



Summer 2026 JUNE 22 - 26 Orientation Guide for Campers and Parents



I. Schedule and Structure

Creative EDGE takes place over five weekdays, Mon-Fri, June 22-26.

Creative EDGE accepts 15 campers, ages 13-17. Campers must be no younger than 13 years of age on the first day of camp and no older than 17 years of age on the last day of camp.

Camp begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. each morning and ends promptly at 3:00 p.m. each afternoon. Campers should arrive no sooner than 8:45 a.m. and leave the building no later than 3:15 p.m. (Travel Day is the exception.)

Please find below the Creative EDGE basic daily structure.

Creative EDGE Basic Daily Structure

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Arrival / Check-in
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop Session One
11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lunch
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Workshop Session Two
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Workshop Session Three

Travel Day

On Wednesday, June 24, Creative EDGE will travel to visit a major permanent collection in the Midwest, such as Newfields (Indianapolis) or the St. Louis Museum of Art.

On Travel Day, Creative EDGE provides transportation to and from destinations, all museum tickets and passes.

On Travel Day, campers will arrive early to camp and sign-out in the evening, upon return.

Example Travel Schedule

6:30 a.m.	Arrival / Check-in
6:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Travel to Museum
10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Museum - Docent Tour
12 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Group Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Museum – Independent Group Exploration
2:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Travel back to Jasper

II. Creative EDGE Registration

Registration opens at noon, Friday, April 10, and closes at midnight, Wednesday, June 3.

Registration may be found online at JasperArts.org/CreativeEdge.

The registration fee for Creative EDGE is \$160 per camper.

Six FREE SCHOLARSHIPS are available to teens in need of financial assistance. Scholarships are met on a first-come, first-served basis. Please reach out to Jasper Arts Education Coordinator, Casey Uebelhor, at 812-482-3070, or by email at artseducation@jasperindiana.gov.

The teen whose name appears on the registration form, including appropriate emergency contact, allergy, and sign-out information, must be the teen who attends camp.

There is a waiting list in case of full registration. If for any reason a registered camper will not be able to attend Creative EDGE, please advise the Education Coordinator as soon as possible, so that another family may be immediately contacted.

III. Sign In and Sign Out Procedure

Campers enter the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center at **Entrance #11**, near the Loading Dock, on the ARTS side of the building. Entrance #11 is located at the back of the building, adjacent to the parking lot. Note: All Cultural Center doors remain locked until 9:00 a.m., so the Education Coordinator or a camp leader will be at Entrance #11 to greet campers beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Campers must sign-in each morning from 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Campers may not arrive prior to 8:45 a.m.

All campers must be signed-out by a known adult, parent, or guardian that has been previously designated during registration.

Adults picking up campers must enter the Cultural Center at Entrance #11 and sign-out campers each afternoon between 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. The Education Coordinator or a camp leader will be there to greet you and assist in signing out your camper. **Creative EDGE does not release campers to transportation services, such as Ride Solution or Uber.**

Campers driving themselves from Creative EDGE must be indicated as such on the registration form.

Campers who drive themselves must sign-out daily before exiting the building.

Parents and campers may exit the Cultural Center through Entrance #11 or Entrance #15. Please respect other patrons, groups, activities, and areas of the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center when exiting.

IV. Snacks and Lunchtime

Campers should arrive well-breakfasted and ready to create. Creative EDGE does not provide breakfast, daily snacks, or lunch to campers.

Campers must bring a bagged lunch daily that does not require heating or re-heating (no microwave). Refrigerator space will be available for lunches and lunch beverages. Creative EDGE does not provide lunch to campers.

Creative EDGE does not restrict food choices. If your camper has a food allergy, please communicate with the Education Coordinator, prior to camp, regarding specific needs. Creative EDGE does not administer medications to campers.

Hydration is important when making art. Campers should bring a refillable water bottle with a secure lid to camp. The Thyen-Clark Cultural Center is equipped with water fountains for refilling.

V. What to Wear to Camp

Art is messy. Campers should wear comfortable, breathable clothing that is able to be made messy. Campers should leave their nicest, most pricey, and/or favorite clothing at home.

Close-toed shoes. Campers should wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes, such as sneakers. Creative EDGE does not allow open-toed shoes or flip-flops. While Creative EDGE is primarily an indoor camp, campers may also receive instruction outdoors.

VI. What to Bring to Creative EDGE

- A refillable water bottle with secure lid. The Thyen-Clark Cultural Center is equipped with water fountains for refilling.
- A bagged lunch and lunch beverage that does not require heating or re-heating.
- Campers are assigned open shelving for storing personal possessions, lunch bags, and cell phones during camp.

VII. Items Received at Creative EDGE

- All workshop materials.
- A Creative EDGE t-shirt.
- A personal sketchbook and sketching materials to be used throughout the week.
- On Travel Day, Creative EDGE provides transportation to and from destinations and all museum tickets and passes.

VIII. Creative EDGE Learnings

Museum culture, arts careers, and entrepreneurship. Campers gain behind-the-scenes gallery and museum knowledge from professional artists and Jasper Arts staff. Campers learn about portfolio/lookbook building for academic and professional review, artist statements, art bios, exhibit calls, commissions, and other arts industry conventions.

Art history, philosophy of art, and contemporary understandings. Creative EDGE emphasizes the philosophical, scientific, and cultural significance of the visual arts. Campers explore the purposes of art, including expression, documentation, commemoration, preservation, challenging precedent, and bearing witness.

Professional mediums, tools, and studio settings. Campers will experiment and create with a variety of mediums and associated tools, including traditional and non-traditional paint materials, ceramics and clay, and dry mediums such as soft pastel. Campers will work in a variety of settings, including a clay studio, workshop rooms, a traditional painting studio, and a black box theater.

All workshops and activities are led by professional artists, art teachers, the Education Coordinator, and Jasper Arts staff.

IX. Taking Home Camper Art

On Friday, campers will take home their finished artworks, sketchbooks, practice sheets, and other art materials. Please come prepared on Friday to transport both wet and dry artworks. Campers may pick up their ceramics from the workshop hallway, after 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 29, through 4:45 p.m., Thursday, July 2.

General Information about Jasper Arts and the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center

Jasper Arts is a Department of the City of Jasper and is housed in the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center, 100 3rd Avenue, Suite A, Jasper, Indiana.

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sundays, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

2026 Gallery Sponsors include Matrix Integration, Kunkel Insurance Agency, Bargain Barn, Universal Design, and Kimball Electronics.

Jasper Arts is also supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, the Indiana Arts Commission, and Friends of the Arts.

Creative EDGE 2026 is partly funded by an anonymous community donation.

Visit jasperart.org, call 812-482-3070, or follow ‘Arts in Jasper’ on Facebook and Instagram.

For more information, or to speak to the Jasper Arts Education Coordinator, Casey Uebelhor, please call 812-482-3070, or email artseducation@jasperindiana.gov.

