

BOWDOIN SUMMER ART CAMP

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SUMMER 2026

HANDBOOK



Creativity ~ Exploration ~ Community

Welcome to Bowdoin Summer Art Camp!

Bowdoin Summer Art Camp is a fully supervised day in the art studio that nurtures creativity, community, and appreciation for the creative process. No experience or expertise is necessary, just enthusiasm for the process of making art and a willingness to experiment with new ways of expressing creativity.

Whether you are a new or returning camper, this handbook provides important information about the camp experience.

Contact & Location Information

Location: Bowdoin College Edwards Center for Art and Dance.
[14 South Street, Brunswick, ME 04011](#)

NOTE: Please enter the building from the entrance on South Street each day.

Phone: 207-725-3433

Email: artcamp@bowdoin.edu

Website: www.bowdoin.edu/events/art-camp

Meet Your Camp Director

Bowdoin Art Camp Director – Yasamin Holland, yholland@bowdoin.edu

I've often said that I have the best job in the world. Teaching art is extremely creative and rewarding. I have fun doing it. At its best, a shared art studio experience offers an exchange of ideas in a way that feels open, joyful, inspiring, motivating, and connective. Art has been a part of my life in every place I've lived: New York, Virginia, California, Spain, Arizona, Colorado, and now Maine. I have taught pre-school through high school visual art and arts integration in public, private, and charter school settings. I worked in the education and development departments at the Denver Art Museum and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. I've worked as a freelance fashion stylist, designed children's clothing, homeware, and co-produced a short film featured in Barcelona Arte Contemporaneo's

exhibition *La Piel*, and co-produced two albums under the name Whitenoise, *No More Dystopias* and *Ruins*. When not teaching art or spending time with my family, I love adventure, teaching myself to whittle, and finding simple ways to experience joy in life. I've seen firsthand how choice and an emphasis on the creative process help sustain a productive and positive environment. I am passionate about broadening young people's perceptions of what art is and can be, what creativity is and can be. I have an MA in Educational Psychology from the University of Colorado, Denver and seventeen years of teaching experience. During the school year I teach art at Friends School of Portland. It is a pleasure to return as the director of the Bowdoin Summer Art Camp for the fifth summer, along with an incredible team of artists and educators. I look forward to connecting with you this summer!

Camp Calendar –

Session 1: July 6 – July 10

Session 2: July 13 – July 17

Session 3: July 20 – July 24

Session 4: July 27 – July 31

Daily Schedule

8:50- 9:00AM – Drop-off campers

9:00AM – 12:00PM – Art Camp Session 1

12:00PM – 1:00PM – Lunch and free-play

1:00PM-4:00PM – Art Camp Session 2

4:00 PM – Pick-up campers

Tuition & Materials Fee

Tuition for each weeklong session (5 days) for 2026 is \$400.

All art supplies and reception costs are included in the tuition fee charged for any given week. Campers need to bring their own snacks and/or lunch from home.

Camp Overview & Policies

Campers attend two sessions daily, with a 15-minute break during sessions, and a one-hour lunch break with outdoor play between sessions.

- *Age Requirements*

Camp is open to children ages 6 – 13 and you may register for the appropriate age group if your child is already the required age **OR** will be the minimum required age for that group on or before October 15, 2026. Camps are designed to be developmentally appropriate for the age groups, so while your child may be interested in a camp for an older or younger group, it is important that they meet the age requirement for the camp they are signed up for.

- *Behavior*

We strive to be a diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization. Kindness, compassion, and integrity are essential to establishing a joyful, welcoming community that is respectful and safe for participants and staff, and while differences are welcome and celebrated, certain behaviors that relate to the health, welfare, and safety of participants and staff are not negotiable. Examples include aggressive or threatening behavior directed at others including hate speech, bullying, or harassment; use of foul language or inappropriate humor; and any disruptive behavior that compromises the safety and enjoyment of the program for others. In the event of a behavioral issue, caregivers will be notified at pick-up, or in the case of aggressive behavior, caregivers will be called to pick up their child. It is possible that children who are unable to follow the group plan and disrupt the camp for others will need to be picked up early.

- *Electronics Policy*

One of the major benefits of attending camp is the opportunity to unplug from our increasingly connected world. Camp is a screen-free community – **NO PHONES** for any age during the camp day. Phones should be kept in backpacks. If camp staff see a student with a phone in the art studios, during breaks or at lunch, they will be asked to put it in their backpack. If they need to check their phone for a quick check-in, that is fine, but it should be quick and then the phone gets put away.

- *Valuables*

Please do not send campers with valuable or one-of-a-kind items. Bowdoin is not responsible for lost or damaged items during Summer Art Camp.

Please put camper names on water bottles and lunch boxes!

- *Cancellation & Refund Policy*

- If Bowdoin cancels a program, families will receive a full-tuition refund
- Should a family choose to withdraw their child from the program before camp starts, the tuition is refundable. Partial or prorated refunds are not available, and no refunds will be given once camp starts.
- Please refer to your six digit ticket code when inquiring about your camper.

- *Health & Wellness / Medications*

If your camper has an epi-pen, please make sure it arrives to camp in a clear plastic bag and clearly labeled with your child's name, age, and parent's phone number. Epi-pens must be turned in to the instructor in the morning, and if necessary, will be returned at the end of the day. Please let the instructor know if the epi-pen should stay at camp for the week, or if it will need to be returned daily.

Bowdoin Summer Art Camp staff are not authorized to give daily medication to campers. If your camper requires a daily medication, please consider delivering the medication before or after the camp day.

What to bring/wear

- *Attire*

There are a variety of camp offerings this summer, so campers should dress knowing that they may get a little messy and may start to look like an artist. The Edwards Center for Art & Dance does not have air conditioning, so campers should plan accordingly. Unless there is consistent, heavy rain, campers eat and spend time outside, so appropriate gear is recommended.

- *Lunch & Snacks*

Campers should bring a snack or two, a water bottle, and a bagged lunch. Please note that there is no refrigerator to store lunches. Please ensure campers name is on all water bottles and lunch boxes.

- *Outdoor expectations*

Lunch takes place outside, as do some classes and free-play time when weather permits. If you would like your camper to wear sunscreen or bug spray, please plan to put those on before arriving at camp.

Pickup & Drop off Information

- *First day of each camp week*

On the first day of camp, **please arrive early, by 8:45 am, 15 minutes before camp**, to sign in for the week. There will be folks at the Edwards Center to greet campers and to assist families in locating their camper's art studio and answer questions.

- *Daily Drop off 9:00 AM*

Please note that instructors will open doors to the art studios ten minutes before camp starts at 8:50am each day, and no sooner. If you arrive early, you will need to wait with your child until the doors open.

- *Late drop off or late pick up*

The camp day runs from 9am- 4pm. Please plan to arrive by 4pm so that instructors and assistants have time to clean up the art studios. If you will be late to drop off or pick up, please call the Bowdoin Events Office, (207) 725-3433.

- *Artist Gallery Reception*

On the last Friday of each weekly session, the family and friends of our young artists are invited to join us for an artist's reception any time after 3:30 pm.

FAQs

Will my child be in the same art studio all day?

No. Your child will move to a different studio after lunch and outdoor play. You will pick them up in a different art studio than where you dropped them off. There is signage near the camp entrance on South Street with information about camp locations.

Do I need to arrive at the art show by 3:30?

No. Families and caregivers are welcome to arrive at any time between 3:30- 4:00pm. We communicate to campers that their parents and caregivers might show up any time during that window.

Is it possible to drop my child off earlier?

No. We understand the timing of drop off might be challenging for working parents. However, we are a small staff and unable to provide extended care services at this time.

What is your tax ID number?

Our tax ID number is 01-021-5213.