

Saturday Morning Discovery | Frequently Asked Questions

What is SMD? SMD is not a class, but a FREE introductory art experience for children and teens.

When is SMD? Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30A during the calendar school-year (Sept – May).

Where is SMD? Check-in for SMD takes place on the Ursuline Campus at the Southwest School of Art & Craft, at the intersection of Augusta & Navarro, across from the Central Library. Check-in takes place in front of the Urschel Dormitory Building, just off the parking lot.

Can I show up on any Saturday? Advance registration is required to attend a monthly SMD session. Unfortunately, space for drop-ins is not available.

When can I register? Registration is open throughout the year beginning July 15.

How late can I register? Registration for an SMD session is based on first-come, first-served. Children can register as long as there is space available and up until the third week of the previous month.

How long is an SMD session? Each SMD session meets for the first 3 or 4 Saturdays of the month.

(NOTE: There is no SMD in April.)

First 4 Saturdays: Sept, Oct, Jan, Feb, March & May

First 3 Saturdays: Nov & Dec

Is my child required to attend every Saturday in a session? No, but in order to fully experience the art activities offered, a four-Saturday commitment is highly recommended.

What age may attend SMD? SMD is open to children and teens between the ages of 5 – 17 years of age.

May I bring a child younger than 5? Yes, but not as a participant. SMD art activities are designed with skill sets appropriate to children 5 and older. Parents may bring a younger sibling of a child registered, but must understand that they can not participate in the art activities. Parents must monitor those younger children at all times.

Can I drop my child off during SMD? No — parents and guardians are required to stay during the session and are encouraged to work alongside their child.

Can my child register for more than one SMD session? Each child is limited to enrolling to one, one-month session of SMD per school year.

If a session is full, can I be called if there is a cancellation? There is no waiting-list for SMD. If a session is full, you are encouraged to sign up for the next available session.

If my child misses a Saturday during a session, can they make it up during the next session. Unfortunately there are no make-ups; due to limited space and the required pre-registration for the following session.

What art activities can my child participate in? There are 8 art activities and each Saturday children can select from: Painting & Drawing; Origami; Japanese paper folding; Inkle Loom Weaving; Silk-screen Printing; Stained Glass; Clay Handbuilding; Pinhole Photography (8 & up only); and a different Seasonal Art Activity each month.

Are there any activities specific by age? All art activities are open to children 5 – 17 with the exception of: (Pinhole Photography which is available to 8 & up only) and (the January and February special session of Pottery: Wheel Throwing which is available to 13 and up only).

Can my child take home the work they make? Yes, every Saturday. However, final clay pieces are ready and must be picked up on the last Saturday of each monthly session at 11:00A.

Can a group of children register together? Yes, groups from Boy or Girl Scouts, church or community groups and school or home-school groups may enroll together for the same session. Groups are required to fill out and send an information sheet with all participants' pertinent information. Groups require 2 adults per 20 participants.

Can my child celebrate their birthday party at SMD? SMD is an art experience and is not an appropriate venue for a participants' birthday party.