

YOUTH AND TEEN ART CLASSES

Year in Review 2021-2022



This year:

- In response to feedback from our teen audiences that “Children’s Fine Art” didn’t feel inclusive to them, we’ve renamed our program to “Youth and Teen Art Classes.”
- Summer Camp 2021 saw a shift from one-week camps to two-week camps to adhere to Covid “bubble” protocols. We ran **31 in-person camps** in our outdoor classrooms and two virtual camps in drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, comics, and more. **379 happy campers** participated with an additional **157** on the waitlist.
- Outdoor classes continued in the Fall of 2021. Tenacious instructors engaged **487 participants** in 50 classes through smoke and fire season and the onset of Winter evenings.
- After a delay in starting classes due to Omicron, Winter classes began in February 2022. Wind and rain and chilly afternoons didn’t stop **454 students** from participating in **47 classes**.
- Spring classes enjoyed warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours. A few classes moved indoors and teachers delighted in the creature comforts of lights, sinks, and countertops. **448 students** participated in **49 classes**.
- In total, studios programs for youth and teens engaged **1,781 students**.

Quotes:

“We appreciated the outdoor setup weather permitting, for children’s safety. My child really enjoyed the class. I noticed his drawing style really developing since taking the class.”

“My daughter LOVED this offering, and I hope there will be many more. This was maybe the happiest she had been since quarantine! She brought home most of her projects so I got to see the variety - I was impressed with the projects they worked on.”

“Wonderful instructors and a fabulous environment. My daughter’s favorite activity of every single week. Thank you!!!”

“I appreciate your work with kids! The staff is great and very supportive. My child has a lot of fun there! Art Center is one of the most beautiful places in Palo Alto. I always recommend you to all my friends.”

He said, “I more than triple loved ceramics camp!”

Art classes for youth and teens are offered year-round at the Art Center, for our youngest preschool artists who participate with a caregiver to our teen artists developing their creative and artistic skills. The Art Center serves as a dedicated place for high-quality, messy, and open-ended artistic exploration. We believe arts education is crucial to support a continuum of skill development from early fine motor skills to more advanced development of persistence, envisioning, expression, and craft.