$405 m, \$425 nm

Week 9: 8/24 - 8/28 Movie Madness

Celebrate the wonder of the silver screen through unique art projects, inspired by the movies we know and love!

Tuition: \$405 m, \$425 nm

Week 10: 8/31 - 9/4 Mysterious Magic

Explore a world of magic and mystery -- from mythical creatures to fantastical worlds!

Tuition: \$405 m, \$425 nm

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— ACA Camp Parent



TEEN ART STUDIOS

(For teens entering grades 6 through 10)

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

- For teens who want to spend a week immersed in a particular artistic medium
- Fun, inspiring and challenging art studios
- An opportunity for participants to develop their technical skills in the arts
- and expand their knowledge
- Taught by a practicing artist who focuses on exploration, techniques and content
- Weekly exhibition of completed work on Fridays at 4:00 pm – Families and friends welcome!

Week 1: 6/29 - 7/2 (4 Day Week) **Digital Photography***

This is an introduction to the many fun and creative aspects of digital photography. We'll learn to create, document and explore photography. Topics will include composition, lighting, and getting the most out of your camera. Students should bring their own digital camera to class (it need not be an expensive one).

**Start date for Week One is dependent on the schedule for Arlington Public Schools*

Tuition: \$180 m, \$200 nm

Week 2: 7/6 - 7/10 **Printmaking**

Create unique graphic images using silkscreen prints, relief prints and monotypes! Students can design posters, t-shirts, wall art and books. They will learn to make multiples of images using safe, non-toxic printing techniques.

Tuition: \$230 m, \$250 nm

Week 3: 7/13 - 7/17 **Drawing/Painting**

Draw and paint from imagination, still life, photographs, and from observation. Students will learn about perspective, negative space, value and color. Build your artistic skills in this all-levels class.

Tuition: \$250 m, \$270 nm

Week 4: 7/20 - 7/24 **Drawing/Painting: Portraiture**

Drawing from a clothed model, we'll explore the human figure using charcoal, pencil and paint. Learn about proportion and composition as you work from long and short poses. Finish your work by learning to shade, create volume and capture a likeness in portrait studies.

Tuition: \$250 m, \$270 nm

Week 5: 7/27 - 7/31 **Graphic Novels**

You've read them and now you want to write and draw your own! Join us as we explore the "how to's" of creating an original Graphic Novel. We start with an idea (yours) and grow it with character development (how does your character run, laugh, yell, dance, etc.) as well as creating a whole new world for your character. Does this creature live on the land, in trees, under the ocean, on the moon or Saturn? We do make sure your story "makes sense" in a cartoon/fantasy kind of way, and totally take off from there.

Tuition: \$250 m, \$270 nm

Week 6: 8/3 - 8/7 **Fiber Art**

Explore the many fun and creative possibilities of fiber arts! From Nuno felting to silk painting, students will learn about the unique properties of a wide variety of fabrics and

"My camper liked the freedom offered by the studio format."

— ACA Camp Parent

textiles, as well as eye-popping and imaginative ways to treat and transform them!

Tuition: \$250 m, \$270 nm

Week 7: 8/10 - 8/14 **Digital Photography**

This is an introduction to the many fun and creative aspects of digital photography. We'll learn to create, document and explore photography. Topics will include composition, lighting, and getting the most out of your camera. Students should bring their own digital camera to class. It need not be an expensive one.

Tuition: \$230 m, \$250 nm

**** At ACA (20 Academy St,
Arlington, MA 02476)**

Week 8: 8/17 - 8/21 **College Portfolios**

This creative and informative workshop will provide students with the tools to effectively prepare and organize their college art portfolios. Perfect for aspiring art students or just those interested in exploring the arts in college, the workshop will offer important tips and tricks for creating and managing your portfolio, as well as one-on-one guidance from an experienced professional.

Tuition: \$250 m, \$270 nm

Week 9: 8/24 - 8/28 **Drawing/Painting**

Draw and paint from imagination, still life, photographs, and from observation. Students will learn about perspective, negative space, value and color. Build your artistic skills in this all-levels class.

Tuition: \$250 m, \$270 nm



Week 10: 8/31 - 9/4 **Explorations in Architecture**

An introduction to the processes involved in the art of building, this workshop will begin with the basics of contemporary architecture. Through drawing, modeling, sculpting and building, students will learn about the fundamentals of design and creative thinking through space. Students will leave with exciting, imaginative work and an understanding of architectural possibilities.

Tuition: \$250 m, \$270 nm

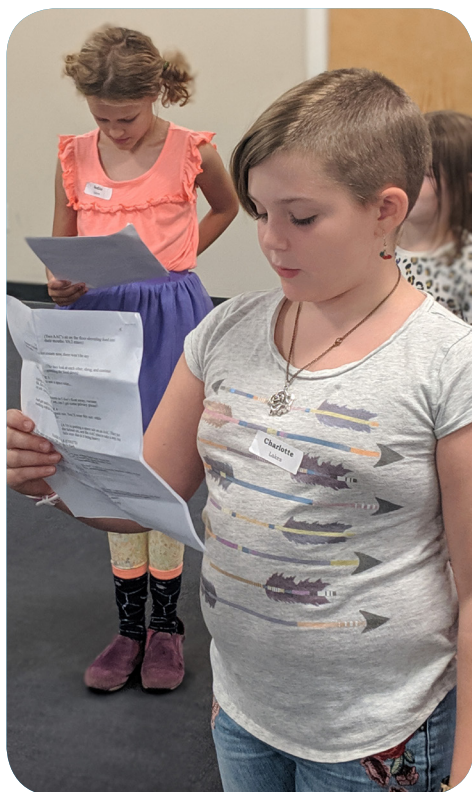
DRAMA CAMP

HOURS: Monday – Friday,
8:45 – 4:30 pm

- For campers who enjoy drama, all experience levels welcome
- Develop performance, costumes, scenery and props
- Relaxed, fun productions
- Ample time for outdoor fun
- Maximum of 20 kids

Weeks 3-4: 7/13 - 7/24
Superheroes & Supervillains:
ACA Avengers

Break out your cape and mask, as we use our imaginations to come up with new, hilarious superheroes (and villains) and play wacky improv games about what it would be like to have super powers! We'll also rehearse a fun, age-appropriate play about some of our favorite heroes & villains, to be performed for family & friends! With Sara Dion
Performance on Thursday, 7/23



EXTENDED DAY FOR DRAMA CAMPS

Supervised free play, outdoors when possible.

Early Bird:

- 8:00 – 8:45 am
- Available Monday through Friday
- \$10 per child per day

Afternoon:

- 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- Available Monday through Friday
- \$25 per child per day
- No afternoon Extended Day on Friday

To sign up for Extended Day, visit acarts.org

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45 – 9:00 am Drop off

Meet your teacher and counselors.

9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome and Warm Ups

9:15 – 10:30 am Drama Games and Skits

Hone your stage presence, practice your lines and develop your character.

10:30 – 10:45 am Snack

10:45 – 11:15 am Outdoor Fun & Games

11:15 – 12:30 pm Scenery Studio

Design costumes, paint scenery and even illustrate programs for your performance.

12:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 pm Outdoor Fun & Games

1:45 – 4:15 pm Rehearsal

We'll have fun learning songs and choreography, and practicing our parts! Of course there are plenty of silly drama games, too.

4:15 – 4:30 Pick Up

Tuition:

\$720 members

\$760 non-members

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is camp located?

Weeks 1-7 of camp are located at **Gibbs School, 41 Foster Street, Arlington**. We are excited to host camp in brand new classrooms, an innovative theater and a comfortable air conditioned environment.

Weeks 8 - 10 will take place at **St Paul's Church, 929 Concord Turnpike, Arlington**. St. Paul's has been host to ACA's February, April and Summer Camps in the past. We thank the St Paul's community for having us back!

Art Academy and Weeks 8 - 10 of Teen Studio will take place at **ACA, 20 Academy St, Arlington**.

What is needed for registration?

Please visit the Arts Camp page on our website, **acarts.org**, where you will find our Emergency Contact and Medical Forms and Allergy Action Plan (if needed). In addition, we require a copy of your child's most recent immunization record. **These forms are due no later than two weeks prior to the start of the program.**

What should I bring?

For all our programs, please send your child in clothes that you don't mind getting a bit messy. No flip-flops, please! For half day programs, please send a **nut-free** snack and a waterbottle. For full day camps, send your camper with a **nut-free** snack and lunch, and a water bottle labeled with your child's name. For extended day, please send an extra **nut-free** snack. Your child may enjoy having a book during Extended Day. **Please leave valuables at home.** Cell phones and other electronics may not be used during camp hours.

Will my child be with other kids of the same age? Can I make a special friend request?

Campers will spend each week in small groups of approximately 15 kids, which are great venues to meet new friends. Groups are decided based upon each camper's birthday. Each group enjoys activities that are specifically designed to be age appropriate. Please submit all friend requests when you register and we will do our best to honor these requests. **We cannot accommodate friend requests or group requests made on the first day of camp.**

Do the kids get outdoors and have any physical activity during the day?

All our campers enjoy plenty of time outdoors – it's summer after all! After the first activity, we all meet outside for Snack and Outdoor Fun & Games, led by our Camp Coordinators. We'll limbo, freeze dance, play tag, run obstacle courses and other camp favorites. After lunch, we have more Outdoor Fun & Games, that offers unstructured play as well as games and activities! Additionally, our campers are constantly on the move as they dance, sing and act!

How do I sign up for Extended Day?

Register online or download the extended day form at **acarts.org**

My child loves art, but is afraid of drama – what can we do?

Our camp program integrates all of the arts – visual arts, music and drama, but no child is ever forced to participate in activities that feel uncomfortable. Kids who do not want to get on stage can help with props or costumes, or find another way to take part in our drama activities. Most often, though, our shy or reluctant campers enjoy our drama games so much they that forget their fears and enjoy the experience.

How will I know what my child is doing in camp each week?

You will receive a Confirmation Letter and Welcome Letter prior to the start of the week. You will subsequently receive a Thursday Newsletter with a photo slideshow, detailing what your child has been up to throughout the week, as well as a survey on Friday afternoon, asking you to give us your impressions of the week. During Vacation Arts Camp, we present a Camp Show & Share every Friday! Campers display their art projects and each group performs a short song or skit on stage. It's a fun opportunity to see camp in action!

We welcome your questions!

Please call us **(781) 648-6220** or email **info@acarts.org** if you have any other questions about our camp programs.

This camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local board of health. The ACA is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

ASSISTANT COUNSELORS

The Assistant Counselor program offers an opportunity for teens to get the training and experience to work as counselors at ACA and to grow in confidence, empowerment and enthusiasm. With the guidance of ACA staff, they build leadership and communication skills, gain professional experience and learn to maintain camp values and best practices as they work with campers.

Please visit **acarts.org** to download the application.

HOURS: Monday – Friday,
8:45am – 4:30 pm

- For teens who want to work at ACA
- Participants must be at least 14 years old
- Assistant Counselors receive daily assignment to assist in different camp programs
- Daily training sessions focus on challenges, achievements, camp procedures and leadership training
- A small number of Assistant Counselors each week means individualized instruction and assistance

FAQ

What is the difference between Counselors in Training and Assistant Counselors?

Assistant Counselors are part of the ACA summer staff, and we expect the same level of responsibility, reliability and professionalism that we see in the rest of our employees. The program prioritizes professional training. CITs are the oldest group of campers, and their program emphasizes social experiences and art-making.

Will Assistant Counselors be hired as Camp Counselors for future programs?

Assistant Counselors who have demonstrated the necessary skills may apply to work as Camp Counselors in the future. It is our hope that Assistant Counselors will be confident and fully prepared to step into the role of Counselor.

What does the schedule look like for Assistant Counselors?

Assistant Counselors are hired on a weekly basis; they work Monday – Friday, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm. Each morning, they check in with the Leadership Coordinator before reporting to their daily assignment. Assistant Counselors take breaks during snack and lunch, and meet with the Leadership Coordinator for a training session during each afternoon.

What are the benefits to working as an Assistant Counselor?

A limited number of Assistant Counselors each week means individualized

instruction and lots of support and guidance. Assistant Counselors receive a weekly stipend. The program also prepares teens for continued work in the arts and child development at ACA and elsewhere.

Requirements and how to apply:

We are seeking teens, grade 9 and up, who love the arts, enjoy working with kids, and will benefit from professional training. If that sounds good to you, download the application at **acarts.org** and return it to us as soon as possible. Assistant Counselors need not have been campers or CITs previously.

Arts Camp Counselors:

ACA is seeking mature, responsible and reliable applicants who like working with kids, have an outgoing personality, and enjoy the visual arts, music and drama.

Counselors lead a group of approximately 15 children in groups divided according to age. Counselors reinforce all safety precautions, model appropriate behavior, aid teachers in carrying out lesson plans and supervise children during snack, lunch, and during all activities. Counselors must be 16 years or older, responsible, active and enthusiastic!

Please visit **acarts.org** to download the application

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER

- Online at **acarts.org**
- Call us at 781-648-6220
- Email info@acarts.org

Camp Forms

To finalize your registration, please send in your child's Emergency & First Aid Form and a copy of their latest immunization record. We need only one copy of the forms per calendar year. Please send in your forms at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the camp week for which the child is enrolled. You can complete the forms online, or download the pdfs at www.acarts.org.

Membership Discount

To receive a Member's discount for a course, your membership must be current throughout the duration of the program. Membership dues may be paid at the time of registration.

Media Release

Occasionally, ACA takes photographs for use in catalogs, advertising, and promotional materials. If you do not wish to have photographs of you or your children used by ACA, ***please notify the office in writing before your program begins.***

Scholarship Assistance

Limited scholarships are available, based on financial need. To apply, please send a written request, along with your most recent federal tax form, at least two weeks prior to the beginning of class/program.

Please consider contributing to our scholarship fund in order to increase access to the arts for all. Information on supporting the scholarship fund is on our website.

Refunds & Cancellations

A \$50 fee per session applies to all cancellations

- Four weeks or more before camp week begins: full refund less cancellation fee
- Two weeks or more before camp week begins: 50% refund less cancellation fee
- Less than two weeks before camp begins: no refund
- If space allows, you may be able to transfer to another camp week.

ACA reserves the right to cancel programs, change times or locations, and substitute instructors. If a program is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be notified by telephone and will receive a full refund.

Sold Out Programs

If a program is full at the time of your registration, you will be notified and placed on the waiting list.

Joining Camp After It Starts

Camps are not prorated.

**Summer at ACA runs
June 29th - September 4th**

NO PROGRAMS JULY 3RD

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Become an ACA member and Save!

Family Membership (\$80) entitles your entire family to:

- Discounts on ACA classes, workshops, vacation programs and selected events
- Discounts from some of our community's best shops, restaurants and arts organizations.

For a complete list of membership benefits, see ***acarts.org***. Membership can start anytime, and is valid for one calendar year.



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SUMMER LOCATIONS:

Weeks 1 - 7

Gibbs School
41 Foster Street
Arlington, MA

Weeks 8 - 10

St Paul's Church
929 Concord Turnpike
Arlington, MA

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