



YOUTH CAMPS

THEY ARE HAPPENING, BUT
WITH SOME CHANGES

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The Crucible will be offering 2020 youth camps in a limited capacity, with new health and safety policies in place, in accordance with the most up-to-date orders defined by the county department of health, under guidance of the state.

We are an industrial arts school dedicated to safety—and we are working hard to implement best practices put forth by The Department of Public Health, Alameda County, the City of Oakland, the State of California, the Center for Disease Control, the federal government, and the World Health Organization.

As The Crucible welcomes youth students in for summer camps, we strive to create a welcoming environment to encourage creativity in a safe and responsible way. From drop off to pick up, **please carefully review the following to know what to expect from The Crucible's 2020 Youth Camps**.

According to the ACPHD, if you are enrolling your child in camp at The Crucible, it is best practice to avoid enrolling them in any other camp, program, or group activity for two weeks prior and two weeks after. Please follow this practice when registering for camps at The Crucible. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us so we can discuss them with you.

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We are looking forward to safely welcoming you and your families back to The Crucible for a summer of creativity and hands-on making.

BEFORE REGISTERING, YOU SHOULD KNOW

- ⇒ **All our current youth camp offerings are new classes.** Classes have been adjusted based on necessary safety accommodations recommended by The Alameda County Department of Public Health in their May 11 guidelines. As the guidelines update, we will adapt to them.
- ⇒ **If you already registered for camps, we are going to reach out and accommodate you around rescheduling your child's program**—thank you for your support and understanding.
- ⇒ **We have changed the traditional timing of our camps,** with morning sessions from 9am-12pm and afternoon sessions from 2-5pm. This longer break supports more time to get our campers in and out of the space while practicing social distancing, and more time to transition, clean, and set up between sessions.
- ⇒ **No youth may register for both a morning and afternoon session in the same week.** This ensures stable groups of youth, without crossover, in accordance with recommendations from The Alameda County Department of Public Health.
- ⇒ Youth will be provided an individual, pre-packaged bag at the start of class that includes necessary PPE, safety items, and daily snacks. **The sharing of tools and materials will be minimized to support the recommendations from the ACPHD.**
- ⇒ **Class sizes have been reduced to allow for 6 feet of space between students and faculty.** No individual youth class will have more than 6 students, led by no more than two Crucible faculty members. Your child's safety—and the safety of our faculty—are everything to us.
- ⇒ **Some classes will be outside!** Please read the full class description for details on location, class size, and other specific safety precautions. There will be shade structures up for all outdoors classes, but if your youth is sensitive to the sun, please take that into consideration when signing up.
- ⇒ We have age-specific youth offerings for ages 8-11, 12-18, and 14-18. **Only sign up for age-appropriate youth classes** that match how old your child will be on the first day of class.

BEFORE COMING TO THE CRUCIBLE

Your Checklist:

- I filled out and submitted the Youth Consent Form and Health and Well-Being Addendum.
- My youth student is wearing 100% all natural fiber clothing, closed-toe, closed-heel shoes, and is not bringing any unnecessary accessories to class.
- Anything from home that is absolutely needed by my youth student during camp is in a ziplock plastic bag with their name on it. No backpacks allowed!
- My youth student and anyone accompanying them for drop off or pick-up is wearing a cloth mask.
- My youth student is not exhibiting any signs of illness or flu and does not have a fever.
- No one in my house has been ill with a respiratory illness for the past two weeks, exhibited any symptoms of what could be a variant of COVID-19, or has a fever, cough, or other active illness which might be contagious that I am aware of.
- To my knowledge, no one in my household has been exposed to COVID-19 in the past two weeks or gone out without appropriate hand-washing, social distancing and protective personal equipment unless they are a front line worker or practicing activities the ACDH has approved for not wearing a mask (such as running).
- I understand that my youth will be asked for a temperature check on arrival, and that participation is linked to following safety rules for wearing PPE, social distancing, and following directions in class.

BEFORE COMING TO THE CRUCIBLE, cont.

BE PREPARED

Youth students MUST wear all natural fiber clothing such as denim, cotton, linen or leather. Synthetics like nylon, polyester, and spandex, are not permitted around open flame.

NO flip-flops, sandals, or open-toed shoes of any kind are allowed in the studio. If your child arrives in open-toed shoes, a parent will be called to drop off appropriate closed-toe, closed-heel (i.e. fully enclosed) shoes.

Please dress in long pants; NO SHORTS are allowed in the studio. Skirts are not recommended. If your child arrives in shorts or a skirt, a parent will be called to drop off studio appropriate attire.

All Welding students (including MIG, TIG ARC, and Oxy-Acetylene) must bring a long sleeve 100% natural fiber (cotton, flannel, or wool) shirt that covers skin up to their neckline. This shirt will get dirty. Students will receive additional safety gear in class as needed.

Everyone coming onto The Crucible property must wear a mask—youth or otherwise. If a youth student arrives without a mask, one will be provided to them. All youth students will be required to wear masks for the duration of their class, unless otherwise instructed by their faculty member or when drinking water or eating in designated areas. The [CDC has a guide to acceptable cloth masks](#) that help prevent the spread of infection. Bandannas will not be accepted inside The Crucible.

Bring your own large water bottle! We will be distributing labels for students to appropriately label their water bottles and have a limited quantity on hand for youth students who forget.

PLEASE COMPLETE NECESSARY PAPERWORK

Following registration for a youth class, participants will receive our standard Youth Consent Form with an additional agreement and waiver that outlines The Crucible and the family's expectations and agreements at this time.

Both documents must be reviewed, signed, and returned at least two business days prior to a youth class starting. We also request that parents/guardians have their youth complete an optional pre-class survey with or without help, as needed.

If a child is not being checked in and out by an adult guardian, students must have

BEFORE COMING TO THE CRUCIBLE, cont.

authorization to check themselves out and walk alone to BART, the bus stop or home.

DON'T BRING EXTRA STUFF

Please do not send backpacks with youth. Only send items that are absolutely necessarily for your child's safety and wellbeing, i.e. prescription eyeglasses, necessary medication/inhalers when on-site, proper clothing and/or layers for the studio. We ask that no additional items come with students such as backpacks, watches, jewelry, toys/games, or books.

Any items deemed necessary for class, including mobile devices, must arrive in a clear ziplock bag with the youth's name clearly written out (similar to toiletries on airlines).

Ziplock bags make it easy to contain any necessary items, see what is present, and wipe down the outside. Each student will have a physically distanced, individual place where they keep these items.

THE SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED

We have changed the traditional timing of our camps to ensure our team has adequate time to clean across the campus between sessions and safely get all campers in and out of the facility without overlap. No youth may register for both a morning and afternoon session in the same week and we cannot provide before or after camp care due to our new safety guidelines.

We have also scheduled camps with a number of weeklong breaks with no camps to provide our team with an opportunity to rest, recoup, clean, and be completely ready to welcome our next cohort of campers.

WE ARE DOING THIS TOGETHER

We know you are actively monitoring your youth who come to the Crucible when they are back at home with you. If you have any questions or concerns about their health, who they are interacting with, or anything else where it would be good to talk, please reach out.

Please notify Crucible staff of any physical, social, behavioral, or emotional health conditions that may impact your child's class experience, including sensitivity to heat or sun exposure.

We are seeking to minimize the number of people in our space at this time, and for this reason and to help encourage an independent learning space for young people, parents are not allowed to stay while students are learning.

WHEN ARRIVING AT THE CRUCIBLE

DROP OFF

If parents/guardians are dropping off youth from a car, all cars must approach our drop off zone by driving south on Union Street (heading from 8th Street south towards 7th Street). Please pull to their right alongside our driveway. Do not drop youth off from your car and have them walk up. **Do not exit the car until a Crucible staff member has checked you in!**

If parents/guardians or youth themselves are arriving on foot, go to the on-foot check-in sign and wait in line six-feet away from others until we check you in.

CHECKING IN

A staff member will ask everyone in the vehicle, including the youth student, how they are feeling and if there is any information we should be made aware of prior to the youth coming on site, such as temperature change, any illness or symptoms of illness, etc. You can see our [health questionnaire here](#).

Check in with your child before arriving to know how they are going to answer our health questionnaire, so there are no surprises. We will not admit youth exhibiting any symptoms or who have been in close contact with someone exhibiting symptoms.

Each class will have a designated, outdoor area to gather together with their faculty, distinguished by a sign. If all is clear, youth will be asked to exit the vehicle on the right passenger side. Please do not exit on the left side, where cars may be driving. Youth will immediately sanitize their hands at the appropriate station and proceed to their specific class check-in area.

Once the class has gathered, the faculty member will lead them to their next destination, whether that is the inside classroom, outside classroom, restroom, or material bag pick up.

The Basics:

- ⇒ Please arrive on time—especially now! Check-in will open 30 minutes before the start of class. **We ask that you arrive at least 15 minutes before your camp session begins.**
- ⇒ If in car, don't get out of the car until we check you in.
- ⇒ If on foot, go to the on foot check-in sign and maintain 6 feet of distance from others in line.
- ⇒ If youth don't have a mask, we will give them one.
- ⇒ Everyone is required to wear a mask while on The Crucible property, including during drop off and pick up. Any adult accompanying a youth either via car or on foot will need to have a mask on. No exceptions.
- ⇒ Youth will enter The Crucible facility escorted by their faculty member, only after sanitizing their hands and after their whole class is present.

STAYING SAFE DURING CLASS

And for everyone's safety, The Crucible does **NOT** allow weapon making in youth classes.

NAVIGATING THE SPACE

Clearly marked pathways will help guide students through the building in a one-directional manner, to reduce students crossing pathways. Classes will enter and exit the building following posted signage and remain clear from unnecessary areas. For mezzanine access, the south stairway will be for going up and the north stairway will be for going down. Classrooms, pathways, and other necessary-use areas will be marked with space guidelines to implement physical distancing.

PHYSICALLY-DISTANCED IN THE CLASSROOM

Class sizes have been reduced to allow for 6 feet of space between students and faculty. Some classes have been moved from smaller rooms to larger indoor or outdoor class spaces. **Please read the full class description for details on class location.** There will be shade structures up for all outdoors classes, but if your youth is sensitive to the sun, please take that into consideration and plan accordingly. We will have sunscreen on hand, if needed.

YOUTH WILL BE HYDRATED

We ask that youth to bring their own large water bottle to help prevent any water bottle mix-up. We will be distributing labels for students to appropriately label their water bottles. Youth students who forget a water bottle will be provided with one. Water stations are available throughout the facility for refill and will be wiped down before and after use. Hydration is a very important part of programming, and youth will be encouraged to drink water frequently throughout class. Classes will take official water breaks throughout class, as well as encourage youth to hydrate as needed.

SNACK BREAKS WITH SPACE

Youth are not permitted to attend both a morning and afternoon session during the same week, and we request that no youth remain onsite for extended periods before or after their sessions—i.e. no lunch breaks. Free, light snacks will be provided and the fenced in backyard area of The Crucible will have shaded tables for youth to have quick snack and a break in the sun. The large, open Events Space inside The Crucible will also have tables set up for campers to take short, physically distanced snack breaks. All eating areas will be monitored by staff, and sanitized between use.

STAYING SAFE DURING CLASS, cont.

PRE-PACKAGED MATERIALS

To eliminate instances of close contact between youth and faculty and staff, all youth will be issued a kit/bag at the start of class which will include all necessary PPE, safety items, snacks, and class-specific tool sets needed for every day of camp. Bags will be distributed in designated classroom areas and maintained by Crucible staff. No bags will be shared as each is prepared for every student, and all will be packaged in advance by a Crucible staff member who will be wearing PPE (masks and gloves).

Bag contents will be dependent upon your class area, but will generally include a class-specific mask (such as an N95 mask for classwork, separate from mask worn by youth upon arrival), gloves, safety glasses, alcohol wipes, tissues, snacks, and any class-specific tools. All tool sets will be issued as needed and only used by one youth. Snacks included will all be prepackaged items such as pretzel packets, fruit gummy packets, juice boxes, and chip packets. Leftover disposable items/snacks can be taken home by youth on the last day of class or will be disposed of.

RESTROOMS WILL BE CLEAN

Classes will take official restroom breaks throughout class at preplanned intervals to ensure adequate social distancing between other class groups. Youth are also encouraged to let their faculty member know if they need a restroom break. There will be a staff member monitoring and cleaning the restroom after each group and ensuring proper sanitation procedures are met. We will be sharing specific restroom and facility cleaning procedures in a separate communication. All cleaning procedures follow Alameda County Department of Public Health and OSHA procedures.

All youth will wash their hands before and after using the restroom, following CDC practices by using soap and warm water, vigorously scrubbing hands for at least 20 seconds, rinsing hands thoroughly, drying with paper towels, using paper towel to open any doors, and disposing of paper towels in compost bins. Youth students must keep their mask on while inside The Crucible facility, including while using the restroom.

AFTER CLASS

This year, we will not host on-site community gallery showings on the Friday of youth classes. We will be taking photos safely throughout camp and posting them on our [online photo gallery](#). We encourage you to share your youth's work using the #TheCrucibleYouth! A short post-class survey will be emailed following class ending. We ask that parents/guardians have their youth complete this survey with or without help, as needed. No post-class survey will be issued on site.

AFTER CLASS IS DONE

PICK-UP

Following class, the faculty member will lead the class group to the class check in area, located outside (same spot as from the morning drop off). Youth will wait with their faculty member until ready to be picked up by a parent/guardian or released to walk off property. Students must have authorization to check themselves out and walk alone to BART, the bus stop or home.

If parents/guardians are picking up youth in a car, all cars must approach our drop off zone by driving south on Union Street (heading from 8th Street south towards 7th Street). Please pull to their right alongside our driveway.

A staff member will ask who the car is picking up and the driver's name and relationship to the youth. All pick ups must have prior approval and be on The Crucible's contact list for us to release a youth.

Drivers must be wearing PPE/masks when communicating with our staff members. If other children are in the car, the windows must be up, or if open, they will need to wear PPE as well. If they are under age two, they must be in a car seat in the back with the windows closed during pick up.

Once pick up contact is confirmed, a staff member will retrieve youth from their class and have them walk to the vehicle. Youth must enter a vehicle from the right passenger side. Please do not have youth enter a vehicle from the left side, as that is where cars may be driving. Prior to leaving, youth will be asked if they are experiencing any feelings of illness or exhibiting any symptoms. All notes will be recorded in the check out spreadsheet.

CONFIRM YOUTH ARE STAYING HEALTHY

Following each class day, please check in with your youth about how they are feeling. Please immediately report any unusual illness or symptoms to The Crucible. Do not bring your child back to The Crucible if they are exhibiting any signs of illness or flu. If a student is confirmed to have Covid-19 Coronavirus and has been on-site, The Crucible will alert the community with any potential exposure.

The Crucible creates a safe space for participants' physical and emotional well-being. Students are expected to conduct themselves with respect for individuals, the organization, and the facility at all times. Students will review Studio Rules and Group Agreements of The Crucible during their first class. The Crucible reserves the right to enforce these rules, and anyone in violation will be subject to consequences including, but not limited to, immediate dismissal from classes without refund.