

## **INSPIRE SUMMER CAMP POLICIES**

### **Our learning environment & classroom management**

At Inspire, we've put a lot of thought into the projects we do with your children. We also put thought into the environment we want the children to enjoy during the day, and what they'll learn. Every camp has the following learning goals:

- Make art
- Make friends
- Discover their potential by exploring the world

### **The process, not the product**

When children learn social skills and world navigation, they succeed in school. So, we encourage students to do the following, which is part of the Growth Mindset school of learning and also aligns with Americans for the Arts:

Learn, lead, care, accept help, try again and most of all, FAIL FORWARD—Failure is evidence that students are trying, that they're invested and taking risks. So, we LOVE failure! Each time they feel disappointed with their project, we coach them through it. And they try again until THEY are ready to move on. Ask your kids, "What was your favorite fail today?"

### **A healthy, safe environment**

Research shows that most kids in the U.S. have been through or are going through some kind of trauma. So, we try and create a safe environment, where kids can be kids. When kids act out, our first step is to take a restorative approach, by asking "what will make this right?" Usually, an apology will cover it. However, there are sometimes more serious issues. Then, we apply a safety lens: Is what the child doing safe to themselves or others? We cannot tolerate the following:

Threats, abusive, or hostile language  
Disruptive or confrontational behavior  
Physical harm to self or others  
Leaving the group  
Destruction or theft

If a child acts out in these ways, we may send them home for the day or week,

depending on the behavior. If they are removed for these reasons, we do not offer refunds.

### **Privacy**

Art brings out things and sharing is an important part of the artmaking process. Sometimes kids share those stories you really wish they wouldn't. We've heard most of it. Children share at their discretion. If we hear of anything that would indicate that your child is in danger, we are required to report it. (But, don't worry. Watching too much TV or overhearing their parents fight is not an indicator! :))

### **Pictures**

We take pictures so that we can show the scholarship donors and other funders the magic that is happening in the classroom. Occasionally, we'll include these in marketing material. We don't post pictures of children on Facebook unless it's a public event.

### **Your Teachers**

Cynthia Treviño – Cynthia is an artist / educator from San Antonio. She has been an art teacher for over 12 years and has taught children of all ages. She is also a photographer and enjoys creating collages and ceramics. Cynthia is happy to be in her hometown and share her passion for art with the community.

Stacy Berlfein – Stacy is an artist and teacher who enjoys working with students of all ages to encourage their creativity while teaching a variety of technical art-making skills. She is originally from southern California, grew up in north Texas and has lived in San Antonio since 2004. She has been teaching adults and children for over ten years and has exhibited artwork locally throughout town.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is the schedule for camp?**

Camps run from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

8:00 - 8:45 AM	Before-care (additional fee applies)
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Camper drop-off
9:00 AM	Camp begins
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Camper pick-up
3:00 – 4:00 PM	After-care (additional fee applies).

Students will need to be picked up by 4:00, please.

**Will students eat lunch during camp?**

Yes, lunch is from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. Campers will bring their own lunches, water bottles and snacks. We have a refrigerator and microwave available however it is best if children bring insulated lunch bags.

**What times do before-care and after-care run?**

Before-care runs from 8:00 – 9:00 AM each day of camp. After-care runs from 3:00 – 4:00 PM each day of camp. The fee of \$15 per day covers both before-care and after-care. Please note that before & after-care will consist of board games and outside activities.

**What should my camper wear and bring to Inspire for camp?**

We'll be making artful messes each day, so they should wear clothes that can get dirty! Please apply sunscreen before camp. We'll have outside time each day if the weather permits.

Please bring:

Lunch

A change of clothing

Reusable water bottle

Snacks

Please do NOT bring:

Candy and soda

Toys

Personal electronics

Valuable items

**What is your cell phone policy for camps?**

Campers are not permitted to use their cell phones during camp. However, they may keep them during the day in a backpack if it brings comfort to them. If you need to reach your camper during the day, please call us at (210) 829-5592.

**What if my camper is sick?**

If your child can't make it because they are not feeling well, please let us know by phone or email.

Campers must stay home if they are showing symptoms of illness or when they're feeling too poorly to participate. If your child is diagnosed with any of the following during camp, please let us know:

Strep throat

Flu  
Chicken pox  
Pink eye  
Measles  
Mumps  
Lice  
Any other communicable illness or condition

If a child becomes ill at camp, we will ask they be picked up by the parent or caregiver. Campers must be free of fever or other symptoms for 24 hours before returning to camp. Please administer any daily medication before or after camp. We do not administer medications.

### **What is the camp refund policy?**

Cancellations by Inspire - When camp enrollment is below the minimum, we will cancel three days prior to the first day of the camp session and contact registrants with two options:

- The student may transfer to another camp session.
- The student may receive a full refund.

Cancellations by the Registrant -

- You will receive a 100% refund minus \$15 administrative fee if you drop a camp at least 7 days before it starts.
- You will receive a 50% refund minus \$15 administrative fee if you drop a camp after this point but before the first day of camp.
- There are no refunds the first day of camp or later.

Transfers -

- If you transfer from one camp session to another at least 7 days before the starting date there is no administrative fee. Otherwise an administrative fee will be charged.
- In the event that Inspire has to cancel a camp session due to teacher absence, inclement weather, or other factor, we will transfer the student to another camp session.

- Make-up camp sessions for student absences are not offered.

**We are happy to answer any additional questions you may have:  
[info@inspirefineartcenter.org](mailto:info@inspirefineartcenter.org).**