

2026

Summer Camp

AT NEWFIELDS



NEWFIELDS
A PLACE FOR NATURE & THE ARTS

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Welcome

To Camp at Newfields!



This year, we're excited to offer two camp options: Art Camp and Nature Camp. Designed for campers ages 6–14, these weeklong programs provide hands-on activities, behind-the-scenes access, and unique opportunities to learn from Newfields' expert Horticulture and Exhibitions teams. Campers will explore the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Lilly House, The Garden, and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park.



In Art Camp, your child will experiment with traditional and innovative materials and create a portfolio of original artwork to take home. In Nature Camp, they'll connect with the natural world through interactive projects and outdoor adventures.



Our goal is to spark imagination, curiosity, and a lifelong love of art and nature. Thank you for choosing Newfields. We can't wait to share this extraordinary experience with your family.

Warm regards,

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Art Camp

Unleash your creativity and explore the world of art at Newfields! Campers will explore the IMA Galleries and encounter artworks from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas, and also dive into the captivating art of film. In addition to hands-on projects inspired by their observations, campers will enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at exhibitions guided by Newfields staff.



Ingrid Colame (American, b. 1965), *From #258 Drawing (Tracings from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the L.A. River)*, 2007, enamel paint on aluminum, 71 x 119 x 1-1/8 in. Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, Carmen & Mark Holeman Contemporary Fund, 2008.3. © Ingrid Colame.



Nature Camp

Step into the great outdoors and discover the wonders of nature at Newfields! During this immersive experience, campers will explore The Garden, The Madeline F. Elder Greenhouse, and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park. Guided by Newfields staff, campers will learn about pollinators, natural resources, gardening techniques, and plant care, while also discovering how art and nature connect.

Weekly Schedule

Monday–Friday

- 8:30 AM • Drop Off**
The Café | Floor 1
- 9 AM • Morning Session Begins: Special Guests, Outdoor Activities, Art Making, Exploring**
The Garden and IMA Galleries
- NOON • Lunch & Recess**
Stout Reference Library | Floor 1
- 1 PM • Afternoon Session Begins: Special Guests, Outdoor Activities, Art Making, Exploring**
The Garden and IMA Galleries
- 3:30 PM • Closing Activities & Pick Up Begins***
The Studios | Floor 1
- 4 PM • Camp Ends**

*On Fridays, the campers will have a special display of what they've accomplished throughout the week.

General Information

Camp Fees

Tuition is due in full at the time of registration. Camp cancellations and refunds will be issued according to the following schedule:

- Campers are eligible for a full refund up to **April 7, 2026**.
- Between **April 7** and **May 4**, campers are eligible for a full refund, minus a \$50 processing fee.
- After **May 4**, no refunds will be provided.
- **During the week of camp**, refunds will only be issued for campers who are ill or face a family emergency. The fee will be pro-rated.



Drop Off & Pick Up

- Campers must be signed in and out by an adult daily. Campers will be released only to those individuals listed on your Pick Up Form. **Be sure to bring a picture ID.**
- Sign in will be at the Cafe on floor 1. Sign out will be at the Studios on floor 1
- Campers arriving before 8:30 AM must be accompanied by an adult and will be asked to wait outside.
- During drop off and pick up, adults may park their cars in the circle located just outside the Museum's main entrance. Cars may remain parked for 15 minutes.
- Please plan to park in one of Newfields' parking lots during drop off on Mondays.
- If a camper needs to leave early, the parent/guardian should let Staff know during drop off. They will coordinate with the Teaching Artist to make sure the camper is ready when it's time to leave.
- Camp ends at 4 PM. Campers must be picked up by 4:15 PM. A late fee of \$3 per child is assessed for every five minutes of tardiness.

Behavior Expectations

We want everyone to have a wonderful time at camp. To make sure all campers enjoy their time at Newfields, we expect them to be respectful, compassionate, and responsible while visiting our spaces.

This Includes:

- Respecting others while at camp: staff and their instructions, other campers, and guests visiting Newfields.
- Be kind to everyone: no insults or put downs and follow the Newfields Policy.
- Being responsible in the Galleries: keep hands off the artwork and walk carefully.

Discipline Procedure

If a camper is disruptive or disrespectful, the instructor will follow the discipline procedure.

1. Verbal warning and discussion of disruptive behavior; parent/guardian notified at pick up.
2. Time out or time away from camp activities and discussion of disruptive behavior; parent/guardian notified at pick up.
3. Written notice in the form of an Incident Report sent home with parent or guardian.
4. Conference with camp director, teachers, camper, and parent/guardian to discuss further disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from camp.

What to Bring



Snacks and Lunches

Campers should pack a lunch, water bottle, and snacks daily. Since Newfields will not be able to provide refrigeration for lunches, we advise parents/guardians to pack lunches in a self-cooling lunch box and avoid items that may melt or spoil without refrigeration. Newfields cannot provide access to a microwave.

Outdoor Necessities

Campers will have the opportunity to visit The Garden and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park at Newfields. We suggest campers bring the following for outdoor use daily:

- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Hat
- Refillable Water Bottle

Camper Needs

- Although aprons and smocks are provided, we suggest wearing clothes that can be easily cleaned.
- Campers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and footwear. Campers should avoid wearing shoes with little traction such as flip-flops.
- Campers need to be able to use the restroom independently.
- We strongly suggest a change of clothes to be kept in your campers' backpack. Spills can happen to anyone.

Please Do Not Bring

Although studios may be locked while campers are in galleries or outdoors, Newfields will not be responsible for electronics or toys left behind. **Students should not bring electronic devices** such as tablets, cell phones, cameras, unless cleared to do so by Newfields Staff and Contracted Instructors. If campers need to contact a parent/guardian, they may work with Camp Staff to use the studio telephone.