



2024 Vacation Camp Welcome Packet

MoCo Arts School Vacation Camps – for students ages 4 years old through grade 6

Dear campers and families,

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. They 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 Vacation Camps will be a fun, safe, and creative space for kids to learn and play. Please read carefully ... this Welcome Packet will provide you with the details you and your child need to have a successful experience at camp. We also know that lots of campers get the “first day jitters,” so the information in this packet will hopefully help them feel more prepared. If you would like a tour of the facility before attending camp, please contact me to set up a time.

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

Sincerely,

Danielle Fitzpatrick — Camp Director
Artistic Director of Young Arts & CupCAKE
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VACATION CAMP TO-DO LIST

- Camp Registration Packet forms signed/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.**

\$230/week

Tuition assistance is available.

**Camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Drop off is between 8-9 a.m.**

Aftercare is available
Monday-Thursday from
3-5 p.m. for \$12/day

**Register by calling (603) 357-2100
or email info@moco.org**

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February 19-23 – *SPY CAMP*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>The Mission!</p> <p>Learn about what it takes to be a detective and solve clues.</p> <p>A list of materials needed at camp will be in your mailbox on the first day.</p> <p>Check your mail each day!</p>	<p>CSI Keene</p> <p>Break the code, solve the riddle, test for fingerprints, and more.</p> <p>Optional Dress Up: Spy Gear</p>	<p>Spy Training</p> <p>Spies have to be in great shape to dodge lasers, rappel down the side of buildings, and scuba to find clues on the ocean floor.</p> <p>Optional Dress Up: Pajamas</p> <p>Bring in a flashlight to play flashlight tag!</p>	<p>Alias!</p> <p>Be a master of disguise.</p> <p>Optional Dress Up: A clever disguise!</p> <p>Watch for your tickets to the show in your mailbox today!</p>	<p>Show Time!</p> <p><i>Mission ImPASSable</i> performance and Art Gallery at Noon</p> <p>Costume: White shirts and black bottoms</p>



Theme: Science, Forensics, Performance

Pretend you're a spy, decode a riddle, solve the clues and make new friends while putting on a "Who Dunitt." Filled with mystery and intrigue, this fun week of camp features singing, dancing, and acting in an original play, *Mission ImPASSable*. Performance on the last day of camp will showcase all that we have learned while helping us build confidence and teamwork skills.

April 22-26 – *DINO CAMP*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Paleontology</p> <p>Learn about the people who study dinosaurs and how they have discovered so much about these extinct animals.</p> <p>Check your mail each day!</p>	<p>ROAR!</p> <p>Think about your favorite dinosaurs and learn about some new ones, too!</p> <p>Optional Dress Up: Something with dinosaurs</p> 	<p>Dino Stories</p> <p>There are so many books, TV shows, movies and music about dinosaurs. We'll learn about some of them.</p> <p>Optional Dress Up: Pajamas</p>	<p>Fossil Finds</p> <p>Dinos are not the only fossils. Learn about other kinds of fossils and where to find them.</p> <p>Optional Dress Up: Like a paleontologist or scientist</p> <p>Watch for your tickets to the show in your mailbox today!</p>	<p>Show Time!</p> <p><i>MoCoSaurus Rex</i> performance and Art Gallery at Noon</p> <p>Costume: White shirts and black bottoms</p> 

Theme: Paleontology, Science, Performing Arts

What if you could go back in time and meet the dinosaurs? In this performance art camp, we will learn all about these extinct animals while putting on an original play, *MoCoSaurus Rex*. Sing, dance, act, and perform in a musical theatre production featuring the world of dinosaurs.



Health and Safety

For most of the week, campers will be dancing, acting, making art and making friends in four separate groups that will each have their own classrooms throughout our large building. Each group will have their own counselor and CITs who will be with them throughout the week. If a camper or 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.

Drop-off & Pick up

Check-in: 8-9 a.m. at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431. All campers should be checked in by 9 a.m. for the official start of camp. Please give yourself enough time to get settled, and not miss the 9 a.m. morning meeting.

Please sign in your child at the front desk. Caregivers are allowed to accompany their children to the classroom door, but please do not enter the classrooms. Counselors will be on hand to assist the children. Medications must be given to the front desk in the original container labeled with their name.

Check-out: 3 p.m. at MoCo Arts, 40 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431. Caregivers are welcome to park and come into the building to pick up campers. All children 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. Pick up your camper's mail prior to retrieving your child. Campers will be dismissed from the MoCo The Founder's Theatre.

Aftercare

Aftercare is available Monday-Thursday from 3-5 p.m. Aftercare is an optional service available Mon-Thurs. for an additional \$12/day. You do not have to sign up in advance for this service. Aftercare ends at 5 p.m. Children not picked up by 3:15 p.m. will automatically be billed for aftercare for that day. NO aftercare on Fridays.

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



Daily Schedule

8-9 a.m. — **Playtime until our friends arrive!**

9-9:30 a.m. — **Morning Meeting**

Plan for the day, Share & Tell, Friendship building

9:30-10:15 a.m. — **Period 1**

Dance, Art, Music, Theatre, Puppetry, and More!

10:15-10:30 a.m. — **Break**

Wash up before and after SNACK. Hygiene will be encouraged throughout the camp day.

10:30-11:15 a.m. — **Period 2**

Another class full of fun activities around our theme.

11:15-12:00 p.m. — **Period 3**

More creative & performing arts

12-12:45 p.m. — **Lunch, Recess & Rest Break**

Lunch, recess, and rest break - Recess will be outdoors, weather permitting.

Dress accordingly!

1-1:45 p.m. — **Period 4**

Let's work on our show!

2-2:45 p.m. — **Period 5**

Last block of the day

2:45 p.m. — **Closing Ceremony**

3 p.m. — **Dismissal**

Aftercare will be available M-Th from 3-5 p.m. at an additional \$12/day. Sign up at the front desk. Pick up is anytime between 3-5 p.m. Any campers not picked up by 3:15 p.m. will be charged for aftercare.

3:00-5:00 p.m. — **Aftercare M-Th**

Snack, playtime, movies, and fun!

THERE IS NO AFTERCARE ON FRIDAY.



Performances

Each week of camp will feature a performance at the end of the week. Performances are scheduled to take place in our Founder's Theatre. The show is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Tickets will be provided during the week of camp. Latecomers will not be seated. Notify the front desk for handicapped seating.

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.)
- Snow gear as needed. We will have outdoor recess, weather permitting.
- Optional dress up (see calendars)

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 tucking 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.