

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Multi-Arts Camps (ages 4-9), Middle School Program (ages 10-13), and Family Camps

Where are you located? The Multi-Arts Camps take place in our Columbus Drive Building, located at 280 South Columbus Drive, at the southwest corner of Columbus Drive and Jackson Boulevard. We are directly across the street from the Petrillo Band Shell in Grant Park. The CTA's Red, Blue, Brown, and Orange Lines are just a few blocks away. Middle School Camps may take place in the Sullivan Building (SC) at 36 S. Wabash Ave., the Sharp Building (SP) at 37 S. Wabash Ave., or in the Columbus Drive Building (CO). Check our website at saic.edu/cs for the most updated classroom locations.

What is the earliest that I can drop off my child in the morning for the SAIC Summer Camps? Our classes begin at 9:00 a.m. After the initial first day check-in, you may drop your child off between 8:40 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. We have camp staff outside the buildings to escort your child to class. Camp Assistants at the Columbus Drive Building are easily identified by their SAIC staff t-shirts. Because we take children's safety seriously, campers may not be dropped off before the designated time. Failure to abide by the drop-off policy will result in your child being withdrawn without a tuition refund.

Do I need to park in order to drop-off or pick-up my child? SAIC staff is waiting outside from 8:40 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. to greet and escort your child into the building. If you arrive after 9:00 a.m., you will need to park and escort your child inside. Depending on street traffic and availability of spaces in which to pull up to our curbside loading area, some parents may need to park to retrieve their children during pick-up times. At the end of the day your child will be waiting outside with their class for curbside pick-up. However, this is the most challenging time for our staff since SAIC does not have control of the street during busy times, so please make sure to pick-up your child within the designated time- within 20 minutes of the end of their camp. Multi-Arts Camp participants need to be dropped off and picked up at 280 South Columbus Drive unless otherwise noted. Middle School Camp participants need to be dropped off and picked up at in front of the building in which their camp is held. Curbside drop-off and pick-up is available at all locations.

Please Note: Strict parking restrictions are enforced in front of 280 South Columbus Drive, 36 South Wabash Avenue, and 37 South Wabash Avenue. Please do not leave your car double parked and unattended for any period of time.

Is there parking available nearby? The School does not have its own parking facilities. The 55 East Monroe Garage and the Millennium Park Garage, accessible from Columbus Drive between Monroe and Randolph Streets, are the closest garages to our camp locations. There are also a limited number of parking meters located on Columbus Drive south of Jackson Boulevard.

Please Note: The school does not have any validation agreements with surrounding parking facilities.

Can my child leave at the end of the day by him or herself? All campers are required to stay at camp until the end of each session. The required Consent Form includes Permission for Unescorted Dismissal for Middle School Camp participants.

What if my child is sick or has to miss a few days? Our teachers will accommodate campers who have missed classes but it is not always possible to make up past projects due to time restrictions. Please notify your child's instructor if you know ahead of time that your child will miss camp. We are unable to pro-rate fees for partial attendance.

How and when do I register? Registration dates and procedures can be found on our website: saic.edu/cs

Please Note: Online registration and payment is not currently available.

Is financial aid available? Limited need-based aid is available on a first come, first served basis. Applicants must submit a completed financial assistance form, financial aid documentation, a completed registration form, and a \$50 tuition deposit. Financial aid deadlines can be found at saic.edu/cs.

Can I use tuition remission if I am an AIC/SAIC staff or faculty member? Yes. Each child is eligible for up to 3 credits of tuition remission. One full-day one week of camp equates to 1 credit per child. Employee Tuition Remission forms are due at the time of registration. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to Human Resources at 312.629.3379 or hrrecords@artic.edu.

What is the cost of Family Camp? Family camps are priced per participant. A half day, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., is \$212.50 per participant; a full day, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m and 1:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m., is \$425. An adult 18 years of age or older must accompany enrolled children.

What should my child bring to camp? All art supplies are provided. Occasionally your child will be asked to bring found objects and recyclables from home. Since our campers experiment with a wide variety of materials, you may want to send an oversized t-shirt or smock to protect clothing. Art classes can be messy!

What about breaks? Mid-morning and mid-afternoon 15-minute supervised break periods are scheduled each day. Campers should bring non-refrigerated snacks to eat during break time.

Please Note: No peanuts or foods with peanuts in them are permitted due to allergy-sensitive children.

What about lunch? All day campers need to bring a non-refrigerated bag lunch. Students are supervised by SAIC Camp Assistants during their lunch break from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunches take place in the classroom or in the café facility in our buildings. The Sharp and Columbus Drive buildings include cafés serving hot meals available for purchase.

Can I contact my child during camp hours? In an emergency, please contact 312.629.6170. Our administrative staff members will locate your child and relay a message. Students will be allowed to use their personal cell phones only in an emergency or during breaks.

How do I contact the instructor if I need to pick my child up early? Contact our office at 312.629.6170 and our administrative staff will contact the Associate Director or Camp Coordinator to relay the message to instructional staff. Our staff will escort your child to the front door to be picked up.

What will my child be doing in camp? Multi-Arts Camps are a blend of 2D and 3D projects that are interdisciplinary in nature that extend to various media, including painting, drawing, collage,

sculpture, and printmaking. Since we allow our instructors flexibility in their curriculum, projects vary from week to week. Middle School Camps have a specific curriculum that is designed to give students a fundamental knowledge of the principles related to each discipline.

Does my child's ID grant our family free admission to the Museum? No. The ID is limited to free admission for your child only. However, it presents a great opportunity to purchase a membership so others in the family have access to the museum as well.

Are there make up days if my child is absent? No, but our instructors are more than happy to go over missing content with your child in the event they are able to complete portions of the project at home.

Are we allowed to stay in the class with our child? Parents may visit classes for the first and last ten minutes of the session to establish comfort with the instructor, but we prefer that no parents are present during instructional time unless medical reasons warrant. If helpful, we can have security issue you a temporary ID so you can reside comfortably in our café until classes have ended. We ask parents that do stay in the café to eat separately during breaks/lunch for the safety of all students.