



Welcome to School's OUT!

One-Day Performing Arts Camp

Ages 4 through grade 6

Welcome! MoCo Arts is a place for ALL children wherever they are on their artistic and expressive journey, providing age-appropriate, inspiring arts educational experiences that will help your child grow in so many ways. Your camper will learn about music, dance, acting, art, and more. Campers will also learn about cooperation, friendship-building, problem-solving, and many other life skills that will help prepare them for their future.

MoCo Arts' School's OUT Camp is a fun, safe, and creative space for kids to learn and play. Each one-day adventure encourages youth to tap into their imagination based on seasonal themes and topics. Please read carefully. This Welcome Packet will provide you with the details you and your child need in order to have a successful experience at camp. We understand that lots of campers get the "first day jitters," the information in this packet will help them feel more prepared.

We are excited to welcome your child to a joy-filled day of exciting performing arts at MoCo! If you still have questions, please call our front desk at (603) 357-2100, and we will be happy to answer them.

See you at the studio!

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School's OUT Daily Schedule



Make friends while learning and having fun!

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8:00-8:30 a.m. **Arrival: Arts & Crafts**

8:30-9:00 a.m. **Morning Meeting**

9:00-9:45 a.m. **Period 1**
Dance, art, music, theatre, and more!

9:45-10:00 a.m. **Break**
Wash up before and after SNACK.
NUT FREE!

10:00-10:45 a.m. **Period 2**
Another class full of fun activities around our theme.

10:45-11:30 p.m. **Period 3**
More creative & performing arts.

11:30-11:30 p.m. **Lunch, recess & rest break**
Lunch, recess, and rest break - recess will be outdoors, weather permitting.

12:30-1:15 p.m. **Period 4**
Let's work on our show!

1:15-2:30 p.m. **Dress Rehearsal**
Last block of the day.

2:30 p.m. **Show**

3:00 p.m. **Dismissal**

Camp To-Do List

- Camp registration forms signed and returned before the first day of camp.
- Labeled all campers' belongings.
- Packed healthy NUT FREE lunch and two snacks.
- Labeled water bottle.
- Balances of fees are due prior to arriving at camp.

Aftercare cannot be provided due to high volumes of studio use for our after-school classes. **Pick up is promptly at 3 p.m.**



Health and Safety

If a camper or close household member is sick, the student must stay home and should notify MoCo Arts by phone at (603) 357-2100 or by email at info@moco.org as soon as possible. Please notify MoCo Arts' Executive Director, Reagan Messer, immediately if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19. Reagan can be reached at (603) 357-2100 ext. 203. The daily schedules, plans, and guidelines outlined herein are subject to change. We commit to communicating with families early and often about changes as they occur.

Check-in & Check-out

Check-in: 8-8:30 a.m. at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431

All campers should be checked in by 8:30 a.m. for the official start of camp. Please give yourself enough time to sign in, get settled, and not miss the 8:30 a.m. morning meeting.

Check-out: 3 p.m. at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431

All campers must be ***signed out*** each day at MoCo Arts by a designated adult. In the registration packet, ***please authorize anyone who is picking up your child from camp.***

All campers must be picked up by 3 p.m.

Performances

Family and friends are invited to campers performance and art gallery at the end of the day at 2:30 p.m. The show is free. Please inform the front desk if you need accessible seating. Please arrive early to find parking downtown. We will be unable to seat you once the show has begun.



Suggested Packing List

- Backpack in which to keep all belongings.
- 1 complete change of clothes.
- Indoor footwear (dance shoes, slippers) that haven't been worn outside. **No street shoes are allowed in the studios, and socks are too slippery.**
- Blanket for indoor picnics and rest time.
- **NUT FREE** lunch, snack, and a refillable water bottle. (Filtrine refill stations are on site.)
- **Costume basics:** a white shirt and dark bottoms (pants, shorts, etc.) This will be the basis for their costume in the show.



Please be sure to label all clothing and belongings. Although every effort will be made to help campers keep track of their things, MoCo Arts cannot be held responsible for lost items.

Nut Free Campus

CupCAKE camps are nut free to provide an inclusive and safe environment for all campers. Please do NOT pack peanut or tree nut products in your camper's lunch/snack. Thank you!

Behavior Policy & Expectations

By attending camp, you agree to the following behavior policy. MoCo Camp provides a safe, nurturing, supportive atmosphere for campers to blossom in their artistic interests, physical coordination, cooperative skills, and expressive abilities. To do this, the campers need to feel comfortable. They will have constant staff guidance and a structured environment with clear expectations and responsibilities. Campers will work with peers and staff, as well as independently, providing social and individual time. Campers will be asked to work as a team and to be an integral part in creating a fun, yet safe atmosphere.

Campers will be instructed in safe use of the body, equipment, materials and studio rules. All campers are required to have a buddy and a staff person with them at all times. We have no tolerance for bullying or harassment. Failure to follow directions or engaging in unsafe behaviors will be addressed immediately. The head camp counselor or camp director reserves the right to assess proper placement of each camper in the program. Campers may be removed from the program or sent home if their behavior is continuously unsafe or a detriment to themselves, other campers, or to the atmosphere of the program.

Student One-to-One Aide Policy

MoCo Arts welcomes children of **ALL** abilities and circumstances to our classes and camps. Because we are not staffed to provide one-on-one care to campers who may need extra assistance, **we require those campers who have aides assisting them in school to bring an aide with them to MoCo.** Their aide can be a family member, caregiver or other individual who knows the child well and can provide the special assistance they may need to get the most out of their experience here at MoCo. Please contact us with any questions or to discuss your child's special circumstances.

Camper Calls/Visits

Though the staff is always available to talk to you at any time, campers cannot receive or place phone calls while at camp. Cell phones are prohibited and may be left at the front desk. The best way to communicate with your child is by ticking a supportive note in their lunchbox.

First Time at Camp?

- Talk about what it might be like.
- Review the schedule of the day with your child.
- Take a field trip to MoCo Arts to see the building.
- Email the camp director with your child's unanswered questions or concerns.

The Buddy System

In order to insure the safety and accountability of all campers, we use the buddy system. Anytime a camper goes anywhere, they must have a buddy and a staff person or CIT with them. Help campers understand the importance of this. We have two basic "rules" at camp: (1) Safety and (2) Respect.

We want to hear from YOU!

We do our best to make sure our campers are happy and enjoying their time at camp. Please be sure to let us know if you have any allergies, special arrangements, or other questions you may have.

We also appreciate your feedback! If you have any concerns, please contact the front desk or the camp director so immediate corrections can be made. At the close of camp, please take the time to give us your feedback. This will help us improve our programs from year to year.



Schools OUT Themes & Schedule

October 9: Indigenous People's Day — *Abenaki Fables*

November 7: Election Day — *Rockin' in the USA*

November 10: Veteran's Day — *Heroes Around Us*

December 8: Winter Adventures — *Let it Snow!*

January 15: MLK Jr. — *Dream BIG*

January 24: Arts in Education — *Shark Week*

March 22: Spring has Sprung — *Where the Wild Things Are*

