

# EIU Art Camp

July 12 –18, 2026

## GENERAL INFORMATION

EIU Art Camp is held annually on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. The University is located off Route 16, which can be reached from Interstate 57 or Highway 130.

### **Sunday, July 12 – Opening of EIU Art Camp**

#### Registration

Registration will be held in the lobby of the Doudna Fine Arts Center (1860 7<sup>th</sup> St, Charleston, IL 61920) on Sunday, July 12 between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. You must start here before going to the dorm.

#### Orientation Meeting

All campers will report to the Doudna Fine Arts Center at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday for a **mandatory** orientation meeting. Floor counselors will escort campers to/from the Orientation Meeting.

### **Health & Safety**

Students attending EIU Art Camp are led by a professional staff of counselors and faculty.

Parents must fill out the Medical Information Form before their child may begin participating in camp. EIU Art Camp maintains strict confidentiality of students' medical conditions but will notify faculty and staff as necessary to ensure your child's safety. Please note that campers with dietary restrictions should include appropriate information on the Camper Medical Information form and notify the Director.

EIU Art Camp staff are not authorized to take students to the EIU Health Center for urgent health issues. Campers with any type of urgent health concern will be taken to the Sarah Bush Lincoln (SBL) Walk-in Clinic in Charleston, or the SBL Hospital Emergency Room in Mattoon, depending on severity. This ensures that campers' insurance is properly billed.

### **Housing & Dining**

All campers will live in the first two floors of Ford Hall. (Note – check-in begins at the Doudna Fine Arts Center, not the dorm – see above!) Our counselors are experienced professionals who are EIU students or graduates. Campers and counselors live together, eat together, and get to know each other. Campers will be housed two to three per room, unless otherwise arranged. On the first floor, we will house male and nonbinary participants on one side of the floor and a small number of female participants on the other side of the floor. One Counselor and the Assistant Director will reside in the middle of the floor in order to keep the group together but still provide separation and privacy. The second floor will house females only.

Please contact the EIU Art Camp Director at [EIUArtCamp@eiu.edu](mailto:EIUArtCamp@eiu.edu) with questions or concerns. Please note that there is a \$60.00 replacement cost for lost room keys. EIU Art Camp will make all efforts to honor roommate requests so long as there is space availability and it is mutually agreeable between the requested roommates.

Campers will receive breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Taylor Dining Center. Campers will have access to cereals, sandwiches, salad bar, hot entrees and sides, soft drinks and dessert. We strongly encourage all campers to eat balanced meals. As noted above, special meals are available for campers with dietary restrictions, though it is the family's responsibility to notify EIU Art Camp administrators of any needs in advance. Campers will be given a meal wristband at registration that must be worn at all times during Art Camp. Please note that there is a \$5.00 replacement charge for lost meal wristbands.

### **Classes, Workshops, and Recreational Activities**

In general, campers attend three classes per day. The late afternoons and evenings are populated with a mixture of workshops, craft opportunities, and social/recreational activities. Activities and workshops include t-shirt printing, sewing, life drawing, crafts, scavenger hunt, bingo, swimming, bowling, and more. A full schedule will be available upon check-in.

## Check-Out and Final Reception

All campers must check-out of Ford Hall by **2:00pm on Saturday, July 18, after the closing reception.** Luggage may be kept in rooms until 2:00pm.

Thanks to the Tarble Museum of Art, students will host a closing reception and exhibition in a professional art venue, where friends and family can view and enjoy their efforts from the preceding week. The reception is scheduled from 11am – 1pm. Students may gather their artwork after 12:30 pm to take home with them.

## Miscellaneous

### Money

Campers will only need money for personal expenditures as room and board are provided within the camp fee. If your camper will be using DoorDash or other delivery apps for snacks, please talk with them ahead of time about how you expect this to be used.

### Cell Phones

Cell phones are allowed but **must be turned off** during all class and workshop times, as well as at all floor meetings. Please encourage the campers to ask the adults with them on campus for assistance, rather than having you do it for them.

### Art Camp T-shirts

T-shirts are included in the camp fee. Campers will print their own t-shirt during our t-shirt workshop. Campers need to wear these T-shirts on camp photo day.

### Photos

Photos will not be available in hard copy, but parents will have access to high-resolution group photos, which can be downloaded and printed if desired.

### Social Media

EIU Art Camp has a private Facebook page ([EIU Art Camp 2026](#)) that is available for campers and their parents to join. Updates and candid moments from throughout the camp experience will be posted for all to enjoy. If you wish for your camper to be excluded from photos and videos, please indicate that on the Audio-Visual Consent Form.

### Attire

While there is no strict or official dress code for Art Camp, campers are asked to prioritize modesty, comfort, and safety. Generally, clothing should cover undergarments and midriffs.

### Participation

Campers are required to participate in all scheduled activities.

## Camp Communication

Campers are asked to use [GroupMe](#), a mobile app, to contact their counselors throughout the week of camp. Campers will be provided with their counselor's contact information upon check-in. Campers are also encouraged to join a [camp-wide communication channel](#) via GroupMe here for general updates, announcements, and information throughout the week.

## In the Event of an Emergency

For general questions throughout the week, call 217-581-3410 or email [EIUArtCamp@eiu.edu](mailto:EIUArtCamp@eiu.edu) Please encourage campers to ask the adults with them on campus for assistance, rather than having you, the parent or guardian, do it for them. The following phone numbers should be used only in case of emergencies:

Ford Hall (Residence Hall) Front Desk: 217-581-2878

EIU Campus Police: 217-581-3212  
Art Camp Director: Available via [GroupMe](#)

### **What to Bring**

In general, the Doudna Fine Arts Center tends to be a little chilly in the summer. Bring layers and plan to wear shirts that keep your shoulders warm.

- Clothing: jeans, pants, shorts, shirts, sweater/jacket, swimsuit (layers work well), rainwear
- Linens: bed linens for Twin XL mattress, lightweight blanket, pillow; towel(s) for showering, towel for swimming (this can be the same as the shower towel)
- Other supplies: shower shoes (flip-flop sandals work well), toiletries, clothes hangers, alarm clock, chargers, umbrella