

## Saturday Morning Discovery | Frequently Asked Questions

**What is SMD?** SMD is not a class, but a FREE **two-Saturday** session introductory art experience for children and teens.

**When is SMD?** Saturday mornings from **9:30 – 11:30AM** 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, 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?** **Advanced registration is required** to attend a SMD session. Unfortunately, **space for drop-ins is not available.**

**When can I register?** Registration dates will be posted on the website

**How late can I register?** Registration for an SMD session is based on first-come, first-served. Children can register if there is space available and up until the third week of the previous month. **To offer access for as many families as possible, we only allow participants to register for 1 section per year.**

**Is my child required to attend every Saturday in a session?** No, but to fully experience the art activities offered, a **two-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 always monitor those younger children.

**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, **two-Saturday** 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 the first session is she or he allowed continuing the following sessions?** When you register for SMD you have registered your child for **two Saturdays** and can attend only on those days.

**If my child misses a Saturday during a session, can they make it up during the next session.** No. **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 9 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: Board Loom weaving is available for 5, 6, & 7 yrs, 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?** No SMD is an art experience and is not an appropriate venue for a participants' birthday party.