

# 2023

## FINE ARTS CAMP!

First Presbyterian Church of Findlay

*"Before a child talks they sing. Before they write they draw. As soon as they stand they dance.  
Art is fundamental to human expression."*

--Phylicia Rashad

Dear Parents of FPC Arts Camp Participants,

We are eagerly looking forward to meeting you and your children! It will be a great week full of music, drama/theatre, and dance/movement, and visual arts. We are joined by some great leadership from the Findlay area this year who will share their artistic talents with your children. We have some amazing volunteers who will share their gifts with your children as well.

Hopefully many of your questions and concerns will be addressed in this information packet. Again, this year we will not be providing lunch but will provide an afternoon snack selected from popcorn, veggie straws, pretzels, and goldfish crackers. Water will be available all day.

We take child safety extremely important, so we have a few guidelines we are asking everyone to follow. If your child is sick or shows symptoms of illness OR someone at home is ill, we will ask you to keep your child home.

Registration begins every morning at 8:45am in the Lobby of the Great Room. You will be required to sign-in and sign-out your child(ren) in the Lobby every day. This year we will group the kids in small groups which will be designated by color: Red, Green, & Blue.

Finally, I want to thank you for the opportunity to work with each of your children. We are looking forward to seeing your children express their creativity through the fine arts. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly. I would be happy to speak with you.

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# WHAT TO EXPECT

## Registration

Each day you will need to sign-in and sign-out your child. If the person picking up your child is different from the person dropping him/her off, we ask that you fill out a form providing the contact information of the person picking up your child. WE WILL ONLY RELEASE CHILDREN TO THE CUSTODY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WE HAVE INFORMATION FOR. There will be tables with the colors of each group for sign-in. Sign-in opens at 8:45am daily. Pickup is at 3:00pm. *Those arriving late for the day or picking up early will need to go to the Church Office (entrance under the steeple.)*

## Small Groups

We will divide the children into 3 small groups, each designated by color: Red, Blue, & Green. The children should wear their camp t-shirts each day or wear a color t-shirt that is the color of their group.

## Movement

Because the kids will be moving, stretching, dancing, etc. it is **important that kids wear tennis shoes** so they will not risk injury as they move. Flip flops, sandals, etc. are not encouraged as they are not suitable for the activities the kids will be doing.

## Activities

- Drawing
- Writing
- Singing
- Playing drums, hand chimes, and other music instruments
- Dancing
- Games
- Laughter
- Making new friends
- Fun

## Allergy Free Menu Options

**We are not providing a lunch this year so you will need to pack your child a lunch.** We will provide water to drink. Our snacks try to accommodate as many people as we can to try to stay allergy free for those who are gluten sensitive. Our gluten free snacks are popcorn and veggie straws. We will also offer the option of pretzels and goldfish crackers.

## Behavior Expectations

We want to ensure that everyone has a fun and positive experience at camp. If your child wakes up on the wrong side of the bed and will bring that bad attitude to us, then please, keep your child at home at least until he/she feels better. Nothing brings down morale more than one person who is just having a bad day. It makes your child even more miserable, and it makes us feel bad as well.

- Respect Everyone. Adults and other children. Be kind to one another. We will not tolerate any behavior of disrespect or verbal abuse (name-calling, bullying, demeaning comments, etc.)
- Participate in activities to the best of your ability. Not all activities will be exciting to every child. We ask that everyone participate fully and if your child doesn't feel like participating in a particular activity, they can sit an activity out rather than become a distraction to other children participating.
- Act in a safe and responsible manner. We have zero tolerance policy for any behavior your child displays that endangers her/himself or another child. Any child exhibiting such behaviors will result in immediate dismissal from the camp.

- Have fun! We want your children to learn how they can express themselves through the various art forms. Bringing a good attitude, open mind, and creative playfulness will ensure EVERYONE has a great time!

#### Friday Night Closing Event

We will close the camp by demonstrating the skills your children have been learning throughout the week. The closing program begins at 7pm. We will have a picture slide show displaying your children engaged in the activities of the week. The program will consist of Dance, Theatre, singing, drumming, and the final visual art project. It will be a fun evening of great entertainment provided by your very own children!

#### Our Leaders

We have some amazing talent with us this year leading the camp. Robbie Riffle, a recent graduate of University of Findlay with a degree in theatre, will teach drama and theatre. Peggy Lobb, a retired elementary school teacher, will share her gifts of visual arts. Desra Dabney and Carolyn Anderson will lead the music team this year. Desra teaches flute at Findlay University and privately to many youth in our community. Carolyn is a doctoral student at BGSU studying opera. Both are very talented teachers. We are also joined by artistic professionals and amateurs, along with the great talent of our volunteers!