

## Camp Contemporary: Summer Break 2026

Our weeklong camps provide fun and creative studio experiences for 5- to 12-year-olds. Each camp is created by local teaching artists and arts educators. From painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics and performance, experienced art educators facilitate camps inspired by contemporary art and the exhibitions on view at Oklahoma Contemporary.

### Camp Contemporary Scholarships

Oklahoma Contemporary is grateful for the support of our sponsors, who are committed to advancing arts programs that foster critical thinking, experimentation, communication and collaboration in learning. Camp Contemporary scholarships help ensure that the arts remain accessible to youth from all socioeconomic backgrounds. The scholarship application can be found on the Camp Contemporary website page. Qualifying families are selected based on several factors, including household income and number of individuals living in the home full-time. Scholarship recipients will be notified via email no later than two weeks prior to the start of their selected camp session.

### Collective Care

Collective Care is an optional service that provides childcare before and after regular camp hours and is specifically for ages 5-12. 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 is limited to 25 campers per week at this time and is encouraged to be purchased at the time of camp registration.

### Teen Intensive Classes

Our weeklong teen classes offer a focused, immersive experience for artists 13-to-15-year olds. The Teen Intensive Classes provide in-depth exploration and skill-building, helping young artists expand their creative practice. Teen Intensive Classes will run Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Collective Care will not be available for teen students, and Pick-Up Codes will not be issued to families. The Teen Intensive Art Show will be on Fridays at 3:30 p.m., and the class will conclude immediately following the show.

### Summer Break | June 1-Aug. 7, 2026

Advance Membership registration opens | 10 a.m. March 23, 2026

Member registration opens | 10 a.m. March 25, 2026

General registration opens | 10 a.m. March 30, 2026

*Camp and Collective Care registration closes one week in advance to the start of each camp week.*

Camp | \$260 per camp

Hours | Monday–Friday | 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Collective Care | \$75 per week

Hours | Monday–Friday | 8:30–9:30 a.m. and Monday–Thursday | 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Week 1 | June 1-5

**Ages 5-6 | *Rainbow Wonderland* | BC Summers | \$260**

**Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

In this colorful, hands-on camp, little artists will team up to build their very own rainbow wonderland using fun materials like soft fabric, squishy yarn and vibrant paint. They'll twist, glue, layer and decorate as their imaginations turn the room into a dazzling world of color! The fun doesn't stop there! Campers will design their own swirling, sparkling kaleidoscopes, explore the magic of photography, and experiment with real prisms to see rainbows dance across the room. It's a week full of color, creativity and wow-worthy discoveries!

**Ages 7-9 | *STEAM Studio* | Erica Nkechi | \$260**

**Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

In this action-packed camp, campers will discover how artists use real STEAM concepts — like geometry, balance, structure, physics and problem-solving — to create incredible art that *moves*! From spinning sculptures to gravity-defying builds, kids will design, test, tweak and invent their way through exciting hands-on challenges. This is a place for curious minds who love to build, experiment and think outside the box. Campers will sketch ideas, construct prototypes and explore how creativity and engineering work together to bring imaginative ideas to life. On Friday, family and friends are invited to the Camp Contemporary Showcase, where all the mind-blowing inventions will be on display and in motion!

**Ages 7-9 | *Move & Groove Hip Hop* | Paige Fischer | \$260**

**Main Building | Christian Keese Founders Hall Dance Studio**

Get ready to groove in this high-energy camp! Focused on the exciting world of hip-hop dance, campers will learn fresh moves while also building teamwork, self-expression and confidence. Together with fellow campers, they will learn an awesome choreographed dance that they will perform at Friday's Camp Contemporary Showcase. It's the perfect way to show off new skills, have fun and feel the rhythm together.

**Ages 10-12 | *The Illusion Studio* | Danielle Dodson | \$260**

**Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

In this dynamic camp, campers will dive into the fascinating world of optical illusions. Through drawing, painting and sculpture, they'll discover how artists use perspective, pattern, shading and movement to create images that bend reality and make flat surfaces appear three-dimensional. To finish the week, each camper will design their own optical illusion t-shirt, complete with a heat-transferred image they can wear and show off! It's a week packed with eye-popping designs, creative challenges, and art that truly plays tricks on the mind. Are you ready to see things in a whole new way?

**Ages 10-12 | *Totally Charmed* | Maranda Loughlin | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Flex Studio**

In this creative camp, students will design and make a ceramic charm bracelet featuring handmade charms, each inspired by a thoughtful prompt and painted with a personal symbol that reflects their dreams and interests. They'll also create scrapbook journals filled with collage, written reflections and space to continue journaling long after camp ends. It's a week full of creativity, connection and self-expression — where every charm tells a story.

Week 2 | June 8-12 | deadCenter Film Festival Week

**Ages 5-6 | *Tiny Worlds* | Katelynn Noel Knick | \$260**

**Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

Little artists will dive into the magic of creating their very own miniature worlds! Using fun materials like fabric, clay, cardboard, paint and more, campers will build tiny lands full of imagination. They'll bring their worlds to life by making playful characters, magical creatures and exciting scenes — perfect for arranging, exploring and playing with again and again!

**Ages 5-6 | *Jungle Jam!* | Keri White | \$260**

**Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

Step into the jungle and let your creativity run wild as you explore the vibrant colors, lush textures and incredible creatures of the rainforest. Campers will create amazing art inspired by the beauty of the jungle — think bright, bold colors, original textures and wild animal friends! You'll also dive into imaginative play, bringing your rainforest creations to life in exciting new ways. It's a week full of creativity, adventure and all things wild!

**Ages 7-9 | *A Knights Tale: Costume Design* | Chloe Mullins | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Flex Studio**

Step back in time for a week of knights, dragons and creativity! Campers will design and build their own knights' armor, shields and helmets using papier-mâché and fabric. The adventure continues as campers will work together to draw, sculpt and bring their very own class dragon to life. Dragons beware — here come the knights!

**Ages 7-9 | *Lights, Lines & Action!* | Eisha Ashley | \$260**

**Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

Get ready for a high-energy art adventure! Campers will explore bold colors, fun movement and exciting rhythms as they create glow-in-the-dark masterpieces. Using simple lines, bright neon colors and expressive poses, they'll make art that jumps off the page — then watch it come alive under black light! This camp mixes drawing, music, movement and glowing creativity for an unforgettable, active and colorful experience.

**Ages 10-12 | *Cue the Music: Sound Design* | C.L. McCoy | \$260**

**Main Building | Digital Media Studio**

Taking inspiration from film favorites, campers will expand on the idea of what music can be with this camp dedicated to the wide world of sound. They will explore both the musical and technical aspects of sound design. Together with fellow campers, they will practice listening, finding sounds, and using those sounds to make original music. Additionally, campers will learn how to enhance those sounds using recording, audio editing, and MIDI sequencing. The group will present individual and collaborative music pieces at Friday's Camp Contemporary Showcase.

Week 3 | June 15-19

**Ages 5-6 | *Play & Print!* | Amy Hanson | \$260**

**Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

Get ready to squish, stamp, roll and shine! In this playful camp, kids will explore the magical

world of printmaking with foam printing, Gelli printing and sun-powered cyanotypes. They'll turn simple drawings into colorful prints, layer textures on gel plates using leaves, stencils and everyday objects, and watch sunlight transform their shapes into glowing blue-and-white masterpieces. Each day is full of bright colors, messy fun and hands-on experiments that spark creativity, build confidence and leave campers with a mini gallery of their very own prints.

**Ages 7-9 | Art & Music Moods | Erica Nkechi | \$260**

**Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

Turn up the music and let the creativity flow. Campers will discover how different tunes — classical, lo-fi, blues and more — can spark color, movement and imagination in art. Each project invites experimentation, letting sound guide every brushstroke, doodle, and splash of color. Move with the rhythm, feel the emotion — and watch the artwork come alive with the beat! By the end of the week, campers will take home a collection of art pieces that will blow away family and friends.

**Ages 7-9 | Take Flight: Mask Making | Patrick Riley | \$260**

**Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

Go wild with mask-making! Campers will soar into creativity as they design their own animal- and bird-inspired masks using cardboard, paint, feathers, beads and more. From vibrant parrots to majestic owls, every mask comes to life in colorful, imaginative ways. The fun doesn't stop there — campers will collaborate to build a giant nest big enough to sit in! By the end of the week, family and friends will be amazed by each camper's one-of-a-kind creations. Let your imagination take flight!

**Ages 10-12 | Pottery Throw-Down | Liv Egan | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Kim and Steve Bruno Hand Building Studio**

Get ready to get messy and creative! Campers will spend the week learning how to throw clay on the pottery wheel and shape their very own pots. They'll make a variety of vessels, then pick their favorites to glaze and take home. Along the way, they'll discover how to recycle clay, celebrate happy accidents, and even have a chance to show off their skills in a fun throwing challenge at the end of the week. It's time to throw down and make something amazing!

**Ages 10-12 | OK Digital Drawing | Justin Steir | \$260**

**Main Building | Devon Energy Teen Studio**

We're going digital! Campers will explore the world of digital drawing on iPad Pros, designing unique characters full of personality, stories and style. Inspiration comes from Oklahoma's iconic symbols with a twist — from soaring scissortails and twirling tornadoes to rosebud rocks and the bright blue sky. By the end of the week, campers' creations will be printed, matted and ready to display at home — a vibrant celebration of imagination and Oklahoma creativity!

Week 4 | June 22-26

**Ages 5-6 | Art & Nature Explorers | Katelynn Noel Knick | \$260**

**Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

Get ready for a nature-filled art adventure! Explore contemporary artists and outdoor sculptures, then gather natural materials from around Oklahoma Contemporary for inspiration. In the studio, create nature collages, sculpt with clay and try *plein air* (that's drawing outside in the fresh

air!). Spend the week experimenting with mixed media, discovering new textures, and letting art and nature guide your creativity.

**Ages 5-6 | *Big & Bright Ocean* | Eisha Ashley | \$260**

**Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

Dive into a glowing undersea adventure! In this ocean-themed camp, campers will transform their studio into a luminous underwater world. Using vibrant paints, light effects and mixed media, they'll create glowing jellyfish, radiant coral reefs, and shimmering sea creatures. It's a week of bold color, collaboration and splashy creativity!

**Ages 7-9 | *Spinning Colors* | Ramon Garcia | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Flex Studio**

Hold on tight because things are about to get colorful and dizzying! In this one-of-a-kind camp, campers will use a giant paint spinner to explore color, motion and creativity in the most fun way possible. Watch in awe as gravity and movement turn splashes of paint into swirling masterpieces. By the end of the week, campers will take home a collection of spiraling artworks that will amaze family and friends. Get ready to spin, splatter and let the imagination whirl!

**Ages 7-9 | *Beat Lab: DJ Camp* | Danny Eagle | \$260**

**Main Building | Digital Media Studio**

Ready to drop a beat? At DJ camp, campers will explore the exciting world of music, learning the basics of DJing, from setting up gear to rocking the turntables! They'll discover how DJing shapes hip-hop culture and get hands-on with real equipment, guided by a local pro. By the end of the week, campers will be dropping beats and showing off their skills at the Camp Contemporary Showcase. It's the perfect chance to spin, mix and make this summer unforgettable!

**Ages 10-12 | *Comic Strip Creation* | Jerry Bennett | \$260**

**Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

Get ready to bring your stories to life! In this camp, campers will explore the exciting world of comics, learning how to design fun characters, create dynamic backgrounds and write short stories. They'll also discover the importance of planning their comic layout and how to organize panels to make their stories clean, exciting and easy to follow. By the end of the week, campers will have a fully finished comic strip ready to share with family and friends. It's storytelling, drawing and imagination all rolled into one creative adventure!

**Ages 10-12 | *Clay Creatures & Critters* | Ashlyn Winters | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Kim and Steve Bruno Hand Building Studio**

Jump into a week of clay-making fun with a focus on animals — real, mystical and everything in between! Each day, campers will explore a different theme — think sea-life adventures, magical creatures and more — while learning hand-building techniques to bring their animal creations to life. Before shaping their clay, they'll sketch out their ideas and plan their masterpieces. By week's end, campers will have a miniature clay habitat to showcase at the Camp Contemporary Showcase.

## Week 5 | July 6-10

### **Ages 5-6 | *Magic Clay & Creative Play* | Keri White | \$260**

#### **Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

Let the imagination run wild! In this exciting art camp, little artists will squish, stick and shape clay, popsicle sticks and recycled rolls into colorful animals, silly creatures and magical characters of all kinds. Each day is filled with creative play, messy fun and exciting new ways to explore 3D art. Campers will practice imagining, planning and building their own unique creations — and by the end of the week, they'll have a collection of fantastic artworks to proudly display at home!

### **Ages 5-6 | *Move & Groove: Dance Camp* | Paige Fischer | \$260**

#### **Main Building | Christian Keese Founders Hall Dance Studio**

This camp is for all the little movers and shakers! Campers will try out fun dance styles, invent silly moves, and groove along to awesome music. They'll dance with friends, show off their own choreographed special steps, and at the end of the week, dazzle everyone on stage at the Camp Contemporary Showcase for family and friends. Get ready to wiggle, twirl, jump and have the best week ever!

### **Ages 7-9 | *Felted Bugs & Bees* | Darci Lenker | \$260**

#### **Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

Let's celebrate our tiny, adorable bug friends! In this camp, young artists will use soft, colorful wool to make felt sculptures of ladybugs, butterflies, bees, caterpillars and more! Campers will try both wet- and needle-felting techniques to bring their favorite creepy-crawlies to life. They'll make cute 2D bug drawings, 3D felt bug portraits and a small full-body sculpture complete with fun accessories. It's going to be a buzz-tastic week full of buggy fun!

### **Ages 7-9 | *Shine On! Art Lab* | BC Summers | \$260**

#### **Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

Step into a world where art meets science. Inspired by the exhibition *Anthony McCall: Solid Light*, campers will explore how light creates color, shadows, reflections and movement. Using translucent materials, projections and layered color experiments, they'll design sculptures and immersive artworks that change and sparkle depending on how light interacts with them. Throughout the week, campers will experiment, problem-solve and let their imaginations shine as they create glowing, ever-changing pieces of art. It's a hands-on, mind-blowing camp full of color, creativity and discovery!

### **Ages 10-12 | *Monster Lab: Digital Drawing Camp* | Justin Steir | \$260**

#### **Main Building | Devon Energy Teen Studio**

Grab an iPad Pro and discover the world of monster-making! Campers will learn how to design their own monsters, giving them fun personalities, wild backstories and super-cool powers. They'll explore colors, shapes and digital drawing techniques to bring their creatures to life. By the end of the week, their monsters will be printed, matted and ready to proudly display at home!

### **Ages 13-15 | *Teen Intensive Class | Illustration* | Jerry Bennett | \$290**

#### **The Studios Building | Flex Studio**

This class offers teens the opportunity to study illustration under the guidance of local professional artist Jerry Bennett. Students will learn both traditional and digital illustration techniques while engaging with a variety of formats, including graphic novels, book covers and

picture books. Emphasis will be placed on mastering the artistic process, developing technical skills, and cultivating a personal artistic voice.

## Week 6 | July 13-17

### **Ages 5-6 | *Paint the Town* | Leslie Hensley | \$260**

#### **Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

In this camp, little artists get a playful, paint-filled introduction to the colorful world of street art inspired by downtown Oklahoma City. Together they'll build a miniature city bursting with murals that feature bold shapes, color blocking and stencil techniques influenced by local artists. As they explore the vibrant public art around them, young creators connect creativity to their community and gain the confidence to say, "I can make art like that too!"

### **Ages 7-9 | *Mini-Maker Masters* | Katelynn Noel Knick | \$260**

#### **Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

Get ready to shrink down and create your very own miniature universe! Campers will craft tiny characters, creatures and scenes using clay, recycled materials and all kinds of found objects. They'll explore the art of miniatures and dioramas, learn about size and scale, and discover contemporary artists who make magical small-scale worlds. By the end of camp, each camper will have a miniature world they built, arranged and can play with for years to come!

### **Ages 7-9 | *Giant Puppetry Power* | BC Summers | \$260**

#### **The Studios Building | Flex Studio**

Make giant puppets that dance with the wind and glow with magical light! Campers will sculpt and build using styrofoam, plastic wrap and other fun materials, then bring their creations to life with (safety first!) stilt-walking and wind-dancing techniques. Along the way, they'll explore storytelling, improv theater, procession performance and the art of puppetry, combining sculpture and movement to create puppets that move, shine and spark the imagination!

### **Ages 10-12 | *Purr-fect Stitches: Embroidery Camp* | Dari Lenker | \$260**

#### **Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

Stitch your way into the world of pets. In this embroidery camp, campers will learn fundamental techniques, including transferring sketches to fabric, threading needles and creating detailed stitches. Inspired by cats, dogs, birds and all kinds of furry and feathery friends, they'll bring their designs to life using colorful threads, practicing different stitches to craft their very own pet masterpieces.

### **Ages 10-12 | *Scratching the Surface: Clay Camp* | Liv Egan | \$260**

#### **The Studios Building | Kim and Steve Bruno Hand Building Studio**

Clay is our canvas this week! Campers will design and decorate their very own ceramic plates using fun carving tools and bright, colorful glazes. They'll draw right on the clay, scratch in cool patterns, and experiment with layers of color to make bold, funky designs. By the end of camp, each artist will have a set of amazing plates to take home.

Week 7 | July 20-24

**Ages 5-6 | *Lil' Abstract Artists* | Jenny Elton | \$260**

**Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

Get ready to splash, squish and swirl! In this colorful camp, little artists will explore bright paints, fun shapes and cool textures while making exciting abstract art. They'll mix colors, pour paint, splatter it, squish it and try all kinds of messy, creative techniques. There's no "right" or "wrong" — just big imaginations, brave choices and lots of joyful masterpieces!

**Ages 5-6 | *Sugar Rush* | Danielle Dodson | \$260**

**Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

Does your little artist have a sweet tooth? Then this camp is for them! Campers will explore a variety of materials, including paint, cardboard, tissue paper and more to create large-scale candy-inspired sculptures and vibrant confection-themed masterpieces. It is a joyful celebration of creativity, color and playful design.

**Ages 7-9 | *Soundscape: Creative Sound Design* | C.L. McCoy | \$260**

**Main Building | Digital Media Studio**

Expand the idea of what music can be with this hands-on camp dedicated to the wide world of sound. Explore both the musical and technical aspects of sound design. Together with fellow campers, they will practice listening, finding sounds and using those sounds to make original music. Additionally, they will learn how to enhance those sounds using recording, audio editing and MIDI sequencing. Campers will present individual and collaborative music pieces at Friday's Camp Contemporary Showcase.

**Ages 7-9 | *Faux Foodies* | Keri White | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Flex Studio**

In this camp, campers will transform everyday materials like cardboard, sponges and yarn into realistic (but completely inedible!) sculptures such as detailed sushi rolls, layered hamburgers, cheesy pizza slices and bowls of spaghetti. They'll explore sculptural building techniques, experiment with texture and form, and learn realistic painting methods to bring their food creations to life. By the end of the week, each artist will have a collection of imaginative food art. It's creativity served with a side of silliness!

**Ages 10-12 | *Mythic Masks & Creatures* | Patrick Riley | \$260**

**Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

Get ready for a mask-making marathon! Young sculptors will craft one-of-a-kind masks inspired by dragons, angels, dinosaurs, eagles and more using leather, paint, beads, ribbon and even LED lights to showcase their creativity and personal style. Throughout the week, campers will explore additional masks made from clay, cardboard and mixed materials, each one more unique than the last. This is the ultimate chance to bring your imagination to life.

**Ages 13-15 | *Teen Intensive Class | Pottery Wheel-Throwing* | Dave Stevens | \$290**

**The Studios Building | Kim and Steve Bruno Hand Building Studio**

This teen class will focus on the art of wheel-throwing ceramics. Over the week, students will learn fundamental techniques for throwing and shaping clay, creating a variety of vessels that reflect both skill and personal style. Participants will select their favorite pieces to glaze and finish,

gaining experience in surface decoration and color application. This class offers an immersive environment to develop both skillfulness and artistic confidence in ceramics.

Week 8 | July 27-31

**Ages 5-6 | *Mythical Magic* | Leslie Hensley | \$260**

**Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

Step into a world of dragons, unicorns and magical lands! Tiny artists will explore storytelling through art, designing characters, castles and environments using 3D building and mixed-media techniques. Each day focuses on a different fantasy element, helping campers build imagination, confidence and creative expression. The week ends with a mini “fantasy world” exhibition showcasing their creations.

**Ages 7-9 | *I Can Sculpt That!* | Danielle Dodson | \$260**

**Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

Campers will dive headfirst into the dynamic world of sculpture! They’ll learn to build armatures, shape papier-mâché, and transform their wildest ideas into eye-catching 3D creations. Using a variety of art materials, campers will experiment, explore and watch their quirky and colorful creations come to life over the course of the week. This is an imaginative sculpting adventure not to be missed!

**Ages 7-9 | *Clay-licious Creations* | Ashlyn Winters | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Kim and Steve Bruno Hand Building Studio**

Get ready for a deliciously creative week of clay! During this camp, campers will make all food-inspired creations, from cupcakes and donuts to tiny bowls of pasta and colorful fruit. They’ll learn hand-building techniques to shape, texture and decorate their favorite treats out of clay. By the end of the week, their edible-looking masterpieces will be ready to display in a tasty celebration of creativity!

**Ages 10-12 | *Beat Lab: DJ Camp* | Danny Eagle | \$260**

**Main Building | Digital Media Studio**

Drop the beat! Take DJing skills to the next level at this high-energy camp. This is not basic DJing; here, campers will learn the technical side of the art form, from equipment setups to DJ etiquette, while also exploring how DJing is a key part of hip-hop culture. Campers will get hands-on experience with top-of-the-line gear. On Friday, they will get to show off their fresh skills during the Camp Contemporary Showcase.

**Ages 10-12 | *Building Short Stories* | Jeff Provine | \$260**

**Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

Learn the tips and tricks to become a master storyteller. Campers will explore techniques to grab readers from the very first line and keep them hooked until the very end. They’ll learn to build memorable characters, develop engaging plots, and discover how heroes’ triumph ... or face utter defeat. Using catchy dialogue and vivid sensory descriptions, campers will craft their own stories and refine them through revision and finish the week with a completed short story. By Friday, their words will wield magic all their own!

Week 9 | Aug. 3-7

**Ages 5-6 | *Rock Star Artists* | Leslie Hensley | \$260**

**Main Building | In Honor of Bryan and Kendall Hall Studio Two**

Unleash the inner rock star in this camp! This week will be all about turning your passion for music into epic art. You'll design your own custom guitar, create stellar band posters and participate in rhythm activities that'll have you jamming all week long. Whether you're rocking out with your friends or crafting unique rock-and-roll masterpieces, it's the ultimate chance to let your creativity shine and feel the rhythm of your own style. It's time to make some noise and create art like never before!

**Ages 5-6 | *Art Play House!* | BC Summers | \$260**

**Main Building | Howard Family Charitable Foundation Studio Three**

Inspired by classics like *Pee-Wee's Playhouse* and *Sesame Street*, campers will design and produce their very own children's show! They'll bring it to life with puppet shows, surprise guests, interactive sets, costumes and stop-motion animation, all while weaving in educational content. By the end of the week, their production at the Camp Contemporary Showcase will be bigger, more playful and sillier than anyone could imagine!

**Ages 7-9 | *Cartoon Design Mash-Up* | Danny Gordon | \$260**

**Main Building | Clements Family Studio One**

Campers will create original mash-up characters by combining animals, objects or silly ideas! Through guided drawing activities, students will learn the basics of cartoon character design while building creativity, confidence and storytelling skills. The focus is on imagination and play — no prior drawing experience is needed, just a love for making ideas come to life!

**Ages 7-9 | *Mud Monsters: Clay Camp* | Liv Egan | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Kim and Steve Bruno Hand Building Studio**

Who's ready to get messy? In this camp, campers will turn their wildest doodles into wiggly, squiggly, one-of-a-kind clay creatures. They'll learn ceramic sculpting tricks and glazing techniques. Each day is an adventure in imagination, where creatures grow arms, legs, googly eyes and personalities all their own. By the end of the week, campers will take home several quirky colorful clay "mud monsters"!

**Ages 10-12 | *Sunlight Studio* | Amy Hanson | \$260**

**The Studios Building | Flex Studio**

Campers will explore the magic of sunlight through cyanotypes and solar printing, turning their own nature-inspired designs into vibrant prints on paper, tote bags and even large fabrics for group projects. They'll take short nature walks around Oklahoma Contemporary's Campbell Art Park and Art Garden to gather imagery, experiment with composition, and watch their artwork come to life in live UV demonstrations. The week ends with a colorful gallery at the Camp Contemporary Showcase, where campers share their creations and celebrate a week of sun-powered art!

**End of Camp Contemporary: Summer 2026 descriptions**

## **Kirkpatrick Explorers 2026**

We are excited to offer a new program this summer! Sponsored by the Kirkpatrick Foundation, this free application-based academic and outdoor-focused camp serves 12 students in a small-group setting designed to inspire confidence, curiosity, and motivation for the upcoming school year.

The camp's home base is Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center, with activities held throughout the metro area, including Mollie Spencer Farm (Yukon), Red Ridge Nature Preserve, and the Park House in Nichols Hills. Students may also visit community destinations such as the Metropolitan Library System, Science Museum of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City Zoo, and Oklahoma City Ballet.

Hands-on activities may include art, nature studies, hiking, farm experiences, beekeeping, cooking, biology, earth science, math, reading, sewing, badminton, croquet, yoga, and more.

Lunch, snacks, and supplies are provided. Students should dress for outdoor activities. Daily drop-off and pick-up at Oklahoma Contemporary is required (transportation is not provided). Attendance is expected each day. Free before- and after-care is available if needed.

Students who enjoy the program are encouraged to return for seventh and eighth grade, as Kirkpatrick Explorers is designed as a three-year opportunity. Participants may also be invited to occasional events during the school year.

### **Program and Application Details**

Kirkpatrick Explorers is a free three-week middle school summer camp held Monday–Friday, July 13–31, 2026, in the Oklahoma City metro area. Applications are due March 31 and must include student and parent/guardian responses plus a teacher's recommendation.

Eligible students must:

- Entering sixth grade in fall 2026
- Attending a public or public charter school in the Oklahoma City area
- Currently earn average “C” grades

[Kirkpatrick Explorers 2026 Application Form](#)

### **About the Teachers**

The program is led by experienced educators Jen Lamkin and Brandi Thomas of Tulsa, who have years of experience designing immersive, hands-on, student-centered middle school programs. Lamkin teaches at Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences, and Thomas teaches at Riverfield Country Day School.