

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS - 2010 *(For those activities that are not self-explanatory.)*

Visual Arts

Anime: learn the fundamentals needed to create Japanese cartoon characters.

Basic Design: Explore the elements of design—line, texture, color, form etc—while creating original 2 and 3-dimensional artworks.

Fashion Revamp: Design and alter apparel while creating a new bag or fashion piece. Change a sweatshirt into a new look. Learn how to embellish a garment or accessory to make it your own. Learn how to hand sew, use a glue gun, and fusible webbing.

Fashion Extravaganza: **Requirement—must know how to thread and sew on a machine.**

Design and create original garments assembled from preexisting pieces or from scratch. For example, create apparel that would have been worn in the 70's. Work exhibited in a fun fashion show at the end!

Pottery--Wheel: Learn the basics of working on the potters wheel to create bowls, mugs, vases and more.

Clay-Handbuilding: Learn how to work with slabs, coils & modeling clay to create original, functional and decorative pieces. Discover various ways to finish a piece with glazes and stains.

Drawing: Create original 2-dimensional artworks while learning how to use a variety of media including charcoal, pastel craypas, pen and ink.

Painting: Learn the fundamentals of working with watercolors, tempera, acrylic and gouache while expressing yourself with a variety of painting techniques.

Still Life Painting: Learn how to paint a still life with acrylics on canvas.

Portraiture: Discover a variety of ways to express yourself by creating a portrait of yourself and others with a variety of media.

Fiber Arts: Explore the art of batik, painting on silk, and working with felting to create wonderful functional and decorative pieces of art.

Printmaking: Discover printmaking techniques including collagraphs, monoprints, block printing & more.

Puppetry: Create a puppet using a variety of materials and bringing it to life. You will learn different techniques to create a rod puppet, foam puppet or marionette.

Sculpture: Discover the fun in working 3-dimensionally with a variety of media.

Maskmaking: Discover ways to cover your face by making a mask using various media.

Intro to Stained Glass: Learn how to create simple glass forms using cold glass. Explore the basics of cutting glass, copper foiling and soldering. Learn how to etch glass and create simple fused pieces with hot glass.

Advanced Stained Glass: Continue to explore both cold and hot glass. Create a box, frame, sun catcher with cold glass. Experiment with a variety of different hot glass techniques **(DOUBLE PERIOD - INTRO TO STAINED GLASS IS REQUIRED AS A PREREQUISITE.)**

Beading: Learn to create beautiful jewelry! Discover the basics to assembling & designing original pieces.

Bead Weaving: Learn the basics of peyote and right angle weave as you create original jewelry. Patience and tenacity is needed. **(BEADING CLASS A PREREQUISITE.)**

Intro. to Metals: Learn the basics of metal fabrication and design beautiful jewelry. Learn a variety of techniques in working with copper, brass and silver wire. Experiment with color as you explore how to enamel on copper.

Advanced Metals: Create original designs using the techniques of working with metal. Learn how to solder and more advanced ways to work with copper, brass and silver.

PERFORMING ARTS

Acting 1: (No final performance) This activity will strive to educate the “beginning actor” through learning the basics of performance. Through short scenes, improvisation and acting games, campers will develop their tools for creating characters through both physical and vocal expression, as well as how to find answers to their character’s makeup by looking within the script. The joy of losing one’s self in character is the emphasis of Acting 1.

Acting 2: (Final performance) Short, age-appropriate scenes and/or monologues. This class is for the camper who has already had some acting experience and would like to continue learning through scene study. Examination and rehearsal of longer, more challenging scenes will be the project around which character development, vocal-control, physical performance and scene study will be taught. The culmination of Acting 2 will be a performance of acting scenes and monologues at the camp’s Final Showcase. The emphasis of the class will be to take the beginning performer to a new level by overcoming weaknesses and fine-tuning existing strengths while continuing to find the joy in self-expression through acting.

Improvisation: Acting games are used to help the improvisational performer gain confidence in thinking and performing on the spot. Techniques are taught on how an actor can create an arsenal of stock characters that they can apply in improvisational situations, as well as how to relax and enjoy the "Improv" experience.

Musical Theatre: –(Final performance) This activity is for the performer who likes to sing and dance. Emphasis will be put on learning a musical theatre piece that will include singing, dancing and character study. The creation of the group's musical performance (to be presented at the Final Showcase) will focus on the story telling of musical theatre and how that is accomplished by the individual performer and the group as a whole.

Stage Combat: Hand-to-hand stage combat is an age-old illusion of theatre that requires careful study and practice. It is also a great deal of fun to stage fight sequences and trick the audience. Stage Combat will be a beginner activity for the performer who would like to learn the basics of fight choreography.

DANCE:

All classes participate in the Final Performance. Classes grouped by levels for:

- 1) Modern, 2) Jazz, 3) Ballet (*no Pointe*), 4) Tap, and 5) Hip- Hop.

No levels for the following::

Choreography – explore movement to create original, dynamic dance pieces.

African Infused Dance--is easily modified for all levels of experience and open to all who wish to explore a blend of Afro-Caribbean, Modern and West-African traditional dance styles. The class begins with a flowing "yoga-modern" based warm-up, which moves into isolations and rhythmical floor work. Class is accompanied by live drumming which encourages each dancer to communicate with the drummer and allows students to literally feel the rhythm beneath their feet. The class is focused on building strength, agility and awareness, allowing each individual to explore the beauty movement!

MUSIC

Chorus: (Final Performance) group singing instruction with piano accompaniment.

Beginner Guitar—Beginner guitar will focus on the basic elements of playing a simple song. Guitar tuning, fingering for open chords—strumming patterns—scales and familiar melodies will be the center of attention. We will learn about guitar tablature and counting rhythms. Students are welcome to bring songs to analyze and learn. We might even do some singing if the mood hits us. *If you have your own guitar, you might want to bring it. We have guitars, but yours might fit you best. (Will possibly perform at campfire.)*

African Style Drumming (Beginner Hand-Drum): Beginner drum starts by getting the correct sounds out of the instrument. We will be working with a system of bass--tone--and slaps. Students will learn proper hand techniques to get the right sound. Each student will learn the individual parts and then all the parts will be put together to form a specific rhythm. African, Cuban, Haitian and Brazilian rhythms will be explored. A simple grid system with easy notation will be used to remember each part. If you can count to four, you can learn to play. *(Will possibly perform at campfire.)*

INDIVIDUAL/LIFETIME SPORTS

Most are self-explanatory. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Martial Arts – a multi-disciplinary approach, based on the Vietnamese style, Cuong Nhu, which promotes individual self-progress with an atmosphere of camaraderie between students, working to improve social skills & personal safety. Cuong Nhu & its practitioners embrace low impact self-defense techniques with zero contact to preserve health & self-control.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Culinary Arts (cooking):

- a) Baking – breads, cookies, cakes and more!
- b) International Cuisine
- c) Advanced Cooking: 30-Minute Meals – Prep/Process/Putting it all together. Create complex dishes, focusing on process and timing. *The following experience necessary: must know how to peel, chop, slice, measure, beat, stir, sauté, boil, broil, braise.*

Woodworking: Learn the basics of woodworking and create projects to take home with James Macdonald, who has been creating custom furniture featuring marquetry and inlay work at his studio in Burnham, Maine since 1989.

TECHNOLOGY

Robotics: (10 & older) build robots with LEGO Mindstorms, and program with computers

Advanced Robotics: (12 & older) (Experience Required) Using more advanced system such as NXT.

Rocketry: (10 & older) Campers build a Level 1 rocket and launch it on the Final Showcase day.

Advanced Rocketry: (12 & older) Going beyond the basic rocketry class, campers will have an opportunity to hone their skills by building a Level 2 rocket with a buddy. Campers can also explore individual interests, such as fin design, engine performance, and payloads. Also launch them on the Final Showcase day. *(Prior rocketry experience is helpful, but not required.)*

Videography:

Narrative: Learn to shoot and produce a Hollywood Blockbuster starring you! Whether you want to be in front of the camera or behind, learn all the fundamentals of filmmaking.

Experimental Film: Learn to see the world in a whole new way. We take a look through the lens in a brand new perspective to capture the ordinary and make it look extraordinary.

Film Editing: (12 & older) Learn what it means to leave something on the cutting room floor. Using Final Cut Express, you will learn how to take all the pieces and put them together to make a movie.

Special FX: (no latex allergies) Calling all make-up artists and visual effect enthusiasts! This is the class for you as we get down and dirty to find out just how they pull off all those effects in movies.

SPECIALTY WEEK:
Get fully immersed as you explore a new passion!

Visual Arts:

Glass Exploration: Explore how to use both hot glass and cold glass . Create a glass kaleidoscope, also experiment with hot glass as you fuse and slump original pieces.

Sculpture: Learn how express your ideas in stone as you explore the basics of stone carving.

Plein Air Painting: Discover how to paint the beautiful scenery of Unity Maine with oils.

Metal Jewelry: Discover the possibilities of metal clay as you create original pieces. You will also learn other fabrication techniques as you create original jewelry pieces.

Pottery: Learn the art of Raku as you improve your skills on the potters wheel.

Mural Painting: Get involved in creating a lasting mark at Unity College by creating a mural and learning the skills to do so.

Dance

Lyrical Jazz:

Lyrical Jazz (Repertory): Throughout the week we will work on a piece of choreography using the movement vocabularies of ballet, jazz, modern and the uniquely emotional expressions of lyrical dance. We will be dancing to a powerful piece of music and participants will have the opportunity to dive deeper into their ability to portray their own emotions through the storytelling of choreography.

Modern Choreography:

We will spend the week doing a series of creative choreography and improvisation activities under the wide umbrella of modern dance. Participants will work alone and in groups to develop their own and learn each other's choreography while pushing the boundaries of physical expression.

Photography

Black & White Darkroom

Students enrolled in the photography course will spend the first two sessions learning camera controls and making images (2 rolls of 36 is desirable). The third session will be devoted to introducing the dark room and learning about the chemistry so they can process their film. The fourth and fifth session will be for printing contact sheets and their portfolio (10 images +).

Videography - Hollywood comes to Maine! *Script, shoot, edit, produce.*

Students will learn well beyond the fundamentals of filmmaking by partaking in a collaborative environment. They will have the opportunity to create a story from the beginning with their own script, work through pre-production, and learn how to express themselves through the lens. Finally, they will edit their own pieces so that they have control of every aspect of the film. The students are given the reigns as Hollywood comes to Maine.

Culinary Arts

Cooking: Explore a variety of cooking techniques and learn to make delicious meals. Learn to present food that is as visually appealing as it is delicious!

Baking: Learn how to make a variety of delicious baked goods ranging from breads to cookies, cakes and more!