

TEEN PROGRAMS

Year in Review 2021-2022



By the Numbers:

- The Art Center Teen Leadership group has **30 active members**. These teens meet virtually and in person twice a month to participate in hands-on workshops with practicing artists, exhibit their artwork at the Art Center, develop leadership skills, and plan teen events.
- More than **370 participants** take studio art classes, workshops, and camps year-round in ceramics, digital photography, drawing and painting, jewelry and metalworking.
- **51 teens** volunteered in our counselor-in-training summer program, 12 at Family Days, and middle and high school service days.
- **15 teens** participated in the *Creative Attention* exhibit by contributing their artwork made especially for the *Creative Attention* exhibit. They made their art with the guidance of artist Christine Wong Yap through monthly workshops.
- The Teen Ceramics Apprenticeship program was started in the summer of 2022. **6 teens** have participated quarterly and volunteer for a minimum of two hours per week during the class or camp session at the Art Center. These shifts overlap with ceramics classes of all ages and volunteers help maintain the ceramics studio, organize supplies and artwork, work with the kiln and assist with lesson planning and classroom management. The Ceramics Apprentices have access to the ceramics studio for their own artmaking purposes during their apprenticeship. These volunteers all have at least two years of ceramics experience at the Art Center.

Quotes from Art Center teen programs:

"My daughter had a blast and can't wait to take her next class."

"The ceramics program at the Palo Alto Art Center is such an enriching experience! My daughter started with youth ceramics one summer and fell in love - she can't get enough of the classes, especially wheel throwing. She was also super excited to discover her class was going to use raku (she learned about that through The Great Pottery Throwdown series)."

"Wonderful instructors and a fabulous environment."

Teen programs at the Palo Alto Art Center provide teens with opportunities to have a voice and be heard, expose teens to practicing artists, introduce teens to professional opportunities in the art world, showcase creativity as a tool for expression and relaxation, and create satisfying volunteer experiences.