

## Saturday Morning Discovery | Frequently Asked Questions

**What is SMD?** SMD is not a class, but a FREE **four-Saturday** session introductory art experience for children 5-14 and their caretakers.

**Are all sessions of SMD four weeks long?** November and December sessions of SMD are 3 weeks long due to holidays. SMD is never held on the 5th Saturday of any month, and there are no sessions of SMD in April.

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

**Where is SMD? Check-in** for SMD takes place on the Ursuline Campus at the UTSA Southwest, 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. All adults and children 5-14 are required to register to attend. Unfortunately, **space for drop-ins is not available**. Registration information available [here](#).

**When can I register?** Registration dates will be posted at <https://www.utsa.edu/pace/community-art/youth/saturday-morning-discovery.html>

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

**Is my child required to attend every Saturday in a session?** No, but to fully experience the art activities offered, a **four-Saturday** commitment is highly recommended. Please note that November and December are 3-week sessions.

**What age may attend SMD?** SMD is open to children and teens between the ages of 5 – 14 years of age.

**May I bring a child younger than 5?** Yes! 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 may need assistance or be too young for some activities.

**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 family is limited to enrolling in one, **four-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 are they allowed to continue the following sessions?** Yes, but be aware that when you register for SMD you have registered your child for **four consecutive Saturdays** and can attend only on those days. Please note that November and December are 3-week sessions.

**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 – 14 with the exception of Pinhole Photography (8 and older) and Stained Glass (10 and older)

**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 second and last Saturday of each monthly session at 11:00am. The artist educators will communicate the clay pick-up if you participate.

**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. Space is limited for groups and priority will go to community partners and under served communities. Please contact [rose.barcus@utsa.edu](mailto:rose.barcus@utsa.edu) for more information.

**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.