2016 Division 4 & 5 Class Catalog

*Campers entering 5th-9th grade

2 Dimensional Art: Draw, paint, and print in this 2-Dimensional art class. Explore many different art styles using a variety of materials including pencils, pastels, and paints. Use newly learned skills to create beautiful self-portraits, and capture your surroundings at Chatham Day Camp. Whether it is striking a pose for a sketch, or working together on a large mural, you'll be amazed at what you can create!

3 Dimensional Art: Sculpt, mold, and build with a variety of materials to create your very own sculptures. Learn the 3 Dimensional principals of design and scavenge across campus using found materials in your work as you build self-portraits as well!

A Composer’s Journey: Campers will learn how to apply basic music theory and compositional techniques in order to create their own original works, covering a variety of musical forms and styles.

African Drum Ensemble: Learn the history, technique and different styles of African drumming. Campers will learn songs and movements that go along with these traditional music styles.

Archery: Each day campers will have the opportunity to participate and compete in archery in an environment that is both controlled and safe. Campers will learn how to safely and properly fire a bow and arrow and will also compete in daily and weekly challenges designed by the instructor.

Basketball: Learn shooting, dribbling, defense and game technique and play games in a small group environment.

Beginning Music Theory: Campers in the class will explore the world of music theory. Basic rhythm, key signatures, scales, chords, and note identification will be studied through engaging lesson and activities.

Brass Ensemble: Perform with all brass players for an opportunity to explore the world of brass chamber music. Performances are at the end of three and six week sessions. Please indicate your instrument and years of experience on the class schedule worksheet. **MINIMUM ONE (1) YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

Camp Choir: (Division 4) D4 Choir, “Noteworthy,” is a chance for 5th and 6th graders to explore singing in a group! We’ll focus on excellent singing with good posture, breathing, embouchure, good tone and listening. Campers will learn some basic music reading skills for in the chorus classroom, the will listen to songs from different time periods and genres to compare music styles, all while studying repertoire for the showcase and final camp performance! **This class is for Division 4 Campers only.**

Camp Choir: (Division 5) D5 Choir, “Sounds of Summer,” is camp choir for those interested in singing in a group. SOS students will have a different focus of study each week of the summer: the Vocal Vital Signs; sight-reading with rhythms and solfege; tone studies for different genres of music (i.e. choir, musical theater, classical, jazz, pop) ; emotion in music, and finally rehearsal and performance etiquette. Students will listen to music, play and sing music, and discuss how music impacts not only the individual
but the world as a whole. Along with these studies, students will prepare a wide variety of music to perform for the showcase and final camp performance! **This class is for Division 5 Campers only.**

**Castle Dances**: Throughout history dance has brought people together. This is how people got to know each other! This class will teach four to six English Country Dances from Medieval times. Performances at the end of three and six week sessions.

**Chatham Cheer Ensemble- “CCE”**

Go, Fight, Win! The CCE will include the basics of cheerleading ranging from yelling/chanting to physical activity for sports. Campers will learn about team motivation, audience participation, and will learn basic routines ranging from 1-3 minutes.

Following the completion of this course campers will have a basic understanding of cheerleading, allowing them to be prepared for a school, midget league, or any other kind of extracurricular cheerleading squad.

**Campers must enroll in CCE every day in order to be a part of the Cheer Squad!**

**Chatham Flag Corps**: Come join in on the fun and exciting Chatham Day Camp flag corps (previously named Music in Motion) and learn routines to music! This class is open to all levels, so whether you have been doing this for years or just picked up a flag, you will have a great time and learn interesting tricks that will impress your friends. You will also be able to expand on your creativity and leadership skills by aiding in the creation of new tricks and the routine that will be performed at the end of camp performance.

**Chatham School of Rock** "School of Rock": Feel what it's like to be in a real Rock Band! Campers will choose one or two songs to learn, rehearse as a group, and perform for a camp concert. This class is a great first experience in forming a band and working together as a team to put on a rocking show. **Campers must have at least one year experience with their respective instrument. Please indicate your instrument and years of experience.**

**CHOMP**: Buckets, trash cans, and sticks, oh my! Get ready to make music with anything but traditional instruments in this high energy performance group. Performances are at the end of three and six week sessions.

**Ceramics**: In Ceramics, campers will learn about different aspects of pottery. Campers will create handmade pieces using techniques like slabs, pinch and/or coil pots. They will also learn how to properly handle clay while it is on the wheel to create pots, bowls or cups. Campers will have their choice of colors for glazing their work for a finished quality.

**Cine-maniacs**: Think outside the frame! Learn the basics of film production along with pre, and post-production tips with lessons on Storyboarding, screenwriting, filming and editing.
**Concert Band:** Concert band is a fun and exciting experience for campers to grow as performers on their instruments and become well rounded musicians by playing a variety of pieces for the concert band setting. Bring your band instrument (woodwind, brass or percussion) and enjoy making music with friends both old and new!

**Contemporary Ballet I (Beginner):** Contemporary ballet I will focus on the fundamentals of ballet. Each class will have a focus on proper alignment, body positions, flexibility, strength and placement. Every class will focus on the use of barre and center work followed by across the floor and reverence. Students will learn performance and music skills while gaining self-confidence and presence on the dance floor. This class is for students who are absolute beginners or students who had some previous experience.

**Contemporary Ballet II (Intermediate/Advanced):** Contemporary Ballet II will be an elevated course of Ballet I. This class will focus on the use of fundamentals while adding elements of adagio, petit allegro, and pirouettes. We will emphasize the importance of form and presence in this class. Previous dance experience is suggested for this level but not required.

**Creative Writing Autobiography:** An advanced creative writing course for the writer seeking to explore and create narrative about the subject he or she knows best: self! In this course, campers will learn to craft their own engaging autobiographical narratives.

They will begin by creating life maps then explore published autobiographies as mentor texts that illustrate effective narrative devices that hook readers. We will explore how setting, descriptive sensory imagery, tone, characters and plot shape the narratives of our own lives. Campers will also enhance their critical thinking and revision skills through workshops and creative self-exploration. This course aims to develop a community of reflective and insightful self-expressionists whose narrative abilities will be exponentially enhanced by their keen awareness of the craft of autobiography!

**Digital Photography:** Whether you want to become the next National Geographic photographer, or just want to learn how to take a better selfie, this class is for you! Campers will learn all the basics of good composition, lighting, posing, and more to make photographs look professional. You will be able to practice sports photography, portraiture, and even photojournalism. Campers will learn how to perfect their photos and make fun images with Photoshop tutorials.

**Drama -** All the basics of acting, voice projection, staging, character creation and more. Campers will participate in the camp play. **This class is open to 3 and 6 week campers, and it must appear on your schedule EVERYDAY!**
**Drawing and Animation:**

Campers will use their imagination and drawing skills to create their own animated film! Drawing and animation techniques will be taught to the campers throughout this course, in addition to helping campers explore their own creative outlet. The class will focus on making one animation film throughout the three or six weeks.

**Eco-Art:** For the nature-loving artist, eco-art combines the best of both worlds. Campers will learn how to make beautiful, unique works of art with objects found in nature. Recycle everyday items into functional objects or artwork. Learn about the wonders of nature through the lens of art.

**Environmental Everything:** In this class we will be exploring different environmental concepts such as pollution, tree/plant identification, recycling, composting, and other fun things in our environment! As a result, we will connect these concepts to our location and lives.

**Expedition Health:** Is a journey through all things correlating to a healthy and happy life. Anything and everything from cooking, nutrition, physical activity, fresh and local food, and gardening will be discovered. This course will show how essential and FUN a healthy life can be!

**Explorations of Rock Climbing:** Take advantage of this opportunity to get hands on experience at Chatham University’s climbing wall! This course is designed to introduce the fundamental skills of rock climbing in a positive and safe environment. The challenges faced while rock climbing will help build on the principles of teamwork, communication, goal setting, and personal commitment. *You must sign the Release of Liability and return it with your campers’ schedule. THIS IS FOR DIVISION 5 CAMPERS ONLY*

**Fundies; Fundamentals of Theatrical Design:** Do you want to learn more about how theatre is made? In this class, you will have the opportunity to conceive and create the scenery and costumes for the camp musical. You will also have the opportunity to participate in backstage run crews for both the drama class presentation and the camp musical. Suggested equipment for this class includes messy/paint clothes and messy/paint shoes.

**Glee Please**- Glee is a performance-based class. We will have fun singing many different kinds of vocal music: pop, musical theater, rock and roll, jazz, and others. We will also incorporate choreography and sometimes props into our performances. Most songs will feature one or more soloists. If you have seen performances by Glee, the television show, or just enjoy singing and dancing; come join our team! *This option must appear on your schedule every day!*

**Hand Talk I:** Explore the world of American Sign Language. Each day, campers will enjoy a fun, music focused environment in which they will learn Sign Language basics as well as practical vocabulary.

*This is for campers who have never taken a ‘Hand Talk’ class @ camp.*

**Hand Talk II:** Explore the world of American Sign Language. Each day, campers will enjoy a fun, music focused environment in which they will learn Sign Language basics as well as practical vocabulary.
Campers enrolled in Hand Talk II must have already taken ‘Hand Talk’ a previous summer @ camp.

**Imagination Ink:** Plays, poetry, myths, and legends—this is the stuff imaginations are made of! This summer, campers will learn the fundamentals of creative writing by journaling, exploring, and collaborating with their peers. Campers will use the elements of creative writing—plot, setting, character, dialogue, conflict, mood, and personification to bring their own work to life. In this course, ink is key, but imagination is essential. Come ready to write!

**Interactive Fitness:** Learn how to stay physically active in a fun environment with friends and an Xbox Kinect! The course will incorporate fitness based activities and dynamic games using the Xbox Kinect. The activities offered through the course will be based on the five components health related fitness.

**Jazz Band:** Learn to play America’s music! The basics of jazz and improvisation will be taught using age appropriate arrangements and the classic twelve bar blues. Performances are at the end of three and six week sessions. **YOU must indicate your instrument and years of experience on the class schedule worksheet.** **MINIMUM ONE (1) YEAR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

**Jazz/Hip Hop:** The dynamic of this class is reserved for all levels. Jazz/Hip Hop class is a mixture of cutting edge hip hop with a twist of subtle hint of jazz movement. With the use of extensions, leaps, and turns students will challenge themselves to a new level in dance. Students will also explore the use of improvisation and build their creativity through movement.

**Jewelry Making:** This course is designed to teach students the fundamentals of jewelry making. It gives students the opportunity to create their own wearable works of art. They will be able to express their ideas through original artworks, using a variety of jewelry techniques. This course will also allow students to express their thoughts and ideas creatively through the art of jewelry making.

**Journey into Jazz:** Take a journey back to the very beginnings of jazz, swing, ragtime and bebop to learn about America's greatest jazz music and musicians! Get ready to listen to a variety of music and travel into the exciting world of jazz. No instrument is necessary for this class–just your love of music!

**Mixed Media:** Study amazing modern artists while learning about a variety of unique materials and interesting techniques! Experiment with collage and layering as you create small and large master pieces with a variety of paints, drawing materials, and surprise items you never thought you’d see in art class!

**Musical Theater:** - A Chatham Day Camp standard; Be a part of a full length musical production performed at the end of the six week camp, **this option is for six week campers only and must appear on your schedule everyday**! 
**Music Today - Made Your Way:** A song arranging class. Campers will arrange tunes for classroom instruments, activating their aural skills, applying knowledge of music theory, and working together as a group to create fun and satisfying reinventions of popular tunes. To accomplish this, campers will analyze melodic structures of popular songs from a condensed score, learn simple chord progressions, and take turns leading the group in rehearsals of the arranged tunes.

Classroom instruments: woodblock, xylophone, ocarina, mbira, kazoo, harmonica, ukulele, keyboard, tambourine, maracas, voice etc. Concert instruments also welcome.

*Campers are encouraged to bring a classroom or unique instrument on which they may have basic skills to incorporate into the arrangements.*

**Orchestra:** Campers will develop their musical skills and string playing techniques through the practice, rehearsal, and performance of a variety of orchestral repertoire. The class culminates in a performance at the end of camp.

**Outdoor Leisure Activities:**
Have fun with other campers while learning fun games that can be played with friends and family! The course will take place in an outdoor environment and will focus on activities played in a picnic like atmosphere.

**Piano Lab:** is an opportunity for students at any level to either learn to play piano or to continue with their piano skills. There are three main areas of focus for this class: 1. Exercises for better technique; 2. Basic music theory skills; and 3. Playing repertoire for the piano. Students are welcome to bring in any music and books they are currently using, or they may elect to use materials provided by the teacher. Students will have time each day to practice, and performance expectations are discussed between the teacher and student. Students are able proceed as they feel successful and comfortable!

"Prop Shop"- Have you ever wondered why actors use props? Have you ever wondered what a prop was made of? In Prop Shop, you'll learn about the ordinary and extraordinary materials used onstage. You will have the opportunity to create the stage props used in the camp musical. In addition, you will assist in creating various costume props. Suggested equipment for this class includes messy/paint clothes and messy/paint shoes.

**Ready, Set, Sports!** Campers will engage in a variety of field sports from wiffle ball to flag football. Campers will be able to participate in a variety of different games and sporting activities. Each week, a new sport will be introduced and each camper will have the opportunity to participate in the activities that are created by the instructor.

**Slackline, Juggling, and Circus, Oh My!** Have you ever wondered how circus performers balance on a tightrope or juggle three balls at one time? Here’s your chance to learn! Join us to learn the basics of circus performing including slackline, juggling, glow in the dark poi, and more!
Social Media Rules! Tweet, post, selfie, LOL . . . the age of innovative media has its own language—even its own alphabet. In this course, campers will be offered a safe environment to learn the basics of using social media—Twitter, Blogger, Facebook, and Instagram—by taking over the Chatham Day Camp’s media tools and updating them each day. Campers will learn storytelling techniques, how to adjust their mood and tone based on topic and audience, and how to develop community by having opportunities to interview counselors and fellow campers, take photographs of camp happenings, and keeping a log of camp events. This course will promote using social media as a tool for responsible self-expression, and campers will craft and sign a Social Media Rules! Agreement on the first day of class. Please note that campers will have access to Chatham University’s computer lab and will be required to submit a signed Parent Waiver prior to using the university’s computers.

Soccer- Learn technique and play games in a small group environment. Every day, we will play soccer-related games such as World Cup, Power-Finesse, Pirate Treasure, and actual scrimmages. The students will be instructed on proper form, tactical approach, and teamwork.

Soccer (Advanced Skills and Games):

Campers who have experience in playing the game of soccer are invited to join this class to sharpen their skills! Work on footwork, shooting drills, and participate in specific soccer games. This class is geared towards campers who have experience playing soccer in a competitive setting.

Song Writing: The songwriting course will explore the basic tools used in creating a contemporary song on the guitar. The campers will learn to write using creative writing prompts and various forms of poetic structure. The campers will learn simple chords on the guitar and various strumming patterns, as well as basic chord progressions used in pop and folk songs. No previous guitar experience is needed!

String Sectional- Campers will develop their musical skills and string playing techniques through the practice and rehearsal of a variety of music, possibly including solo, chamber, and larger ensemble repertoire.

Summer Scrapbooking & Crafting – Campers will put together their very own summer scrapbook using their favorite camp memories! Craft projects will be the latest trends, following ideas from Pinterest. Campers will explore their creative outlet through crafting & scrapbooking.

Summer Stitching: This course will offer campers a variety of textile experiences. We will be working with yarn, thread, fiber, cloth, and embroidery floss. The course will cover the basics of weaving, stitching and simple knitting. We will use knitting circles as well as round and rectangular weaving boards. The campers will have a lot freedom to choose colors and create a variety of textures and patterns in their work.

Swimming- Our aquatics instructors will help campers enhance their swimming skills and our beautiful indoor pool is the perfect complement to a hot summer day! Swimming may be taken every day.
**Tap 101:** Learn the basics of tap! This class is designed to focus on rhythm, style, sound, and fun! We will explore different styles of tap including Broadway down to the core of Rhythm tap. This class will also let students explore their creativity of improve movement.

**The Reporter:** From on camera reporting to voice overs, students will learn all aspects of writing, shooting, and producing their very own news stories. With this course students will learn how to write for news and broadcast their stories. Students will learn the basics of using cameras and editing, and will have a DVD of their work at the end of each 3 weeks.

**Volleyball:** Learn technique and play games in a small group environment.

**Yoga:** Campers will explore the physical and philosophical practice of traditional yoga. Teen yogis will strengthen both mind and body through yoga poses, breathing exercises, meditation and relaxation.

**Woodwinds Ensemble:** Campers who play woodwind instruments will develop their musical skills and technique through practicing a variety of solo, chamber and large ensemble repertoire. Please indicate your instrument and years of playing experience on the class schedule worksheet.

*Classes are subject to change before registration opens.*