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TRACK-OUT & SUMMER WORKSHOP GUIDE

Thank you for your interest in track-out and summer workshops at CAC Cary!

Our workshops are structured a little differently from other camps. We understand that families have differing schedules and that kids also have differing levels of enthusiasm for engaging in art activities for long periods of time. That is why we have designed our camps to be flexible by allowing families to stack multiple workshops together to create a camp schedule that works best for them. This structure also helps ensure that kids attend camp for a length of time that takes into account how interested they are in artmaking and how long artmaking can hold their interest. For example, one child may be perfectly happy spending five full days at the studio whereas another child may prefer to only attend in the morning each day.

We try to offer a variety of themed workshops over the course of the year and during the summer. Some workshops may focus on a special interest (e.g., Pokémon, Wicked) while others may focus on a specific medium (e.g., watercolor, pastels). We hope every kid is able to find something that speaks to them!

While we have tried to cover as much as possible in this guide, it is not exhaustive. Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have!

General Information

Our workshops are open to kids who are 7 years old and above. Most of our workshops are 1.5 hours for five days (a couple of workshops on the schedule are 2.5 hours for five days). Our workshops allow kids to explore many different materials and processes. The description for each workshop provides more details on the theme of each workshop and the projects students will undertake. Parents can stack as many workshops per week as their child will enjoy taking. Each 1.5-hour workshop is \$125 per week. Each 2.5-hour

workshop is \$200 per week. We offer automatic discounts for purchasing multiple workshops at a time.

Registering for Workshops

Please take a look at the workshop schedule on [Sawyer](#) under the “Camps/Events” tab. You can scroll to the dates in which you are interested to view which workshops we are offering during that time. Click on a specific workshop to see the description and to register. If you have any questions while researching workshops, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Before Care and After Care

We offer before care and/or after care for most of our workshops. Please note that Sawyer uses specific terms to refer to before care and after care on our workshop listings:

“Early Drop-off” = Before Care (30 minutes of care before a workshop begins)

“Extended Day” = After Care (30 minutes of care after a workshop ends)

Each workshop offers “Early Drop-off,” “Extended Day,” or both as add-on options.

Children enrolled in **back-to-back (consecutive) workshops** do not need to pay any additional fees or select any add-ons for the breaks between their workshops. Parents need to select add-ons only if they plan to drop off their child 30 minutes early for their first workshop of the day or if they plan to pick up their child 30 minutes after their last workshop of the day.

Children enrolled in a **single workshop or non-consecutive workshops** may add any of the before care or after care add-ons that are available for their selected workshop(s).

Note: Currently, we do not offer before care for the first workshop of the day, and we do not offer after care for the last workshop of the day.

Workshop Schedules

The following charts show the basic schedule in a visual format. Please see [our schedule on Sawyer](#) for the specific workshop themes for each week. The schedule is slightly

different depending on the duration of each workshop; however, the schedule for our 1.5-hour workshops is the standard.

Example Workshop Schedule (1.5-hour workshops)

Time	Duration	Activity	Before/After Care Options
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	1.5 hours	AM Workshop 1	AM Break ("Extended Day" add-on)
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	30 minutes	AM Break	Free for kids enrolled in both AM 1 and AM 2. \$5/day for kids enrolled in either AM 1 or AM 2.
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	1.5 hours	AM Workshop 2	AM Break ("Early Drop-off" add-on) Lunch Break ("Extended Day" add-on)
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	30 minutes	Lunch Break	Free for kids enrolled in both AM 2 and PM 1. \$5/day for kids enrolled in either AM 2 or PM 1.
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	1.5 hours	PM Workshop 1	Lunch Break ("Early Drop-off" add-on) PM Break ("Extended Day" add-on)
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	30 minutes	PM Break (summer only)	Free for kids enrolled in both PM 1 and PM 2. \$5/day for kids enrolled in either PM 1 or PM 2.
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	1.5 hours	PM Workshop 2 (summer only)	PM Break ("Early Drop-off" add-on)

Example Workshop Schedule (workshops with mixed durations)

Time	Duration	Activity	Before/After Care
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	2.5 hours	AM Workshop	Lunch Break

			(“Extended Day” add-on)
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	30 minutes	Lunch Break	<i>Free for kids enrolled in both AM and PM 1.</i> <i>\$5/day for kids enrolled in either AM or PM 1.</i>
12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	2.5 hours	PM Workshop 1	Lunch Break (“Early Drop-off” add-on) PM Break (“Extended Day” add-on)
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	30 minutes	PM Break (summer only)	<i>Free for kids enrolled in both PM 1 and PM 2.</i> <i>\$5/day for kids enrolled in either PM 1 or PM 2.</i>
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	1.5 hours	PM Workshop 2 (summer only)	PM Break (“Early Dropoff” add-on)

FAQs

Please check the following FAQs for answers to common questions. If you still have questions or need additional help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

How old does my child need to be to register for a track-out or summer workshop?

We currently welcome children *7 years old and above* to enroll in track-out and summer workshops. We are able to differentiate instruction for different age groups within each workshop.

Does my child need to be a current weekly CAC student to enroll in a workshop?

No! We welcome all kids regardless of whether they've ever taken a class with us.

How long is each workshop?

Our track-out and summer workshops are typically 1.5 hours in length. Some workshops may be up to 2.5 hours. Please see the description of each workshop and the camp schedule on Sawyer to see the duration of your chosen workshop(s).

How many days is each workshop?

All track-out and summer workshops meet for 5 days (Monday-Friday).

How many workshops are offered per week?

We offer 3-4 workshops per week, depending on the time of year and the duration of each workshop. Most of the time, there are 4 workshops per week during the summer and 3 workshops per week for track out.

How many workshops can my child take per week?

Your child can take as many workshops per week as they like! In fact, we offer discounts if you purchase multiple workshops.

How many kids are in each workshop?

We like to keep our class sizes small, but we still require a *minimum of 4 students* to run each workshop. There is a *maximum of 10 students* per workshop.

Does my child need to bring supplies? Do I need to pay a supply or firing fee?

No! We provide all the supplies your child will need to have a great time. We also fire all clay in-house.

Note: The only exception to this is for our *digital drawing and animation workshops*, which require your child to bring their iPad with the Procreate app loaded and an Apple Pencil.

What happens if there are fewer than 4 students enrolled in my child's workshop?

We need a minimum of 4 students enrolled in a workshop to ensure the best experience for the group. We will check enrollment for each workshop *72 hours before the workshop begins*. If fewer than 4 students are enrolled, the workshop will be canceled, and you will receive a refund of your deposit.

How much does each workshop cost?

Workshops that are 1.5 hours in duration cost \$125 per week. Workshops that are 2.5 hours in duration cost \$200 per week.

Do I have to pay for the workshop in full when I register?

No. Workshops require only a \$50 deposit (per workshop) to reserve your child's spot.

When do I need to pay the balance for the workshop?

The balance for each workshop is due no later than 24 hours prior to the workshop. Failure to pay the balance on time will result in cancellation of your registration.

Do you offer discounts?

Yes! We offer discounts if you purchase multiple workshops. The discounts are applied automatically when you check out. No code is required! Please contact the studio if you encounter any issues with redemption.

Check out our current discounts:

Buy 2 workshops, get 10% off your total!

Buy 3 workshops, get 15% off your total!

Buy 4+ workshops, get 20% off your total!

Do you offer sibling discounts?

We try to keep our workshop fees as low as possible and offer substantial discounts to make them accessible. For those reasons, we do not currently offer sibling discounts.

Who teaches the workshops?

All our teachers are visual arts professionals with a degree in visual art and/or visual arts education, and they have completed our training program. All our teachers have extensive experience working with children of all ages and genuinely enjoy helping children express themselves through art.

When can I drop my child off for their workshop?

Please drop off your child *no more than 5 minutes before* their scheduled workshop unless you are scheduled for before care ("Early Drop-off").

When can I pick up my child after their workshop?

Please pick up your child *no more than 5 minutes after* their scheduled workshop unless you are scheduled for after care ("Extended Day").

Do you offer before care and after care?

While we do not currently offer before care for the first workshop of the day or after care for the last workshop of the day, we give parents the option to *add-on time between workshops*.

In Sawyer, before care is called "Early Drop-off," and after care is called "Extended Day." Children enrolled in back-to-back (consecutive) workshops attend the snack or lunch break between workshops for free. Parents of children enrolled in a single workshop or non-consecutive workshops can add-on before or after care for \$5/day each on the registration page for each workshop.

Examples:

1. Finn is enrolled in AM Workshop 1 and AM Workshop 2. There is no charge for him to stay for the break between his workshops.

If Finn's parents would like to pick him up 30 minutes after his second workshop instead of directly after, they would select the "Extended Day" option for AM Workshop 2. "Extended Day" is a \$5/day add-on option.

2. Jake is enrolled in PM Workshop 1 but no other workshops that week.

If Jake's parents want to drop him off 30 minutes before his workshop and pick him up 30 minutes after his workshop, they would select both the "Early Drop-off" and "Extended Day" options for PM Workshop 1. "Early Drop-off" is a \$5/day add-on, and "Extended Day" is a \$5/day add-on.

What happens if I am late picking up my child?

If you pick up your child more than 15 minutes after their workshop has ended and you did not purchase "Extended Day," a \$35 late pickup fee will be assessed.

Do you provide food and drinks during breaks?

We do not provide food during snack or lunch breaks. We have filtered water available for kids to drink during the day.

If your child is staying with us during a snack break, you may send a **nut-free** snack for them to enjoy. If your child is staying with us during a lunch break, please send them with a **nut-free** packed lunch. We have a small refrigerator, if needed, but we do not have a microwave on site.

Can I cancel my child's workshop enrollment?

If you cancel your child's registration **at least 72 hours before the beginning of the workshop**, you will receive a full refund of your deposit and any balance you have paid.

If you cancel your child's registration **within 72 hours of the beginning of the workshop**, you will forfeit your deposit, but you will receive a refund of any additional balance you have paid.

If you cancel your child's registration **during the workshop**, no fees can be refunded.

Please contact the studio ASAP if you need to cancel.