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## **Mesa Arts Center Summer Youth and Teen Arts Camps On Sale March 1 at 12 p.m.**



High-res images can be found [here](#).

Mesa, AZ — Are you looking for fun summer art activities for your children? Youth and Teen Summer Camps at Mesa Arts Center go on sale Wednesday, March 1 at 12 p.m. Arts camps will vary weekly through June and July and include jewelry, photography, animation, ceramics, printmaking, glass and more!

Thanks to generous funding from the Nancy Wolter Scholarship Fund, Mesa Arts Center is proud to offer full scholarships for summer youth camps. Qualifications include: family meets 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, lives in a HUD housing system, the child attends a Title I School or receives free or reduced lunches, or is part

of the foster care system or in social services. Learn more and fill out the scholarship application online at [www.mesaartscenter.com/classes/info](http://www.mesaartscenter.com/classes/info).

### **Summer camp schedule:**

#### **Teen Blacksmithing**

May 30–June 2 | Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri | 9 AM–12 PM (4 days)

Ages 15+

Teen blacksmithing introduces young artists to three small projects and a final project of their choice. By the end of the four days, students will have a grasp of basic blacksmithing techniques and confidence with a hammer.

#### **Teen Beginning Jewelry/Intro to Silversmithing**

June 5–July 24 | Mondays | 1 PM–4 PM (8 weeks)

Ages 12+

Cultivate your creativity by using metal sheet and wire to create unique jewelry for yourself, your family and your friends. Silversmithing basics including torch use, sawing, hammering, texturing, stone setting, polishing and more will be explored to bring your designs to life! Please bring a snack and a water bottle to class. Long hair must be tied back and closed toed shoes worn in the jewelry studio.

#### **Come Clay Around!**

June 6–16 | Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri | 9 AM–11 AM (8 days)

Ages 6–10

Join our exploration as we dive into the world of clay play through pinching, coiling and rolling. We'll learn the basics of ceramics by creating a pinched pot, a precious box, coiled planter, a small animal sculpture and even beads for jewelry. Every morning we will create something extraordinary and on the final day we will decorate our creations.

#### **Glass Sampler for Teens**

June 13–16 | Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri | 9 AM–12 PM (4 days)

Ages 13+

This 4-day Studio Sampler was designed to introduce teens to a variety of Art Glass techniques. We'll begin with fused glass on day one, two and three, move to Flameworking on day three and on Friday we'll wrap up the class and glass blowing demo activity in the Hot shop.

#### **Black and White Photography Camp: Photograms and Solarizing**

June 13–16 | Tue, Thu and Fri | 10 AM–1 PM (3 days)

Ages 12–15

Photograms are photo prints made without cameras. We will make compositions using translucent objects of glass or plastic, leaves, feathers and other objects. We'll make arrangements on traditional black-and-white photo paper, and also try our hand at solarizing our prints. No class 6/14/23.

#### **Kids Jewelry and Enameling Camp**

June 14 | Wednesday | 10 AM – 12 PM (1 day)

Ages 8+

Join us in the jewelry studio for this fun jewelry camp where we will learn to stamp and enamel our own personalized metal keychains, pet tags, charms and pendants! Show off your creative skills to create fun metal projects to share with your family and friends. Safety in studio is emphasized; please bring a water bottle and wear close toed shoes in the jewelry studio.

### **Connecting Communities Story Lab: Digital Underground**

June 26–30 | Mon–Fri | 11 AM – 3 PM (5 days)

Ages 13+

The Digital Underground summer camp will introduce students to the world of digital storytelling and the power of using your voice to create change in the world around. This series will consist of taking an idea from concept to a professionally produced digital story. We will use the tools of collaboration, research, video production, digital story boarding, poetic narratives and podcasting. All equipment and materials provided.

### **Animation Camp**

July 10–14 | Mon – Fri | 11 AM – 3 PM (5 days)

Ages 14+

Your Story, Your Platform. Discover the art and science of animation storytelling through this immersive weeklong workshop series. From ideation to actualization, participants will develop fundamentals necessary to create their own animated stories and the skills to collaborate in animated productions with other students and artists. Students will learn about the animation production process and the different skills that work together to make an animated story come to life: character design, scriptwriting, storyboarding, animation and more.

### **Black and White Photography Camp: Photograms and Solarizing**

July 11–14 | Tue, Thu and Fri | 10 AM – 1 PM (3 days)

Ages 12–15

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### **Clay in the Kitchen**

July 18–28 | Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri | 9 AM – 11 AM (8 days)

Ages 11–15

Do you have a favorite hot coco mug, cereal bowl or candy dish at home? In this summer camp, we'll design even more favorite ceramic food dishes, create a cookbook and decorate a chef apron. Using hand building methods this class covers techniques to create clay plates, bowls, mugs and even a cookie jar! We'll go one step further and sculpt these dishes into unique shapes with colorful patterns and textures. Your new favorite dish could be one you create yourself.

Schedule details, cost and registration available at [www.mesaartscenter.com/youthcamps](http://www.mesaartscenter.com/youthcamps).

**About Mesa Arts Center**

The Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions and outstanding arts education classes. The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible and relevant. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](http://mesaartscenter.com).

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