Young At Art Afterschool at the Museum Program
2019-2020
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What age group is allowed in After school?
A: The after school program is for children in grades K-5th. Children must be a minimum of 5 years of age and in Kindergarten to enter program.

Q: Do I have to pay the Registration fee?
A: YAA Family Member level or higher receives free registration. You will have to pay the registration fee if you are not a member or have a membership lower than the Family level.

Q: Do I have to sign up for the whole month or can I sign up week by week?
A: Registration is for the whole month. We do not have a week by week option for Afterschool. If registering during the middle of the month you will still have to pay tuition for the full month. Days missed cannot be transferred or switched towards other months or One Day Camps.

Q: Do I get a discount if I am enrolling more than one child?
A: Yes you will get a $15 discount off the $250 monthly tuition for each additional child living in the same household.

Q. Where will the After schoolers be in the museum?
A: The students will be able to experience and explore the entire museum with their assigned group. After schoolers will be in the exhibit classrooms and YAA Museum galleries. Groups will visit one gallery at a time. Children will have the opportunity to see all the galleries within a full week.

Q: Are there special guest artists/ special events?

A: Yes we will have special guest artist and event during the school year. You will receive a flyer when we are having a special event. There will be two showcases during the year, one in December and one in April/May.

Q: Do I need to pack a snack for my child?

A: YAA will provide a snack for your child. You are welcome to pack extra snacks especially if your child has allergies or dietary restrictions.

Q: What should my child bring to Afterschool?

A: Students do not need to bring any specific items to the Afterschool Program. Label all backpacks and personal items: lunch bags, water bottles and clothing with your child’s full name.

Q: What shouldn’t my child bring to camp?

A: Children will be engaged throughout the day and socialization is highly encouraged. Personal items brought by afterschoolers often cause unnecessary distraction and conflict with others. This can be avoided if the following items are left at home.

* **NO Cell Phones** – If you require your child to keep a cell phone then it is imperative that students ask their teacher’s permission prior to making calls or texting.

* **NO Toys and Electronic items (videogames, tablets, electronic sketch pads, iPads, cell phones)** – We will have lots of fun and educational activities to keep kids busy. When kids bring their own toys to afterschool, they may get damaged, lost, or cause distraction or conflict.

* **NO Money** We discourage after schoolers from bringing money.

* Young At Art Museum will not be responsible for lost or damaged personal items, including toys, electronic devices, clothing, etc.

* If personal items are found in your child’s possession, the teacher will ask for your child to leave the items in his/her backpack or the items may need to be stored in the Education office until the end of the day. If the items are continually causing problems then the teacher may confiscate the item and give it to the parent at the end of the day.

Q: Will you transport my child to the museum from his/her school?
A: We pick up from Fox Trail Elementary and Central Park Elementary. If your child does not attend these two schools, it is up to the parent to arrange transportation to Young At Art Museum. Indicate on your registration form if you are using a transportation service.

**Q. Will Campers go outside?**

**A:** Students rarely go outside unless working on their garden, doing art inspired by the outdoors or having break times on the studio patios.

**Q: How late is my child allowed to stay in aftercare?**

**A:** All children must be picked up by 6pm. The parent of any child here past 6pm will be charged a $5 fee plus $1 per minute that they are late.

**Q. What if I forget artwork, lunch box or other belongings at YAA on Friday?**

**A:** All artwork, lunch boxes and other belongings have a one week shelf life. Artwork and belongings must be picked up within the week. Unfortunately, items left after a week will be disposed of due to space.

**Q. What are the camp rules?**

**A:** At the beginning of each week after schoolers will go over the classroom rules, these rules will include:
* Listening to teachers and follow directions
* Keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves at all times
* Use polite and helpful language
* Treat teachers, classmates, and the space (classrooms and exhibits), personal artwork, and property of classmates with respect
* Use inside voices and walking feet in the museum
* Handle supplies, equipment, and each other with care
* Stay with teachers, staff, and museum group.

**Q. What is the Behavior Policy?**

**A:** Students who choose not to follow the afterschool rules (stated above) will have the following consequences:
1st offense – Verbal warning
2nd offense – Consequences for their actions (possibly missing out on activities) and parent notification
3rd offense – Parent notification via phone, written notice or in person
by the Afterschool Coordinator or Art Institute Director

4th offense – Possible suspension or expulsion from Young At Art’s Afterschool Program

Any action committed by a child that could or does result in injury to themselves, other students, volunteers or staff will result in immediate expulsion from Young At Art’s Afterschool Program. No refunds are given if child is dismissed due to behavior issues!

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY
Young At Art Museum has a zero tolerance policy for bullying. Young At Art is committed to protecting its students, staff, and volunteers from bullying, harassment, or discrimination for any reason and of any type. Young At Art believes that all students, staff and volunteers, are entitled to a safe, equitable, and harassment-free afterschool experience. Bullying, harassment, or discrimination will not be tolerated and shall be just cause for disciplinary action. Bullying is defined as: “Bullying” means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students, employees, or volunteers. It is further defined as: unwanted purposeful written, verbal, nonverbal, or physical behavior, including but not limited to any threatening, insulting, cyber-bullying or dehumanizing gesture, that has the potential to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment or cause long term damage; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual’s performance or participation, is carried out repeatedly and is often characterized by an imbalance of power. Bullying may involve, but is not limited to: unwanted teasing, threatening, intimidating, stalking, cyberstalking, cyberbullying, physical violence, theft, sexual, religious, or racial harassment, public humiliation, destruction of museum or personal property, social exclusion, including incitement and/or coercion, rumor or spreading of falsehoods.

Q: Do After Schoolers take fieldtrips?
A: After schoolers do not leave Young At Art Museum, we have Special Guest Artists and events in place of fieldtrips.

Q: Will my child have time to do homework?
A: Yes, children will have 30-45 minutes of homework time but all children may not finish homework while at afterschool and will have to finish at home. There are homework monitors on site but no tutoring is provided.

Q: What kind of art work will my child be doing while in the afterschool program?
A: Children will be working on a collaborative art projects each week as well as Sculpture, Drawing, Painting and STEAM projects.

Q: What are the ages for Afterschool?
A: We accept after schoolers that are in grades K-5th grade.

**Q: Will my children be in the same group even though they are different ages?**

A: We cannot promise the pairing of children. If there are 20 students or less in the afterschool program they will be together, if there are more than 20 students they will be separated by grades. (K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th)

**Q: What if my child gets sick in the Afterschool Program?**

A: Your child will be sent home if (s)he exhibits any of the following symptoms: high fever (100°F or higher), extremely red eyes, vomiting, diarrhea, severe cough or difficulty breathing. The child must be symptom free without medication for 24 hours before returning to the Afterschool Program. Children absent more than 2 days must bring a doctor’s note clearing the child to return to the Afterschool Program. Refunds will not be issued for days missed.

**Q: Who do I call if my child is out sick and will not be riding the bus to Aftercare?**

A: You can call Simona Firpo, Afterschool Coordinator at 954-424-5049 by 12 pm, so the bus does not wait for your child.

**Q: What if my child needs to take medication while in afterschool?**

A: You will need to fill out a Medication Form, pack the medication in a Ziploc bag with dosage cup or spoon and clearly label medication with your child’s name, dosage and time. Medications will be stored in the Education Office except for EpiPens which will go directly to the teacher. Your child will be escorted to the Education Office to take his/her medication.