



**Huntington Beach Art Center
ART AT THE BEACH
Parent Letter**

Dear Parent or Guardian of Art Camp Participant(s):

Welcome to the Huntington Beach Art Center's Art at the Beach art camp. This year's camp is designed for youth ages 6-12 years. The campers will participate in arts activities drawing from a wide range of artistic forms and mediums. They will explore the principles and creativity behind drawing, painting, fiber arts, collage, sculpture, music, dance, performance art, and other art forms. We have enclosed information on the program, art camp rules for you to review with your child, and a waiver and health form to be completed and returned.

Your child/children _____ has/have been enrolled in Summer Art Camp, 2010.

Full day (9am-5pm) Morning (9am-12:30pm) Afternoon (1:30pm-5pm) WEEK: _____

Please review the following information:

WAIVER AND HEALTH FORM

The *waiver and health* form must be fully completed and signed for each child attending art camp, and returned to the Art Center on the first day of art camp. If we have not received a *waiver and health* form for your child, they will not be admitted to art camp. Thank you for your assistance.

FIRST DAY ONLY (Monday)

Please arrive at 8:45 a.m. for the full-day and morning participants, and at 1:15 p.m. for the afternoon participants. This will give us time to check everyone in, confirm the receipt of *waiver and health* forms, and distribute tee-shirts.

DAILY ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

We do not provide extended care. Children are to be brought promptly at 9 a.m. for full-day and morning camp, and promptly at 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon camp. Morning campers must be picked up promptly at 12:30 p.m.; full day and afternoon campers must be picked up no later than 5 p.m. There will be a sign-in sheet at the front desk for the parent or guardian to register the child IN and OUT each day. **For your child's safety, we will not release your child to anyone other than the persons with a photo I.D listed on your child's *waiver and health* form.** Children will not be allowed to meet parents outside in the parking lot or in front of the building; they must stay in the Art Center lobby, studio or multimedia room, as instructed by staff.

REFUNDS

On Monday, the first day of camp, art campers must arrive by 10 a.m. for morning session, and by 3 p.m. for the afternoon session or that spot will be given to the next student on the waiting list. A refund will then be processed for 4 days of art camp, with the first day applied as a cancellation fee. However, a child can be called in by a parent as sick or absent for that first day, as long as the call is placed to the Art Center by the above arrival times.

WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY

FOOD: We require that you send a lunch and two snacks if your child is attending full-day camp, and one snack for the morning and afternoon campers. We suggest a lunch or snack with nutritional value since it is a long and active day. We do have refrigeration for food and beverages, at your request. However, the food your child brings to art camp must be ready-to-eat, as we cannot provide additional preparation. Please do not send any glass bottles or containers. The Art Center will provide bottled water for the campers.

CLOTHING/MATERIALS: Please have your child wear comfortable clothing that can get messy, and rubber soled shoes (No thongs, flip-flops, or slip-ons please). An Art Camp tee-shirt will be given to each child on the first day of camp; it will be oversized, and is designed to protect your child from art materials and to identify your child as a camper. Please have your child wear this shirt *each day*. Additional tee-shirts may be purchased from the Art Center for \$10 each. Breaks and lunches are held outdoors; please remember sunscreen and hats if necessary for your child. All art materials are provided.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING ART CAMP RULES WITH YOUR CHILD PRIOR TO ATTENDING:

We expect campers to be respectful of instructors, recreation assistants and fellow campers. Bad behavior is unacceptable and will result in the removal of your child/children from the camp.

- Campers cannot hit or push each other, run inside, yell or use bad language.
- Campers cannot touch or work on another camper's artwork.
- Campers need to be respectful of art materials.
- Campers are not allowed outside of the studio unless accompanied by an instructor or recreation assistant; this includes using the restroom facilities.
- Campers must listen to and follow directions from the instructors and the recreation assistants.

**NO DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS WILL BE TOLERATED.
CHILDREN WITH DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR WILL BE DISMISSED.**

If there are any further questions, please feel free to call the HBAC at **714/374-1650**, and speak to the Art Camp Coordinator, or another available HBAC staff member. The HBAC Lobby and Galleries are open to the public after 12 noon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during camp week. If you need to reach your child in case of emergency during art camp, an HBAC staff member will be available at the same number to take calls. The administrative office can be reached at 714/536-5258.

We are excited about the opportunity to involve your child in a wonderful week of fun activities and creative expression. Thank you for enrolling in our Art at the Beach art camp.

The Huntington Beach Art Center