Missoula Art Museum
Education Protocol
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AVAILABLE SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Summer Camps:
All art camps will be held in the classroom at the museum and will have a cap of 10 individuals (9 kids and 1 teacher) or less. In accordance with guidelines established by the CDC, Governor Bullock’s office, and the Missoula City-County Health Department, if ARTreach camps book and the group is larger than 10, campers will be broken up into 2 groups of 10 or less and the two groups will be kept at least 6 feet apart utilizing both sides of the classroom. Morning camp groups wishing to visit exhibitions will do so between 9-10 AM so as not to be in the galleries when we are open to the public. Morning campers will have an assigned seat to sit in every day and an assigned cubby for their personal belongings. Youth will be preassigned a sanitized art supply kit that they will use throughout the whole week and it will be kept in their assigned cubby. Only minimal sharing will take place between groups of 10 or less. There are two sinks in the classroom. Each group will use a different sink and hand washing will be required before class. Hand sanitizer will also be available and frequent use will be encouraged throughout each lesson.

ARTreach:
A remote online learning program will be available to camps and local organizations beginning June 15. This program will offer access in place of visiting the museum for a field trip. On-site visits to the campsite or organization, led by exhibiting artist Elizabeth Stone are also available. Camps and community organizations are welcome to book small group tours at the museum as well. If your organization wishes to visit MAM with a group of children, please contact the museum by calling 406-728-0447.

Teen Open Studio:
Summer hours for Teen Open Studio will be held weekly on Thursday afternoons from 2-4 PM beginning June 25, with a maximum of 9 participants. The session will be held outside, weather permitting, in the Art Park. If it is raining, TOS will be held in the classroom following proper sanitation and physical distancing.

Saturday Family Workshops:
In-person Saturday Family Workshops have been cancelled. Families are invited to visit our website to download free art-making worksheets related to the exhibitions on view at MAM. New additions will be added.

CONTACTLESS DROP OFF-IN AND PICKUP:
Families will drop their children off in MAM’s loading zone, directly in front of the museum’s entrance. A staff member will be outside to greet you, check your children in, and answer any questions you may have. We are asking that guardians do not accompany their children into MAM’s classroom. Drop-off is from 9:50-10:00 AM.

Families will pick their children up in MAM’s Art Park (directly North of MAM, on the corner of Pattee and Pine streets). You may park in MAM’s loading zone or in a parking spot on Pine (MAM does not have dedicated parking). Pick-up is from 12:00-12:10 PM.

FACE COVERINGS:
We will require instructors and MAM team members to wear a face covering at all times while leading Summer Camps. Students and parents must wear face coverings during high traffic times such as drop off and pick up. Students may wear face coverings during camp but are not required to.

SNACKS AND WATER BOTTLES:
Campers will need to bring their own water bottle, labeled with their name. If your child needs to bring a snack, please make sure it is in a sealed container. Snacks will be eaten outside in MAM’s Art Park as needed.
COMMON AREAS:
Common or high-traffic areas within the MAM building will be outfitted with appropriate signage to inform social distancing, especially at gathering points or areas vulnerable to close proximity interactions like hallways, bathroom entrances, and building exits. All high-touch surfaces such as tabletops, chairs, and door handles will be sanitized at scheduled times throughout the day according to a sanitization checklist developed under the recommendation of the Missoula City-County Health Department.

HEALTH CHECKS:
If your student, or someone in your household, has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees, or is experiencing any symptoms of illness, please stay home. Health department guidelines mandate that, if this happens, your student may not return to camp for 7 days. MAM will do its best to register your student into another, later camp in the event that your child must stay home. If another student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, MAM will work in tandem with the Missoula County Health Department to notify all camp families as soon as possible. MAM staff will not be performing daily temperature checks on students but will ask you to pick up your child if they are not feeling well. MAM staff and Teaching Artists will encourage use of handwashing stations, hand sanitizer, and distancing techniques throughout the day.

FUN AND NORMALIZATION:
Although these adaptations might be a little difficult for some kids, we will do our best to make sure that camp stays fun and there is a sense of normalcy. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 in our region and follow all evolving guidelines recommended by the CDC and the Missoula City-County Health Department in order to prioritize the safety of our staff, students, and everyone in the MAM family.

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