

Aurora School

Summer Camps 2009

Family Fun Fest

May 30, 2009
2pm – 7pm

Face Painting, Jumper House,
Aurora Band, Games and Arts
and Crafts

Bar-B-Que
Family Bingo
Bake Sale

(small fee for these activities)

Come see old friends
and meet new ones!

Sign up for summer camp

Everyone Welcome!



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and . . .

A LOT OF FUN!

AURORA SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS 2009

Registration Instructions

About Our Camps

Aurora School is well known for its Theater Arts Camp with musical instrument building, set design and a rich mix of singing, dancing and acting.

We also offer half-day camps for those families looking for a shorter camp day, or those who would like to mix and match camps to vary their child's camp experiences and create a full day.

Our camps are open to non-Aurora children; we welcome children from all schools.

Camp Dates

Camps at Aurora School run from Monday, June 15, 2009 through Friday, August 14, 2009.

Camp Times and Costs

Half-Day Camps:

Morning Session: 9am – noon

Lunch: noon – 1pm**

Afternoon Session: 1pm – 4pm

All half-day camps cost \$180 per week-long session.

**Children may come early or stay late for the lunch hour as part of the camp cost.

Theater Arts Camp:

9am – 3pm

Theater Arts Camp costs \$300 per week.

Payment Policy

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required for each camp at the time you register. The balance is due no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of each camp session. Your place in camp will not be held beyond this date without full payment.

All late payments are subject to a 5% late fee.

Registration

Please indicate your camp session choices on the enclosed Camp Registration form.

Campers can attend Aurora Camps for the entire summer or for individual week-long sessions.

Theater Arts Camp requires campers to sign-up for a minimum of three weeks.

Emergency Contact Form

The enclosed Emergency Contact Form must also be completed and submitted at time of registration. It is imperative that we have this form on file for the safety of all campers.

Extended Care

7:30am – 9:00am and 4pm – 6pm, except during Theater Arts Camp, when afternoon extended care begins at 3pm.

The drop-in rate is \$8.00/hour. If you use extended care from 6 to 14 hours, the rate is \$7/hour, for 15 to 29 hours, the rate is \$6/hour and for 30 hours or more, the rate is \$5.50/hour. We bill for extended care hours used at the end of July and again at the end of the summer.

All children need to be signed in and out of camp or extended care by an authorized adult. Please enter through the playground gate. A registration table will be set up in front.

Financial Assistance

Partial financial aid is available for all summer camps at Aurora School. Please check the request for financial aid box at the bottom of the registration form and return it with the required deposits. Families will be notified of the status of your financial aid request within three weeks of registering. The maximum amount of financial aid available is 60%.

Additional Questions

Contact Heidi Brevet, at Aurora School at
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calling 510-428-2606 ext. 208

Camp Session Descriptions

Theater Arts Camp

Theater and music are inseparable at Aurora School. This year's camp includes the return of Nick, Holly, Regina, Daniel, Heidi, Brianna, Jackie, Margy, and Andrea. The tradition continues!

Aurora Theater Arts Camp is proud to present this year's musical production of "**Bedknobs and Broomsticks**".

Campers are broken into age groups with age appropriate activities. Older campers help design costumes, build sets and assist in directing younger campers. Children are introduced to a variety of theater activities, including playing instruments, singing, dancing and movement, all in the context of the acting experience. All campers have the opportunity to be in the performance.

As is the tradition of Aurora's Theater Arts Camp, our performance is adapted to be age appropriate and accommodate all attending campers. We accomplish this by simplifying some of the characters' lines, as well as having multiple actors playing the same character. For example, we might have three Eglartines, two Charlies, two Carries, two Pauls, and a whole bunch of animals. These actor changes make the performance and camp so much fun!

A very popular part of camp is our fabulous musical instrument-building with Daniel Schmidt, which all campers participate in, set and costume design with Regina Gilligan, choreography by and acting and singing with Nick and Holly and time for special projects.

Every child will have a role in the play. If a child is not comfortable performing in front of people, we offer behind-the-scenes parts, such as set changers, curtain managers or sound effects specialists.

This camp runs in one-week sessions. Campers **must sign up for a minimum of 3 weeks, and must be able to participate in the last two weeks.** This brings consistency for all participants and a much better Theater Arts experience for all.

Dates and Times to Remember

Dress rehearsal: Wednesday afternoon, July 29, 2009

Main Performance: Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 7pm.

The entrance fee for our event will be a voluntary donation of canned or non-perishable goods for the Alameda Food Bank. Come enjoy a wonderful theatrical production and support our community too.

Scenes from last summer's play, *Mary Poppins*



Half-Day Camps

Camps with Aurora Specialists

Ceramics

(7-12 years old)

Taught by Sara Tool

Welcome to the exciting world of clay! Campers will use a variety of basic techniques to create cups, bowls, treasure boxes, tiles, and sculptures. We will explore decorative textures, slips, and glazes to finish their work. Come participate in the rich tradition of ceramics; watch as your own hand-built pots and sculptures are transformed by the kiln into objects that could last hundreds of years.

Fun and Fitness

(5-7 years old and 7-12 years old)

This camp is fun-filled and provides a variety of activities to campers with their fitness level. We will play fitness games, have a variety of one-hour classes throughout the week, as well as interval training activities. We will play music throughout much of the camp. Campers will also learn about proper exercise, stretching, and a healthy cooking idea or two.

Gardening

(5-7 years old and 7-12 years old)

Taught by Olivia Sanders

In this camp, we will learn the many aspects of gardening. We will learn how to prepare raised beds, start seedlings, and how to compost. We will be planting flowers, vegetables, and herbs. We will also learn about the different planting seasons. We will have a great time planning our own small take home gardens. We will also be planning and cooking menus with our homegrown veggies and herbs.

Introduction to Tennis

(5-7 years old and 7-12 years old)

This camp is designed for children with little or no tennis experience, as well as those with a bit more experience. Tennis camp uses modified equipment to work hand/eye coordination, skill development and allows children to have success at tennis more quickly. We use smaller courts, shorter rackets and a variety of tennis balls. We begin with a foam-type ball, transition to a non-pressurized ball and finish by using a traditional tennis ball. We incorporate many drills and work toward a real game situation. This technique of learning tennis fosters fun and success. This camp is not designed for those with more advanced skills.

Music Meets Literature

(5-7 years old)

Taught by Holly Schneider

The Magic Fish and *The Little Red Hen* are two of the folktales that we will act, sing and play! These dramatized folktales will be the basis for our musical and dramatic exploration, concluding in a small performance at the end of our week.

Spanish

(5-7 years old)

Taught by Alexandra Alquati

Spanish camp is for beginning and low intermediate speakers. Children will have a great time learning Spanish through a variety of interactive and hands-on techniques. Campers learn new vocabulary, sing songs, read, tell stories and play games around the outdoor camping theme.

Spanish

(7-12 years old)

Taught by Alexandra Alquati

During this camp we will be traveling around the world visiting Spanish-speaking cultures, their food, music, games, and more. In this camp, children will learn new vocabulary, expressions, and hold conversations in Spanish about different Spanish speaking countries. Each day we will "travel" to a different country, including: Colombia, Mexico, Argentina, Venezuela and Chile. We will be comparing and discovering essential elements of this culture, using 95% Spanish in the process. The purpose of this camp is to develop the student's conversational skills in Spanish, and to explore different Hispanic cultures.

World Percussion

(7-12 years old)

Taught by Holly Schneider

Campers will experience traditional music from Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, and South America. Class will emphasize technique and ensemble skills while playing hand drums, congas, marimba and other hand percussion. In addition to percussion, we will also be learning to play the recorder. No previous experience necessary.



Camps with Regina Gilligan

The Surreal Deal

(7-12 years)

Create oddball characters, kooky concoctions, upside down realities and dreamscapes of all shapes and sizes. Interpret your own dreams in sculptures, paint, mobiles and collage. Explore famous surrealist artists such as Frida Kahlo, Rene Magritte and Salvador Dali.

Drawing Everything in Every Which Way

(5-7 years old and 7-12 years old)

What we see and what we imagine, funny things and funny stories, games and maps of our own making. We will use pencils, pens, pastels, brushes and mark making tools to create drawings of many different kinds.

Camps with Linda Lemon

3-D Art

(5-7 years old and 7-12 years old)

Campers will use plaster, both as a molding, and as a casting material. We will also make various sculptures out of a treasure trove of "junk".

Fiber Arts

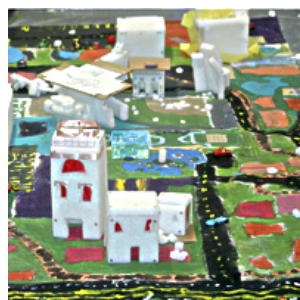
(5-7 years old and 7-12 years old)

This camp will include paper-making and tie dyeing. We will make apple sauce and make art out of the remaining fibers, making books, butterflies and more.

Crafts with a Twist

(5-7 years old and 7-12 years old)

In this camp we will incorporate a variety of fun medias: we'll make Art to Wear - including combining polymer clay (Sculpey III) with traditional jewelry bits & findings to make wearable sculpture. We will create a mixed media t-shirt using dye, fabric paints, fringe, buttons, studs & who knows what else. We'll also make Paper People - mixed media 3-D figures out of paper (handmade & otherwise) and a variety of other materials. With Crazy Candle we'll explore non-traditional techniques of making water balloon, tie-dye & foam candles.



Teaching Engineering to Kids with LEGOS™ (TEK with LEGOS)

Green Engineering

(7-12 years old)

Design and build machines powered by alternative energy sources. Race solar cars, build a wind-powered electrical generation facility, enter the human powered vehicle competition and invent a machine powered by stored elastic strain energy.

Junkyard Challenge

(7-12 years old)

Your team will compete in designing and building the fastest, strongest, smallest, largest, lightest, heaviest, most maneuverable and coolest machines and structures to accomplish a variety of tasks. Success in the competition will require campers to build trucks, bridges, elevators, bulldozers, conveyor belts, and other motorized and alternatively powered contraptions that will help them overcome obstacles.

Bash-n-Bots

(7-12 years old)

Create a wrestling robot to compete in a ring. Then re-engineer it to be a battling "bot" and take on another challenge.

Pre-Engineering

(5-7 years old)

Create, play and learn. Build a town, city or star base with houses, tall buildings, pyramids, bridges, tunnels, towers and more. Build motorized cars, trains and trucks; race them, crash them and repair them.

Engineering Fundamentals

(7-12 years old)

Design and build motorized machines, catapults, pyramids, demolition derby cars, truss and suspension bridges, buildings and other constructions. Explore concepts in physics, mechanical engineering and architecture, while playing with your favorite creations. Returning students will work on new projects and challenges.

Camps with Judy Richardson

Animal Murals

(7-12 years old)

This is a painting and collage camp based on the characters in Eric Carle's books like "The Hungry Caterpillar". We will draw our favorite animals, or make up our own crazy ones. We'll paint on cloth in bright colors, adding texture with special tools. We'll cut and paste and trade our animals with friends to make amazing new animals with stripes, spots, and all kinds of details. We'll paint a background environment for our animals to live in, and write our own story to go with our animals.

Animal Sculptures

(6-7 years old)*

Campers will build large-scale sculptures using models to work from. We will start with observations, then move on to imagination to make animal that are as fantastic or crazy as they want. We'll add texture, paint, and add decorations to make the animal into a favorite new toy.

Bookmaking

(6-7 years old)*

This is a drawing and painting camp where we will make our own books: storybooks on paper, picture books on cloth, tiny books and giant books about you, your family, animals, or characters you make up. We will use pencils, markers, paper, stickers, felt, googly eyes, paint and cloth. Every day, we will be the writers and illustrators of a new favorite book that you will take home at the end of your camp week.

Comic Strip and Storyboard

(7-12 years old)

We will create our own comic strips or storyboards in this series of drawing sessions. Learn how to draw the human figure, create your own stories, characters and settings. We will see different comics from established artists to help us get ideas of our own. We will be using professional pens, paper and markers, and take our book or storyboard home at the end of the camp.

Design and Build Architecture

(6-7 years old and 7-12 years old)*

Plan, design, draw and build your own city. We will decide on the kind of city you want, including roads, paths, train tracks, tunnels, ponds, pools, lakes, and parking lots. We, then, will draw, paint, and build it from the ground up! If your city needs cars, boats, trains, people and animals, then we will build these things out of wood, foam, clay, cloth and cardboard.

* Your child must have completed Kindergarten to enroll in these camps.

Heads and Bodies

(6-7 years old)*

This is a drawing, painting, collage and sculpture camp. You will make your own life-size "second self" by drawing on giant paper, make yourself with an animal head or body by painting on cloth, make a mask that you can wear, and make heads of humans, animals, superheroes, or aliens out of clay. By the end of the week you'll have a whole family of different sized, crazy, colorful characters to take home.

Masks and Body Parts

(7-12 years old)

Campers will make a variety of masks and body parts like hands, feet, legs, and arms out of plaster gauze, cloth, paper and found objects. You will use your own body as your model, and your partner will form the materials on you! You can paint and decorate your masks and parts, turn yourself into part animal or part alien. You can even put together a whole second self.

Mask Making

(6-7 years old)*

Campers will make a variety of wearable out of plaster gauze, cloth, paper, and found objects. You will use your own faces as your model, and your partner will form the materials on you! We will paint and decorate our masks with glitter and feathers, turn ourself into a part animal or part alien.

Pop-Ups

(7-12 years old)

Create a world of pop-ups, from your "Fantasy Bedroom", to a town, city, jungle, forest, or other environment. You will be drawing, painting, and using collage to make your pop-ups. You can make small, personal scenes or large, panoramic views. At the end of the camp all of the pop-ups will be set up together to create a giant pop-up installation.

The Block

(7-12 years old)

This is a drawing, painting, and collage camp based on the Romare Bearden's famous artwork "The Block". We'll go out on location and draw an Oakland block from observation. You'll use pencil, pen and ink, paint and collage to make your own large scale mural. Your block can include buildings that you draw and paint, background that you collage, and portraits that you draw in the windows and doorways, based on your friends. Your "block" will be colorful, funny, and cool.

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