YA! Summer Camp Workshops

At YA! (Young Adult) Camp, we love working with middle school students and we work hard to find the best instructors and staff to celebrate this age group. We learn by doing here at OCAC, so lectures, memorizing terms and watching work being done is not a part of who we are. YA! campers explore big issues one hour, and have fun and get wild the next hour. YA! campers are picking apart and noticing things around them, and come up with intriguing ideas and thoughts. This is a great time to explore 2D and 3D art workshops, create small group communities and learn to be leaders in camp. These following workshops are dynamic, fun and teach problem solving through art. Whether your middle school student is serious about art and ready for the next step, ready to explore a new activity, or just wants to have fun, YA! Camp is a great way to spend your summer!

3D Printing
Come explore OCAC’s new FabLab with this intro to 3D printing workshop! Campers will develop a graphical representation of a 3D object using design software; safely print an object using a 3D printer and end up at the end of the week with a headful of ideas! Projects are still being developed. This workshop puts middle school students at the heart of digital creative technology!

Altered Fashion + Costume Design
Time to redesign old clothing into something fantastic. Breathe life into an old design! Students will use basic design, alteration, and machine sewing skills to restructure garments into something new. Just GOOGLE Altered T-Shirts and you can see the various ways to rethink your clothing! For those students interested in into costume design, the idea is the same- we will repurpose clothing, use recycled materials and found objects to turn them into fabulous costumes. Plan for Halloween next year, or your own film production!

Carving
Campers use traditional carving tools to create functional or non-functional art objects. Whether it is a spoon, a walking staff, a linoleum block, or a sculpture, campers get to elevate their techniques with wood or plaster or other carving material to create beautiful projects. Students explore the safe use of tools used to remove material to create form. This is an excellent exploration of creating imaginative objects.

Ceramics
Ceramics is a very hands-on workshop! You get to explore with mud, fire it, and keep it forever! We have two different processes that campers focus on in the ceramics class. The first process is learning to work on the wheel in the ceramics studio. Students learn to center the clay and form and build throughout the week. This means campers come away with thrown objects that can be used functionally, or as art pieces. The second process is hand building. Campers make sculptural objects when hand-building- exploring the limitless possibilities of forming clay. All projects are fired and either glazed or painted, so they come away with wonderfully finished pieces.

Comics
Our popular Comics workshop has a drawing foundation with a twist: the campers all produce their own comic strips, which the instructor binds together into one compilation that each camper gets to take home! The campers explore ideas of what they want in their comic, creating story structure, character development, the character’s environment and production of the comic strip. Techniques in basic drawing, learning how to draw with blue pencils, and then filling in with ink so the campers only reproduce the lines they want in their final comic are covered. Built into this class are so many foundational ideas about how to make art well, and how to make art fun. This workshop is outstanding!
**Digital Photo + Photoshop**
Time to explore media arts! Campers use digital cameras to explore the world around them behind a lens. This class offers a current perspective on photography including shooting, digital editing, and printing. Campers learn how to find a dynamic image in the world around them and how to turn this image into an amazing end project. We encourage photographing during the workshop, so the campers can find interesting shots together with the facilitation of the instructor. Other projects explore the use of Photoshop and give students alternative ways to look at imagery. Students need a digital camera for this project.

**Drawing**
Drawing is one of our most pivotal and foundational workshops at Art Adventures. Experienced instructors, who are also professional artists, teach our drawing workshops every summer. Every YA! student is unique and because there is a wide variety of experience and skills in each group, we meet each student where they are. We might focus on line and form, drawing from a wide variety of topics and styles- from life drawing to abstract imagery and how to make an exciting image or mark on paper. Drawing is a necessary tool to help refine all other skills in art. At YA! Camp, this foundation is fun filled, and many projects are completed within the large umbrella of what a drawing could be. Students are invited to question, explore, experiment, and solve problems as they create and interact with art.

**Leatherworks**
Our new Leatherworks workshop is a solid introduction to leather work. We will explore up to 4 projects to using a variety of leathers and hardware. You can modify and create your own patterns as well. This is a fun, experimental workshop that gives you a chance to make a few things out of leather like a cuff, a clutch or a belt you can give as gifts or just wear and enjoy yourself. Set a snap, attach a rivet, install eyelets. The possibilities are endless!

**Metals**
YA! Metals is a wonderful and rare chance for middle school students to explore an ancient medium and the techniques to create small-scale projects such as jewelry, sculpture, functional items and decorative metal pieces. Each Metals Instructor focuses on different techniques to produce wonderful projects. Examples of projects might include wire sculpture and explore how to use line three-dimensionally, cutting flat sheets to create forms that move, surface design and stamping to create literary metal pieces or wearable art, and small scale forming and bending of metal to create jewelry. Every metals class is unique, and offers different skills for campers to explore in the wide field of metals.

**Painting**
Painting workshops focus on color, paint mixing, abstraction, realism, and anything in between! Students in this workshop learn the formal aspects of painting, from organizing the picture plane to mixing colors. Students explore new ways of thinking about space, form, line, texture, and pattern as well as various approaches to applying paint. Projects might include the study of observed subjects, such as the still life and the figure, but they also might include exercises that pull from the imagination or might explore abstraction. Workshops explore substrates, the use paper or canvas, while others use un-stretched canvas. Project outcomes are wonderfully colorful, often whimsical and will make a wonderful addition to any room! What a wonder!

**Photography- Black/White + Holgas**
Most middle schools do not have a darkroom for student to explore photography. YA! Campers will get a chance to explore darkroom processes, black/white photography and image composition using their own SLR cameras, or our Holga “toy” cameras. There has been a revival in the photo industry to use Holga cameras to produce an image unlike any other method in photography. Along with the process of exploring the cameras
abilities, campers also explore analog photography, and produce prints from film in our darkroom. Campers always truly love producing images from film. What a great way to explore photography! We will provide the Holga cameras, and if you have an SLR camera, please bring it.

**Screen-printing + T-shirts**  
Students will learn to coat and expose a screen in the dark room, register your repeat, and make beautiful prints. You will be taken through the basics of screen-printing on both fabric and paper. Campers might explore ways to create a repeated pattern, interlocking into one large image, explore graphic images or experimenting with abstract designs. This workshop is very hands on, and a little messy, just the way campers like their art to be made! Each student makes their own t-shirt design and can share images at the end of the week!

**Sculpture**  
The YA! Sculpture workshop is one of our most expressive, 3D workshops. This workshop is an exploration in working three dimensionally to understand the interaction between form and space. Students explore a variety of fun materials, which might include plaster, paper-mache, wood, wire, found materials, while learning and experiencing ways in which these materials affect the form of a sculpture. Students will investigate line, plane, volume, composition color, scale and balance while creating fabulous imaginative projects. This mixed media workshop is great because it ties in so many materials and so many ideas, that there is always something new and exciting for the campers to explore.

**Sketchbooking**  
Sketchbooking is the awesome exploration and experimentation of drawing, ideas, play, coloring, and painting. Come fill your own hand-made sketchbook that you craft with drawing projects, handlettering techniques, watercolors, comic drawing, and collage. Sketchbooks are the way to plan for potential bigger projects and a way to capture inspiration. A great tool for an artist portfolio, a journal or just the pleasure of mapping our your life visually.

**Stop Motion Video**  
Our new Stop Motion Video workshop functions as a collaborative exploration of a stop motion film. Think *Nightmare Before Christmas, Wallace and Grommit, Coraline, or The Fatastic Mr. Fox*. Come learn first hand how to shoot, animate and edit a stop motion movie using digital technology. Creative teamwork, exploring the digital lab and finessing a final project will round out this amazing workshop. Students will leave with a DVD of the finished project and skills to continue filmmaking on their own! Students need access to a camera that can take video and still images.

**Tye Dye/Textiles**  
Using traditional methods of shibori, campers create a resist on fabric, and then explore the ways that dye and fabric come together to create wonderful, abstract patterns. In our most popular medium, campers can create t-shirts, bags, or tapestries with their tie-dye methods, always resulting in fantastic products!

**Wood:**  
Our YA! Wood workshop utilizes wood techniques, experimentation with wood and discovery of wood skills all facilitated by experienced instructors. With 3D projects that have a functional, play, or aesthetic focus, our wood workshop helps every student feel successful. Projects in the past have included small furniture, carving kitchen utensils, sculptures, building boxes, self portraits in wood, and many more. YA! students learn each step in building a wood structure or project. Students get to explore their creativity with wood in many ways, including basic sawing, gluing, nail work, sanding, finishing, and general construction. Our wood workshop is a lively and creative workshop that YA! campers enjoy.