

How to Put On an Art Camp

If you want to put on an art camp at your church, here's a basic framework. All of these elements can be reduced or modified to fit your church, your church size, a week long event, or a one-two day event!

Basic framework:

- One week in the summer
- Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm for rising 3rd-8th graders
- Open to the community
- 4 groups of 14 students, groups are divided by age
- Campers complete 4 projects and one camp wide collaborative project

Staffing:

- 4 adult lead counselors. I always say they do not have to be an artist, but must have a heart for kids, for Jesus, and be willing to learn an art project to teach.
- 2-3 assistant counselors with each group (usually youth groups students or former campers)
- Each lead counselor leads one project only.

Daily schedule:

- 8:45am-9:10am = check in and gather in large group
(this where they work on the collaborative project)
- 9:10am-9:30am = worship and morning devotion
- 9:30am-10:45am = session 1
- 10:45am-11:00am = snack
- 11:00am-12:15pm = session 2
- 12:15pm-1:00pm = lunch and pick up

On Monday, each group starts two projects and they finish those projects on Tuesday. They start two new ones on Wednesday and finish those on Thursday. Friday is our art show.

How we pick our projects:

- Utilize Pinterest and art teacher blogs to come up with the projects each year.
- Always try to do 4 different mediums if possible because every child learns differently and enjoys different types of art.

Cost:

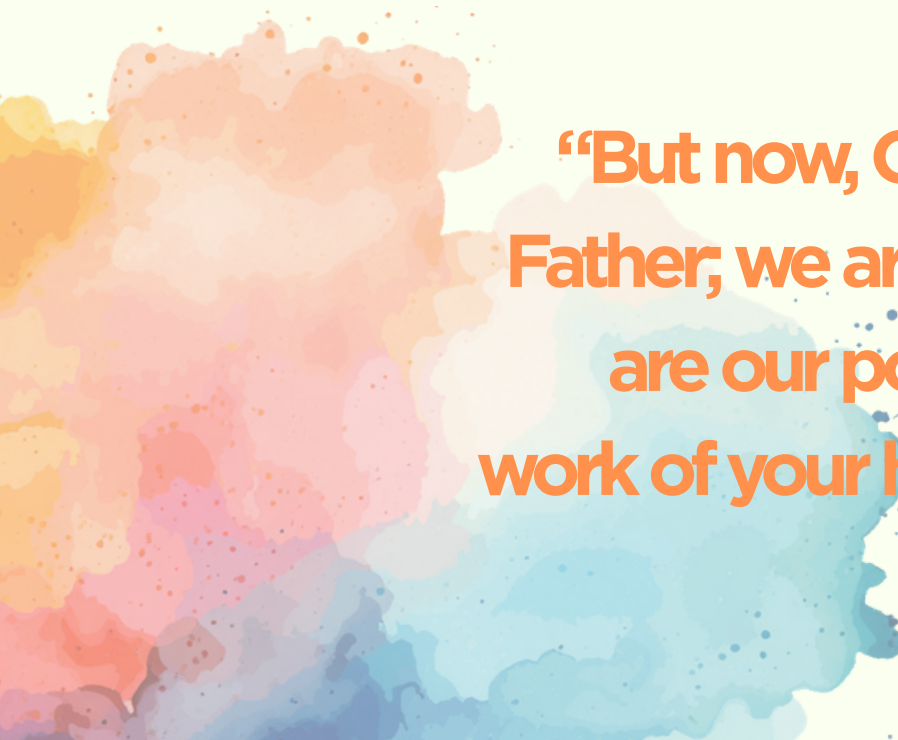
- \$105 for a week of camp
- All income pours back into this ministry by purchasing supplies, paying our staff, and providing scholarships.

Gallery:

- Our church has a gallery when you walk into our front entrance so we utilize it to hang the art work. However, we use the kids ministry hallway and other spaces in our church as well!
- You could use your kids hall, a gym, an entry way, etc.

Note:

The most important thing to remember is that it should all point back to Him! God, the Creator, the best Artist the world has ever known, Our potter, gives us all the opportunity to create. From fridge art to art camp – think outside the box and make Jesus known.



“But now, O Lord, you are our Father, we are the clay, and you are our potter, we are all the work of your hand.” - Isaiah 64:8