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Registration Open for Summer Camps at Suffolk Center

The Suffolk Center will be alive with music, theater, and the arts this summer with four week-long camps for students.

Art Camp is June 18 – June 22 for students in grades 1-7; registration is \$250 and closes June 13; early registration closes April 23 and is \$225. The Suffolk Center has partnered with Young Audiences Arts for Learning Virginia to provide professional artists to mentor the students in the fundamentals of drawing, painting, sculpture and collage. Students will create art work daily and curate a final exhibition at the end of the week. Camp is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Music Camp is July 16 – July 20 for grades 1-7; registration is \$250 and closes on July 11; early registration closes May 14 and is \$225. Students will learn music theory, play recorders, percussion instruments and learn basic piano skills that will help them with any instrument. They will also explore the power of movement and music in the form of different types of dance. For five fun-filled days students will experience small group instruction in preparation for their concert on the last day of camp. Camp is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Theatre Camp, Aug. 6 – 10, is for students in grades 1-7. Professional theater artists from Young Audiences Arts for Learning will lead students in the fundamentals of theater, costume design, set design, improvisation, scene writing, and the Strasberg method of acting. Camp is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Theatre Camp registration is \$250 and closes August 1; early registration ends June 4 and is \$225.

STEAM Back to School Bootcamp returns this year Aug. 28 – Sept. 1 for students in grades 1-6. The Suffolk Center and Sylvan Learning will help students uncover exciting STEAM topics such as Lego Robotics and Lego Engineering. They will explore the world of video gaming using video coding language and will improve their problem-solving skills through fun and challenging math concepts taught using the arts and movement. Camp sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$250 and closes on Aug. 21; early registration ends June 25 and is \$225.

According to a report by Americans for the Arts, art education strengthens students' problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. The experience of making decisions and choices in the course of creating art carries over into other parts of life. By exploring, experimenting and trying new concepts both creativity and self-esteem are boosted.

When students are encouraged to express themselves and take risks in creating art, they develop a sense of innovation that will be important in their adult lives.

For more information or to register for any of the Suffolk Center's summer camps, please contact Gavin Harper, Education Manager, at gavin.harper@suffolkcenter.org or 923-0003.