

# HEY PARENTS!

First of all, **THANK YOU!** Thank you for investing in your child's creative well-being by signing them up for Summer Art Camp. We take great care and planning in our summer camps and are so glad that you have chosen to be a part of it all. We believe the arts are for everyone and always try our best to make our programs exciting and as accessible as possible. We're excited to spend the summer with y'all!

It means so much that you trust your kiddo with us, our programming staff, instructors, volunteers, and our ability to provide valuable of arts entertainment and education in their lives. That is not a responsibility that we take lightly, so to ensure the safety and mindfulness of everyone at camp, please fill out our Registration forms (they should be emailed to you shortly after online registration) so that our staff is aware of any information relevant to your child's physical or emotional safety (including medications, allergies, dietary restrictions, treatment plans, behavioral concerns, limitations, etc). If there is any information you feel we should be aware of, please don't hesitate to contact us directly at 828-652-8610 or [mcdowellarts@gmail.com](mailto:mcdowellarts@gmail.com).

## **Where do art camps take place?**

McDowell Arts Council (MACA)

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In some art camps, we will take short field trips outside to collect supplies or as part of a project. We will always give you a heads up if we plan to leave the building.

## **Who are y'all?**

Hi! McDowell Arts Council has 2 full-time staff members, your go-to folks during Art Camp:

Susan Pyatt-Baker, Executive Director

Anna Branam, Programs Director

## **Guest Instructors for Summer Art Camps:**

Cindy Biggerstaff, Paint the Town Jr., Portraiture Camp, Paint Your Pet

Nora Mosrie, Clay Camp Sessions I & II

Rebekah Holbrook, Dance Camp

Susan Pyatt-Baker, Sew What!, Wild-Crafting

Summer Theatre Camp: Susan Pyatt-Baker (Director), Anna Branam (Production and Costumes), Marcie Emery (Choreography)

# HEY ART CAMPERS!

Welcome to MACA Art Camp! We are going to have an awesome summer. MACA is short for McDowell Arts Council Association, but we go by MACA for short. MACA is a crazy place in the summer time: we have a different camp every week, overlapping with our Summer Children's Theatre production, concerts, film events, community theatre rehearsals, civic tours, and more. While we are busy, we will never be too busy for you! We never want you to feel overwhelmed or that you can't approach us for any questions or concerns you might have. We are here for you to have a great time at Camp so feel free to stop in and meet us prior to your camp week or at any time during camp. We're here for you!

We will do our best to make sure you have a great time and we ask that you do the same for us. We are pretty easy going, but if your behavior interrupts art camp projects, other camper's ability to focus or enjoy their day, and/or if your actions are dangerous to yourself or others, we'll have to contact your parent or guardian to take you home for that day or even for the rest of camp week. Nobody wants for that to happen, so just be cool. Cool? Cool.

## HEY ART CAMPERS + PARENTS!

- There is no dress code for Summer Camp, wear what makes you comfy!
- For painting camps, we encourage you to wear play clothes or bring a smock.
- If you are registered for Dance Camp, please wear something light and movable, dance shoes are not required.

## CAMP COSTS + SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

When you register for summer camps, you aren't just paying for your child to attend camp. Your registration fees help to sponsor other children in our community who could not attend camp otherwise. We aim to minimize any barriers that may prevent a child from accessing arts programming here in McDowell.

We pay all of our Summer Camp instructors. The reason that our minimum number of sign-ups for any camp is 5 campers is because that is the direct cost of paying our teachers for 5 days of prep, planning, instruction, organization, presentation, post-camp wrap up, etc. Registration fees beyond that help off-set the cost of snacks, supplies, staffing, lunch for our volunteers, and other things that inevitably pop-up. Your registration sure is doing a whole lot of good by helping us pay artists in our community for their work/instruction and by sponsoring campers attending on scholarship.

Full and partial scholarships are need-based. We limit approved full scholarships to one per camper per summer as a courtesy to all campers and to avoid wait-lists. We never want a child not be able to access summer camp due to financial hardships. Just give us (Susan or Anna at MACA) a call and we'll work with y'all 828-652-8610. No child will ever receive less of an art camp experience because they are attending on scholarship. No other camper, volunteer, or even the instructors will be aware of your scholarship status.

## THE LEGAL STUFF

- During Art Camp we take photos and videos of camp activities to be used by McDowell Arts Council for promotion and for the enjoyment of parents. We send these out via email to you (parents), post them on social media (Facebook, Instagram, our website, ads, etc.) but we completely understand if you are not comfortable with this. Please just indicate on your child's Summer Camp Registration Form if you would prefer that we don't publically post photos or videos of your child.
- Safety of your child is our priority and we are committed to providing the best communication, awareness, and services necessary to prevent accidents or detrimental experiences to you or your child's physical, psychological, or emotional well-being. Our staff have been equipped with basic first-aid supplies and training (minor cuts, bruises, etc) but rely upon local emergency response for any incident that occurs on MACA property. In the event of an emergency we will contact both 911 and yourself immediately. By registering your child for Summer Art Camp you release McDowell Arts Council from any claim or liability that results in injury to you or your child's person or personal property.

- By registering your child for Summer Art Camp, you consent to all MACA policies, procedures, and releases outlined in this document.