

Some Frequently Asked Questions

What camps do you offer? How much do they cost?

Please download our 2010 Camps Guide available on our webpage. If you would like a hardcopy booklet, you can pick one up from the Recreation and Wellness Centre (RAWC) at the University of Toronto Mississauga or we'd be happy to mail one to you.

*Booklets will be available starting Monday February 1, 2010.

Where does the camp take place?

Drop off and pick up takes place at the Blackwood Gallery. Children will also have lunch in the Blackwood Galley or in the nearby green space. Most art lessons take place in the South Building classrooms, about a 5-minute walk from the Blackwood Gallery. Some camps will also make use of the state-of-the-art computer labs on campus which are located in the CCT Building, about a 2-minute walk from the Blackwood Gallery.

What is the Blackwood Gallery?

The Blackwood Gallery is a professional contemporary art gallery located on the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus.

Where is the Blackwood Gallery located?

The Blackwood Gallery is located in Room 140 in the Kaneff Centre.

Directions

Whether driving North or South on Mississauga Road it is advisable to enter campus through the Middle Entrance. Follow Outer Circle Road straight, and then turn left onto Inner Circle Road. Follow Inner Circle Road past the bus shelters to a small roundabout circle in front of the Kaneff Centre. You can temporarily park in the adjoining parking lot but please leave your flashers on.

If you are picking up your child at a time other than the designated drop off and pick up times there is temporary paid parking located on Inner Circle Road near the South Building.

What is contemporary art?

Art produced right now, and since World War II.

When does registration open?

Registration opens at 8am on Thursday February 18, 2010.

How do I register my child?

You can register for camps online at econnect.fpeh.utoronto.ca. Running With Scissors art camps are listed under Children and Youth – UTM or you can search by activity code. Register in person by visiting the Membership Service desk at the Recreation and

Wellness Centre (RAWC) at the University of Toronto Mississauga or by calling 905 828 3714.

When does registration close?

Registration closes the Wednesday before the start of each session.

The camp I want to register my child in is full. Is there a waitlist?

Yes, there is a waitlist. You have the option of going on the waitlist at the time of registration.

My child is on the waitlist, how will I know when space becomes available?

Membership Services will contact you when a space becomes available. Your child's space will be held for 24 hours. Please contact Membership Services directly if you have further questions at 905 828 3714.

My child is 8 years old, but his/her friend is registered for the 9-12 camp, can he/she be bumped up an age group?

Please register your child for the proper age group and contact the Outreach Coordinator at outreach.blackwood@utoronto.ca or 905 828 3789 to make arrangements.

My child is registered for the 5-8 age group, so is his/her friend, how can I make sure that they will be in the same group?

There are only two groups. If your child is in the same age bracket as his/her friend then they will automatically be placed in the same group together.

What is your refund policy?

To obtain a refund, you must withdraw at least 7 days before your child's camp starts. Refunds are subject to a \$30 administrative fee per child, per camp. There are no refunds for withdrawals less than 7 days before your child's camp begins. Exceptions can be made for medical emergencies supported with a medical note.

In the event of a medical emergency after the camp start date, a refund will be issued for the remaining days of camp less a \$30 administrative fee.

Do you offer extended care? If so, how do I register my child?

Where does extended care take place?

Yes, we offer extended care. Extended care is available from 8:00am to 8:45am and from 4:00pm to 5:30pm daily. You can register your child for extended care when you register for camp.

How much does extended care cost? I plan on registering two of my children, is the price the same?

The cost of extended care is \$50 for the week. Each additional family member is \$25.

Can you give me an idea of what activities you provide during extended care hours?

Extended care is not programmed but art materials will be provided for campers to use at their leisure. More individual pursuits such as reading or activity books are encouraged.

What are the camp hours?

Camp hours are 9am-4pm.

How does the drop off and pick up work?

You can drop off and pick up your child from the Blackwood Gallery. You will be required to sign your child out at the end of the day with a staff member.

Who supervises the children?

Our staff is comprised of university students specializing in the visual arts, art history, childhood education or a related field. Visual art instructors have experience with different artistic media ranging from sculpture, painting, and printmaking to video and performance art. Two visual art instructors and a recreation instructor lead the camps. Classes are limited to 17 participants. All staff members are certified in CPR and Standard First Aid.

Volunteers are at least 17 years of age, currently enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary school, and have provided a recent criminal reference check.

Do the children stay indoors for the whole day?

Children will be spending at least 2 hours outside every day. Please make sure you apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child before they come to camp, and pack some extra for reapplication!

Is lunch provided? Where will my child eat?

No, lunches and snacks are not provided. Please pack your child full lunches, snacks and a clearly labeled refillable water bottle. Nut free lunches and snacks only, please!

Do I need to supply my child with a camera/video camera?

It's optional. We do recommend supplying your child with an inexpensive digital camera for documenting artwork. We also have gallery cameras that are available for sharing.

If your child is attending *Digital and Analog Photography*, the fee includes a disposable film camera for your child to experiment with, and other analog technologies that you need not supply.

Do you have a question that's not answered here? Contact the Outreach Coordinator at outreach.blackwood@utoronto.ca or 905 828 3789.