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Thank you for your interest in our Teen Studio program! We are so excited to explore and create art with your kids this summer at the Denver Art Museum.

Teen Studio takes place under the expertise of skilled teachers and teaching artists. Each workshop includes time in the galleries, artmaking in the workshop, and a behind-the-scenes experience, providing teens with the opportunity to engage with art in a variety of ways.

To ensure an optimal experience for all, please note that your teens must be of the appropriate age for the workshops they are registered for. If you have questions or concerns regarding your teen's age and the workshop they are signed up for, please do not hesitate to reach out via email. See contact info at the end of the guide.

We are looking forward to a great summer!



What to expect: A workshop day at the DAM begins with teens building community with their peers and teachers. After setting goals for the day, teens begin either with an artmaking project or a gallery visit, depending on the teacher's discretion.

For lunch and free time, teens are welcome to eat lunch in staff-approved areas on DAM campus. The afternoon is a similar structure to the morning where teens participate in artmaking, community building, and gallery visits.

Each classroom is equipped with a Quiet Corner, filled with sensory tools, such as weighted stuffed animals, fidgets, noise-reducing headphones, to support teens if they need.

Come celebrate with us! At the end of every workshop week, caregivers are invited to attend a Share-Out where teens show off their artwork in a mini exhibition curated by them. Come see your teen's exhibition from 3:30 to 4:00 PM, each Friday.

Packing tips

Attire: We will be creating and walking throughout the day. Teens should dress in comfortable clothes and shoes that make it easy for them to engage in artmaking with a variety of different mediums. Some days will be messy – like really messy – so we suggest wearing attire that they don't mind getting dirty. Please leave technology and items of sentimental or financial value at home. Teens are NOT permitted to use personal cellphones during their workshop unless approved by their instructor.

Lunch, Snacks, and Water: Please send your teen with a lunch with a cool pack to keep fresh. We do not have refrigerators or heating options available. Nut-free lunches are required. You are welcome to pack your teen their own snacks. We provide one snack per day (choice of Goldfish or Welch's Fruit Snacks). Provided snacks will be individually packaged for health and safety purposes. If your teen is gluten free, please provide their snacks for each day. Each teen is encouraged to bring

their own water bottle. We have plenty of water refill stations available should they need to refill their bottle.

Safety and Supervision

Teens will spend the day accompanied by a Denver Art Museum Lead Teacher and Seasonal Educator. Workshops have a minimum staff-to-teen ratio of 1 to 12. Additionally, Denver Art Museum security officers are stationed at each main museum entrance and are certified in First Aid and CPR. All instructors and staff have undergone extensive background checks.

Our team is committed to collaborating with families to encourage and maintain a safe and enriching experience for all teens. If a teen exhibits behaviors that put them or other teens at risk or that significantly disrupts the classroom environment, caregivers will be informed immediately. In certain situations, a teen may be required to leave the program without a refund.

Accommodations for Teens with Special Needs

The Denver Art Museum strives to meet the unique needs of all its teens while fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for the entire community. Our teen programs have welcomed many teens with identified needs, so long as we are able to support those teens with reasonable accommodations and without compromising the safety and wellbeing of them, their peers and DAM staff. While we aim to be as inclusive as possible, we recognize that our workshops may not be able to serve everyone. With a staff-to-teen ratio of 1 to 12, we are unable to provide highly individualized assistance, such as one-on-one support from a paraprofessional. If your teen has learning, cognitive, and/or behavioral differences or special needs, please reach out to summercamps@denverartmuseum.org before enrolling. We are happy to arrange a phone call to discuss what resources we can offer and the accommodations necessary to support your teen. Don't hesitate to reach out!

CONTACT

If you have any questions about your camp purchase, please call (720) 913-0130.

If you have any questions about DAM Summer Camps, the Parent Portal, or need to communicate lateness, absence, or emergencies during the camp season, please utilize the contact information below.

Email: summercamps@denverartmuseum.org (active year round)

Phone: (720) 913-2770 (only active June 8–August 7)