Dear Visual Arts Camper,

On behalf of camp director Lynn Stockton and her staff, I am delighted to welcome you to this year’s Visual Arts Camp. We all look forward to seeing you at Northern Illinois University on Sunday, July 17.

Camp registration is scheduled for 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. and is a two-step process this year: First, park in the lot immediately south of the Music Building and carry your luggage to the Gilbert Hall residence dorm, which is just across Gilbert Dr. There you will collect your room key and check into your room. After checking in at Gilbert, walk to the Concert Hall lobby of the Music Building to pick up registration materials and meet the camp staff. There is a camper orientation meeting at 3:15 p.m. in the Concert Hall required for campers, optional for parents.

On Friday, July 22, parents and friends are invited to the closing ceremony and art exhibit beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Olson Gallery, 2nd floor of the Visual Arts Building. Camp concludes at about 6:45 p.m.; campers and their parents should return to the residence hall at that time to pick up campers’ belongings.

In addition to the final camp schedule, you will receive your studio assignments at registration. Campers will be assigned to two daily studio classes. The assignments are based on your response on the registration form and on available space.

Enclosed with this letter are a payment information sheet, general information sheet, rules for campers, and a health/consent form. Parents, complete the health/consent form and return with your balance of payment by June 17 (receipt deadline) to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. Note: NIU’s security policy does not allow our office to retain credit card information. If you plan to pay the balance by credit card, you must provide this information on the balance of payment form. Your camp registration fee covers the cost of room and board and all art materials and activities of the camp. I would like to remind parents whose children have been promised scholarship support that they are responsible for the unpaid balance of payment. We must have the health/consent form before the start of camp.

Website: You will find maps and directions, along with pdf’s of all forms and paperwork (not payment information sheets), at www.artscamps.niu.edu.

Rules: Enclosed are the camper rules. Campers, please read these carefully ahead of time, as they will be strictly enforced by camp counselors.

Visitors: If parents or other relatives want to pick up campers during the week for any reason, I must have a letter detailing the name of the person(s), as well as the date and times of pick up and drop off. You may mail this ahead of time or drop it off at registration. Be prepared to show identification at the time of pick-up.

Medicine: Our counselors are instructed not to provide campers with any medicines, not even routine over-the-counter products. If your child is likely to need any medications, please be sure you have sent these with him/her. For any serious medical problems, parents will be consulted by telephone as soon as possible and the camper will be attended by a person with medical training. All medical bills are the responsibility of parents; bills will be sent home at the conclusion of the camp.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are unable to attend the camp. And feel free to call with any questions or concerns. My number is (815) 753-1450.

Sincerely,

Josh Anderson
Director, Summer in the Arts at Northern

WEB UPDATE: All camp forms are available at www.artscamps.niu.edu.

Checklist: What to bring to art camp
- comfortable/sturdy walking shoes or sandals
- umbrella or rain gear
- mosquito repellent
- sweatshirt
- alarm clock
- water bottle
- sheets and pillowcase (standard twin size)
- towels, blanket, pillow
- small amount of money for souvenirs and snacks
- old clothes for studio work