



Summer Arts Adventures is bigger and better in 2026, with weekly, all-day programs for kids ages **5–12**. **Every day is packed with awesome activities that let you imagine, experiment, and create—while having tons of fun!**

Kids will get to try lots of different kinds of art, including **book arts, clay, cartooning, drawing and painting, fiber arts and sewing, photography, printmaking, and sculpture**. Every day includes a mix of studio time, structured play, games, outdoor activities, and field trips—plus plenty of time to make new friends and enjoy creative play together. A sample of the daily schedule is below.

Communication with parents and caregivers is conducted primarily via email. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. We always welcome your feedback.

We look forward to a great summer at Creative Arts Workshop!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Simpson
Interim Director
(203) 562-4927

Contacting us while your child is at Art Adventures:

call Astrid Bernard, Deputy Director at (203) 562-4927 or email Abernard@creativeartsworkshop.org

Registration

Refund Policy

- All refund requests must be in writing via email to registrar@creativeartsworkshop.org.
- Refund requests prior to March 31 will be refunded 100% to the original form of payment less a \$50 cancellation fee. **There are no refunds after April 1.**
- There are no refunds for missed days.

Financial Assistance

We strive to make our programs accessible to all. Please complete a [financial assistance application](#) to be considered for an award of up to 60% off the standard tuition. This application serves as your registration.

Ages

Our program is designed for students ages 5–12. If you're unsure whether your 5-year-old would be a good fit, please note that the program is best suited for children who have the stamina for a full day, are comfortable working in group settings, and can use the restroom independently. We strive to maintain a low student-to-teacher ratio to ensure a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for every child.

After Care

Weekly After Care is available from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm for \$90 / week. Parents must sign up for the whole week. We will not issue refunds for days missed.

Daily camp checklist:

Backpack with:

- Nut-free lunch & snacks in an insulated bag if necessary
- Water bottle labeled with your child's name
- Change of clothes in a labeled plastic bag

Wear closed-toe shoes (no flip flops or slides)

Dress for a mess and for the weather!

Camper NAME on everything!
Especially on sweatshirts, hats, and water bottle.

What to Bring & Wear!

Lunch and Water Bottle - CAW IS A NUT FREE ORGANIZATION

- Please pack a **nut-free** lunch and snacks, as well as a water bottle every day.
- **Lunch is not refrigerated.** Please use an insulated lunch bag and an ice pack if necessary.
- Microwave ovens are not available.
- **If your child has an allergy that could be triggered** by being in the presence of a specific food, please contact us so we can discuss how to best provide for your child.

Clothing

- Wear clothes and shoes that can get clay, paint, or other messes on them.
- Layer clothing and be prepared to walk in rainy weather.
- Wear closed-toe shoes or sneakers only! NO Flip Flops.
- We recommend that parents apply an all-day, waterproof sunscreen and / or bug spray to their child at home in the morning. Staff are not allowed to apply sunscreen or bug spray.

Do Not Bring!

- Video games, personal music players, cell phones, or other electronic devices.

Arrival and Dismissal

Art adventurers must be dropped off & picked up according to the camp schedule.

- At arrival and dismissal, please come to CAW to drop-off and pick up your child.
- Parents / Guardians are required to sign their child in and out every day.
- If you need to park your car, please allow plenty of time to arrive and park.
- Please list all authorized individuals who may pick up your child in the online registration form.
We cannot release your child without this permission on file.

Arrival: 8:45 to 9:00 am

- Students may not be dropped off before 8:45 am.
- After 9 am, please walk your child into the building so a member of staff can bring your child to their group.

Dismissal: 4:00 pm

- A fee may be assessed for late pick ups. Please communicate with a member of staff in case of an emergency.

Important Reminders

- Photo ID may be requested.
- Children are released **only** to authorized individuals.
- Late pickups may result in additional fees.
- Please follow staff instructions during dismissal.

Typical Day at Summer Art Adventures

- Hands-on projects throughout the week in CAW's fully-equipped art studios
- Activities include a mix of studio time, structured play, games, outdoor activities, and field trips- time for snack, lunch, structured play, and creative time.

THEME: Art Around the World	Group 1: Drawing & Painting Studio Ages 8 - 12
9am - 9:15am	Check-in, Arrive at Homeroom Free Time to Draw or Sketch
9:20 - 10:30am	<u>Studio:</u> Bookmaking Learn how to make your own sketchbook.
10:30 - 10:45am	Snack
10:45 - 12:10pm	<u>Art Investigation:</u> Students learn about different cultures and the wide variety of art created around the world. In small groups, students plan a large-scale sculpture based on a specific region of the world.
12:10 - 1pm	Lunch / Structured Games / Free time to Draw
1 - 2pm	Farmington Canal Walk & Sketching Outside
2pm - 3:45pm	<u>Studio:</u> Sculpture Techniques Students create small versions of their sculptures using recycled materials and papier mache.
3:45pm - 4pm	Clean Up / Transition for Dismissal

Teaching Artists

Maria Borrelli works in collage and abstract painting. Her art classes for children promote working with diverse materials and exploration. She has a BFA from Paier College and Her work has been included in shows in Connecticut, New York and Missouri.

Kate Henderson is a multi-media artist working in painting and printmaking. Her work uses color, rhythm, and gesture to create visual pathways that encourage experiential looking. She teaches art at Quinnipiac University, Creative Arts Workshop, and the Center for Contemporary Printmaking. She holds an MFA from Yale University and exhibits throughout the area.

Christine Jewell has over 25 years of professional experience and has taught summer camps and workshops for all ages integrating the arts, history, and culture at the Mattatuck Museum, Fairfield Museum, Artsplace, and Westport Continuing Education. Her mixed media work includes bookmaking, fiber arts, and sewing. She has a BFA from SUNY Purchase and an MA from Empire State College, NY. Her work has been shown throughout Connecticut.

Veronica Korneyeva has over 10+ years of experience delivering visual art education in the areas of drawing, painting, and photography. She integrates her work in advertising, digital design, illustration, and photography into her multicultural curriculum. She studied in Ukraine and has degrees in technology and the arts from Crimea College of Fine Art.

Eric March is a painter and draftsman who loves telling stories through pictures of everyday life and city scenes. His work has been shown in galleries and public spaces in New York and New Haven, including two murals downtown.

Aedan O'Brien is a visual artist and art educator who believes deeply in the power of creativity, curiosity, and student choice. As both a practicing artist and a teacher, Aedan creates learning environments that encourage experimentation,

independence, and personal voice. He has a B.F.A. from the University of Hartford and an M.A. from Southern CT State University.

Connie Pfeiffer is a sculptor, metalsmith with over 25 years of teaching experience. Her teaching style provides a strong foundation in the important basics of metal working, while encouraging experimentation and pushing boundaries. She received an MFA from Rochester Institute of Technology and teaches at Creative Arts Workshop, Guilford Art Center, and Wesleyan Potters.

Nellie Shevelkina has taught visual arts in public schools and community centers for more than 25 years in New Haven and Guilford. She has a B.A. in Fine Arts and Education from the Art College of Moldova and has studied at the Textile Institute in Ivanovo, Russia and Parson School of Design in New York. Her teaching goal is to provide students with as much as possible skills to enhance their creativity and enrich their lives with the visual arts.

Nadia Younes is an interdisciplinary artist and educator who works in painting, sculpture, installation, video, and writing. Nadia's practice focuses on exploring materials through play and discovery. She holds an MFA in Painting and Printmaking from the Yale School of Art and a BFA from the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem. Her work has been shown at Perrotin, New York; ZAZ10TS in Times Square; The Study at Yale; and the Ely Center for Contemporary Art.

Health and Safety

In case of cancellations due to extreme weather or emergencies, you will receive an email from CAW. Closings are listed on our [website](#).

All participants must inform CAW of any medical conditions and food allergies, along with the child's physician and emergency contact info, on the registration form.

If there is anything else you feel CAW should know (i.e. behavioral concerns, bathroom breaks, etc.) please contact Astrid Bernard or email registrar@creativeartsworkshop.org.

If your child is not feeling well, please make arrangements for them to stay at home and contact the office to inform us of their absence for the day as soon as possible. If your child becomes ill during the day, then a staff person will call you to pick up your child.

Do not send your child if they have symptoms of illness or rashes that will prevent their full participation. These include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Headache or stomach ache
- Sore throat
- Significant congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Notifications

We will call and notify a parent about any significant injury. In the case of a medical emergency, we will care for your child, call 911, and call a parent/caregiver immediately.

How we treat injuries at camp: Cuts and scrapes are washed with an antiseptic wash and covered with a bandage. If your child comes home with a bandage, please know that the cut may require further cleaning and inspection by a parent. Bumps are treated with ice.

School Climate & Behavior

Creative Arts Workshop supports the Connecticut School Climate Policy to create a safe and positive learning environment where all students thrive. CAW promotes youth development and fosters emotional intelligence and growth so that students can fully engage in the process of making art, taking risks, and working both independently and in collaboration with others.

CAW will not tolerate challenging behavior that negatively impacts school climate or interferes, or is at risk of interfering, with the learning or safety of a student or the safety of an employee.

We ask that parents and caregivers promote a positive environment by setting student expectations to follow the guidelines of Creative Arts Workshop. Teachers and Teacher Assistants will assist with conflicts or disruptions in the program, including problem-solving, alternate activities, or time and space separated from the group. If challenging behavior continues, CAW staff will communicate with the parent / caregiver to address the situation, which may include early pick-up and in extreme cases, asking the parent / caregiver to remove their child from the program for the week and / or remainder of the summer. If your child is removed, there are no refunds.