

CAMP CONTEMPORARY

Parent/Guardian Handbook | Summer 2026

Thank you for supporting Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center (OCAC) and enrolling your child(ren) in Camp Contemporary! Please review the information provided to ensure that your camper(s) will have the best possible experience. We look forward to a week of exploring contemporary art through experimentation, discovery, and artmaking! For additional information and/or questions, call us at 405.951.0000 or email camp@okcontemp.org.

Oklahoma Contemporary

11 NW 11th St., Oklahoma City, OK
73103 405.951.0000

The Studios Building

2 NW 11th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73103
405.493.9087

Camp Contemporary Hours

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Monday–Friday

Education Department Staff

Christine Gibson, Director of Education
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Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kau'i Kanahale, Manager of Youth Programs and Engagement
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Paige Busick, Coordinator of Education
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Camper Checklist

- Packed lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Closed-toe shoes
- Sunscreen and/or bug spray (applied before arrival at camp)
- Clothes that can get dirty (art camp is often messy)
- Light jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt (studios can get chilly)

Studio Spaces

Camps will be held on multiple levels in our Main Building and The Studios building. Your camper's assigned studio is listed in the camp description on our website and will also be confirmed with guardians at check-in.

Check-in | 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Monday

Camp check-in is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Monday morning only. Check-in will take place in the Main Building in the Lobby. Guardians must accompany camper(s) on the first day to check-in. To ensure the

safety of campers, guardians will be assigned a Pick Up Code. Guardians will use this code daily to check out their camper.

Pick Up | 3-3:30 p.m. | Monday-Thursday

You may pick up your camper anytime between 3:00-3:30 p.m. Guardians must park in the OCAC parking lot, come inside the building, then go to their camper's assigned studio. OCAC staff members will be available to help you find your camper's studio. When you arrive at the studio, guardians will be asked to provide their camper's unique Pick Up Code to a camp staff member. Camp officially concludes at 3:30 p.m. each day. Parents/guardians of non-enrolled Collective Care campers picking up after 3:30 p.m. will be promptly called by an OCAC staff member to come collect their camper.

Pick Up Code

On Monday morning, each camper is assigned a unique Pick Up Code. This code is given to the guardian who signs the child in on Monday morning. Each day, all campers and teaching artists will be in their assigned studio at 3:00 p.m. for end-of-day pickup. Camp officially concludes at 3:30 p.m. each day. Guardians must provide the assigned Pick Up Code to take their child out of camp. No child is allowed to leave the building without the assigned Pick Up Code. Any discrepancy will be handled by OCAC staff at the Front Desk.

Drop off | 9:15-9:30 a.m. | Tuesday-Friday (campers not enrolled in Collective Care)

Drop off is Tuesday-Friday from 9:15-9:30 a.m. Parents/guardians must park and walk their camper into the building and to the studio each morning. You may NOT drop off your camper before 9:15 a.m. Starting at 9:15 a.m. an OCAC staff member will be outside to welcome your camper. Please double check that your campers have all their belongings before dropping off. This includes having coats, lunches, and other personal belongings ready to go. Camp officially starts at 9:30 a.m. each day.

Collective Care

Collective Care is an optional service that provides childcare before and after normal camp hours. Monitored by youth program assistants, Collective Care campers will have the option to play board games, create small art projects, read books, or watch age-appropriate television.

Collective Care Hours

8:30-9:30 a.m. | Tues.-Fri.

3:30-5:30 p.m. | Mon.-
Thurs.

Cost: \$75 per camper/per week

- Collective Care is limited to 30 campers per week.
- Families are encouraged to purchase the Collective Care service at the time of camp registration to secure their spot.
- Campers arriving before 8:30 a.m. will not be permitted into the building.
- Collective Care parents/guardians must park and walk their camper into the building and to the studio each morning. As well as park and come into the building to pick up their camper each afternoon.
- Monday morning camper check-in is not considered part of the Collective Care program.
- There is no p.m. Collective Care on Friday (3:30-5:30 p.m.). Camp concludes after the Camp Contemporary Showcase.

Late Check In and Early Pick Up

Notify us if your camper is going to be absent or arriving after 9:30 a.m. Any person picking up or dropping off after 9:30 a.m. or before 3:00 p.m. will need to sign in/out at the front desk with your camper's Pick Up Code. A staff member will escort your camper to the front desk/their studio. Please keep in mind that some camps are held in The Studios building. If you plan to pick up your camper outside of regular camp pick-up times, it may take up to 15 minutes to collect your camper.

Camp Contemporary Showcase | 3:30 p.m. | Friday

This is your camper's time to shine! The Camp Contemporary Showcase will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday in your camper's assigned studio. Families must park and come into the building. OCAC staff will be stationed around the buildings and can help with any questions you may have. The showcase lasts approximately 30 minutes. All artworks must be taken home at that time. Camp concludes after the showcase.

Lunch | Recess | Snack

- Parents/guardians must provide a packed lunch and refillable water bottle each day.
- No microwaveable lunches, refrigerated items, or sodas.
- Parents/guardians are not allowed to eat lunch with their camper as this can be disruptive.
- Recess will be held on Oklahoma Contemporary's North Lawn, which is a large fenced-in outdoor space. Please put sunscreen on your camper before they arrive at camp.
- If there's inclement weather, recess will be held in their assigned studios, where campers will play board games or watch age-appropriate television.
- Oklahoma Contemporary provides one healthy snack per day — see snack menus below. If you choose, you're welcome to send additional/different snacks with your camper.

Camp Contemporary Snack Menu

- Monday | Goldfish
- Tuesday | Fruit Snacks
- Wednesday | Veggie Straws
- Thursday | GoGo SqueeZ Applesauce
- Friday | SkinnyPop Popcorn

Teen Intensive Classes (Ages 13-15)

Our weeklong Teen Intensive Classes offer a focused, immersive experience for artists 13–15 years old. These classes provide in-depth exploration and skill-building, helping young artists expand their creative practice.

Program Details

- **Class hours:** 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Friday
- **Lunch:** Students eat lunch at 12 p.m. and should bring a packed lunch each day
- **Check-in/pick-up:** Teen Intensive students report directly to their assigned studio each day. They do not participate in Monday morning check-in, and pick-up codes are not issued.
- **Collective Care:** Teen Intensive students are not eligible for Collective Care.
- **Showcase:** The Teen Intensive Art Show will be on Friday at 3:30 p.m., and the class will conclude immediately following the show.
- **Additional guidelines:** Unless otherwise noted, Teen Intensive students follow all other Camp

Contemporary guidelines, including behavior, personal property, safety, cancellation, and refund policies.

Teaching Artists and Youth Program Assistants

Oklahoma Contemporary teaching artists are professional working artists and/or educators with years of experience and education in their fields. Background checks are conducted on all OCAC staff, teaching artists, and youth program assistants before they can work with students. No person who has been convicted of any type of child abuse (physical, emotional, or sexual) will be eligible for hire by Oklahoma Contemporary. To maintain a safe environment, a youth program assistant is assigned to each camp. Youth program assistants are responsible for aiding the campers and teaching artists.

Cancellation Policy

Oklahoma Contemporary reserves the right to cancel any camp that does not meet minimum registration. If a cancellation is made, a refund will be automatically issued to the original form of payment. If a camp is canceled, an OCAC representative will contact the guardian via phone or email the Wednesday before the camp was set to start.

Waitlist

Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to be wait-listed for a sold-out camp. If a camp spot becomes available, you will be contacted via email with a link for that specific camp. Camp spots are first-come, first-served for those contacted, and are non-refundable. Waitlisted camps will not be sold over the phone or in person.

Refund Policy

- If you would like to request a camp refund, a Camp Refund Request Form must be submitted more than 10 business days prior to the first day of camp to receive said refund. Each refund request will be reviewed within 48 hours, and the submitter will be contacted via email on the eligibility of their request.
- To request multiple refunds, a Camp Refund Request Form must be submitted per camper per camp and Collective Care enrollment.
- A \$30 processing fee will be implemented per camp and Collective Care enrollment for all refunds.
- A full refund (100%), minus a \$30 processing fee per camp and Collective Care enrollment, will be issued if a Camp Refund Request Form is completed more than 10 business days before the first day of camp.
- No refund (0%) will be issued if requested 10 or fewer business days before the first day of camp.
- Those ineligible for a refund may request an acknowledgment of a tax-deductible contribution in the amount of the unused tuition. Requests for a tax acknowledgement letter can also be made using the Camp Refund Request Form.

Transfers and Missed Day

- Transfers to another camp are not permitted.
- Missed days due to sickness or personal circumstances are not eligible for a refund or transfer.

Personal Property

Oklahoma Contemporary is not responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of personal items. Campers should not bring valuable items or personal toys to camp. We discourage bringing any electronic devices to camp. The use of these items will NOT be allowed during class time unless a camp has specified the

item for use in the camp description. Personal devices and cell phones will only be allowed for use during lunch and recess. Failure to follow these rules will result in the confiscation of the item by a camp staff member and held for the remainder of the day.

Lost and Found

All artwork and personal property must be taken home at the conclusion of camp. Items left behind will be placed in Lost and Found. If you've lost an item, ask the Front Desk staff member for assistance and they will check the Lost and Found. Lost and Found items will remain there for two weeks. After that time, they will be donated or discarded.

Behavior and Discipline

- Campers should be comfortable without their parent/guardian present.
- Campers must be able to use the restroom without assistance.
- We want your camper to have the best possible experience! If your camper requires any behavioral or modified guidance, please contact the Manager of Youth Program and Engagement, Kau'i Kanahale at kkanahale@okcontemp.org or 405.951.0000 before the start of camp.
- Any disruptive or violent behavior will not be tolerated on Oklahoma Contemporary's property and will result in immediate removal from camp.
- Oklahoma Contemporary reserves the right to dismiss any student(s) from camp who they believe is not adhering to the guidelines set in place.
- There is no tuition refund for campers who are dismissed from camp.

Two-Adult Rule

The goal is to have two adults always present with students at all times. In the event that any OCAC staff member, teaching artist, youth program assistant is alone with a camper, they shall be in a location where others can see them, and the door shall always remain open.

Third-Party Harassment

Oklahoma Contemporary is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all employees, free from any form of harassment, including harassment by third parties. We take any reports of third-party harassment seriously and will take appropriate action to prevent and address such conduct. Examples of third-party harassment include:

- Unwelcome comments or conduct based on an individual's race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or other protected status.
- Physical actions, such as inappropriate touching or threats, by a non-employee.
- Offensive or inappropriate communication, including verbal abuse or online harassment, originating from customers, suppliers, or anyone outside the organization.

Contact

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