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Welcome to Global Arts Experience Camp!

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Camp Site Location: 767 Prospect St. Maplewood, NJ

We are thrilled you will be joining our camp family! Our camp team is honored to serve this diverse community with culture through art. We explore the sites, sounds and textures of countries all around the globe. Curiosity, social skills and building confidence are developed as we examine the world through cooking, music, painting, special events and visitors. This indoor camp sparkles with cultural dances and games that children from other countries enjoy. Campers recognize their own uniqueness and gain perspective on other cultures. We link reading and math skills by creating beautiful, high-quality artwork. We sincerely believe that your camper will have an amazing experience this summer, gaining the many benefits that **Global Arts Experience** provides.

We have added more outdoor physical activities for your camper. Throughout the summer, your child will be engaged in many different activities which will help create confidence, foster curiosity, develop social skills and instill our core values of Responsibility, Respect, Caring and Honesty while having a fun and exciting day! The highlighted countries this summer are **Romania, Thailand, and Zimbabwe**

The following information is a basic guide to help you know what to expect this summer at **Global Arts Experience** this summer. For more, detailed information, please view our **Camp Parent Handbook**, located on the website.

How will my child benefit from attending camp this summer? (CR 2.1/2)

You can be confident that your child will be safe and have tons of fun while attending camp this summer. Beyond that, we want to help your child gain positive developmental growth over the summer as well. As a result of our efforts, we hope that you will see growth in your child in these 9 areas.

1. Social Skills
2. Independence
3. Teamwork
4. Confidence
5. Curiosity
6. Responsibility
7. Appreciation for Art and Culture
8. Problem-Solving Confidence
9. Self-Esteem

Before the First Day

- **Talk with your children about camp.** Having pleasant, positive conversations about what will happen at camp, as well as going over the daily schedule/theme for the week and talking about friends that they will see while at camp before the week begins will help your child feel more comfortable and will hopefully excite them for camp!
- **Be sure to leave plenty of time on the first day to get ready and to eat breakfast.**
- **Have a plan.** Your child may become upset when you drop them off. We have found from experience that it is best for you to have a routine with your child for drop off. Tell your child that you will be back to pick them up - or tell them who will be picking them up that day. If you are struggling, please let our staff know and we will gently help your child get involved in an activity and the tears will soon disappear.
- **Have a routine.** Knowing what to expect allows your child to have less anxiety about their camp day and starts your day off right too!

SAFETY AT CAMP (CR 2.3)

Our highest priority is to ensure the safety of every camper and staff member.

-Group Size: Groupings shall not exceed 20 children.

-Medical information: Like every summer, we will require a medical form for each camper. This form is in PlayerSpace and must be filled out before a camper's first day of camp. This will include immunization records.

-Training: Our camp staff completes approximately 30 hours of extensive, mandatory training to adhere to safety protocols, identifying the signs of illness and specialty programming.

NUT-SAFE FACILITY



Keep in mind that we are a **NUT-SAFE** facility. Please make sure your child comes to camp without any nuts, nut products or peanut butter items. Staff will check the ingredients and remove any items that may contain nuts. These items will be returned at pick-up, but we appreciate any effort to eliminate these. Any item that “may contain” peanuts or tree-nuts will not be permitted.



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CAMP CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Backpack:** the following items should be in your camper's backpack.
- ☐ **Lunch**
 - Labeled with name
 - Non-perishable food and drink (there's no refrigeration available for food)
 - No gum or nuts of any kind
- ☐ **Labeled water bottle** (water cooler available at camp site for refills)
- ☐ **Towel and water shoes**
 - We do water play on Wednesdays. Each camper should bring a towel and water shoes.
- ☐ **Change of clothes**
- ☐ **Plastic bag for wet bathing towels and suits**
- ☐ **Sunscreen**
- ☐ **Swimsuit Optional**...but some campers prefer to wear a swimsuit for water play.
- ☐ **Sneakers**
 - We will be constantly moving/walking between activities, playing games, dancing, and jumping! For safety, campers need sneakers to participate in all activities.
- ☐ **Hats**
 - A hat is a great way to keep the sun out of your eyes and cool while outside. We ask that these items be not worn indoors.

CAMPSITE LOCATION (AD 5.1)

The camp location is **767 Prospect St., Maplewood, NJ**. Our Pick-up/Drop-off area will be on **Franklin Avenue**. Staff will be outside to greet campers at **7:30am** for morning care if weather permits. **If you do not need to drop-off this early the recommended drop-off is 8:30-9:00 am**. Regular camp drop-off starts at **8:30am**. Daily camp hours begin at **9:00am**; **3:00-3:30pm** is pick-up time for the end of the camp day. Camp aftercare is from **3:30pm-6:30pm** for registered participants. Anyone listed by parents as an alternate may pick up with identification.

- ★ Core Camp Program Hours are **9:00am – 3:30pm**.
 - ★ After care is **3:30pm-6:30pm**.
 - ★ If you need to speak with a Coordinator at the drop-off time, please legally park your car to avoid traffic build-up.
 - ★ Club Time will run from **3:30pm-6:30pm**. Which includes, Outside group games/projects and indoor activities.
- Campers who are permitted to walk home from camp and sign themselves out will be able to sign themselves out starting at **3:30pm**. If you would like to request that these campers stay until a specific time, please let us know.
- ★ If you need to speak with a Coordinator at pick-up for any reason that may take longer than a quick check-in, please legally park your car to avoid traffic build-up.
 - ★ If you are picking up campers at **3:30pm-4:00pm from aftercare**, please let us know which time slot you prefer and we will ensure those campers are ready.



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COMMUNICATION

- ★ **Electronic:** During the summer, we will be communicating with you through regular emails and **PlayerSpace** communications. This will be our main source of communication so please let us know if there are any changes to your contact information. We also send regular weekly updates during the summer. **In Person:** Please feel free to speak to your child's coordinator at any time with questions
- ★ or concerns. Our team will be working very hard to make every child happy. Please understand that due to the current restrictions in place, we are trying to limit prolonged exposure with parents at drop-off and pick-up. If you feel that you need to have a longer conversation with a coordinator, kindly ask them to call you during the afternoon when they have a chance.

GENERAL DAILY SCHEDULE

- ★ **Mondays** of the new session will always begin with campers getting comfortable in their groups and being introduced to their staff.
- ★ Meet-and-greet games and activities to start the session. This helps them acclimate to their new group of peers and counselors.
- ★ For the rest of the session, the morning activities will include cultural lessons (fun facts, language, etc.) and morning snacks. The morning will also include a rotation outside to get the kids playing, dancing and having fun in the sun.
- ★ We have art projects, visitors, and trips once a session.
- ★ Every **Monday** is our **Park Day** during lunch at **Borden Park** in Maplewood. We will have activities and play games weather permitting. **67 Orchard rd. Maplewood**
- ★ **Wednesdays** is our water play day at **Borden Park**. Campers can enjoy fun in the sun and the sprinkler; we engage in structured water games and free play.

Trips

Global Arts will be going on trips that have age appropriate activities. Please pack a nut free lunch and water bottle.

Monday, June 30th (bus leaves at 11:30am and should return before 3:00pm)

Chuck E. Cheese 145 Rt 10 East Hanover, NJ 07936 Phone (973) 887-3020

Monday, July 21st (bus leaves at 9:45am and should return before 3:00pm)

Kids Empire 437 US-46 Fairfield, NJ 07004 Phone:(973) 363-4750



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SAMPLE SCHEDULE

8:30am-9:30am	Drop-off/Morning Outdoor Play
9:30am-10:00am	Morning snack
10:00am-12:00pm	Arts and Crafts/Guests/ Games
12:00pm-1:45pm	Lunch/Outside Time Activities
1:45pm-3:00pm	Arts and Crafts/Guests/ Games
3:15pm-3:30pm	Afternoon Snack
3:30pm-4:30pm	Outdoor Play
4:30pm-6:30pm	Club Time

END OF EXTENDED CAMP DAY

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please note that we will update you on everything we are doing to ensure a safe, healthy and happy camp environment. Do not hesitate to call us with any further questions or comments you have about camp. We are so ready for the summer and cannot wait to meet all our campers!

Marian Judge
Camp Director