

# ART INSPIRED ACADEMY

## June-July 2025

Art Academy is a program of Abilities First. We offer inclusive classes in music and a variety of art mediums. Art Academy provides a safe, accepting environment for artists and performers of all abilities. Our professional staff guides our students to develop confidence and character while exploring creative arts.

We accept a variety of funding sources including private pay, Medicaid Waiver, limited Southwest Autism Project funding (SWAP), limited funding for CC Links individuals, and we offer a limited number of scholarships. You must enroll prior to the start of class and indicate a funding source.



To register, call 417-886-0404, extension 4 or email us at [aiacademy@abilitiesfirst.net](mailto:aiacademy@abilitiesfirst.net). All individuals must call or email our office to register for classes. Available classes are viewable on our website, <https://abilitiesfirst.net/art-inspired-academy/>

## **2025 Class Descriptions June/July 2025**

### **June Pop Ups**

#### **Let's Talk Tech (ages 16 +) \$61**

Learn how technology can make life more accessible and easier, from home management, keeping track of schedules, transportation, day-to-day and professional learning. Students will learn communication skills, (sending and receiving emails) engaging on social media, making a podcast and more. This class will have a guest speaker with demonstrations on technology around the home, at work and in the classroom. Class will be held Thursday June 12th at 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Limited to 10 students. Location TBD. Instructors: Scott Steelman Rhoden, Kristi Kliewer and Bobbi Bellamy.

#### **Speak Up and Shine (ages 13 +) \$61**

Learn self-advocacy skills, steps to clearly express your needs and wants, be assertive in a respectful way, problem solve, self- awareness and navigating resources. Students will also learn how to run their own IEP meetings. Class will be held Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Location: TBD. Limited to 10 students. Instructors: Scott Steelman-Rhoden and Kristi Kliewer and Bobbi Bellamy.

#### **Professional Power Up (ages 16 +) \$41**

Practice interviewing skills through role play, learn about professional dress, build your resume and get ready for your next goal, no matter how big or small. Class will be held June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Limited to 15 students. Location TBD Instructors: Scott Steelman-Rhoden and Bobbi Bellamy.

#### **GPS: Navigate Your Way To Safety (ages 16 +) \$61**

Learn about emergency home kits, personal safety, financial safety, and internet safety. Class will meet June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm. Location: TBD. Limited to 10 students. Instructors: Scott Steelman Rhoden, Kristi Kliewer and Bobbi Bellamy.

**Preschool Summer Art (Ages 3-6) \$226**

Students will create various spring themed art projects using construction paper, crayons, and paper plates. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Student supplies will be provided. The class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm from June 3rd through July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This class will be held at CC Links 1548 N Commercial Rd, Nixa MO. Class is limited to 8 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

**Zoom Wildlife Drawing (All ages) \$181**

Students will learn how to draw various wildlife animals both animated and realistic. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Students will provide their own pencil and paper. The class will meet 6 times on Zoom. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 10:00 am-11:00 am, June 4<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

**Theatre Around the World (Ages 6-12) \$271**

Embark on a tour of theatre from all over the world through a variety of games, crafts, and activities. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm on June 2nd through July 7<sup>th</sup>. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be determined. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

**Child Hybrid Beach Painting (Ages 6 and 12) \$271**

Students will complete various beach themed acrylic paintings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center, located at 1530 S. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers.

**Lego Scene Design (Ages 6-12) \$271**

Students will use Legos to create their favorite scenes and moments from movies and TV. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm on June 4th through July 9<sup>th</sup>. Class is limited to 10 students. Location Enrichment Alternatives 3861 S Jefferson Ave, Springfield MO 65807. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

**Movement to Music (Ages 6-12) \$271**

Join us for a great session of activity and movement as we exercise and dance to music! Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 10:00 am-11:30 am on June 2nd through July 7<sup>th</sup>. Class is limited to 10 students. Location: Willard Recreation Center, 233 N State Highway Z, Willard MO 65781. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

**Adult Hybrid Beach Painting (Ages 13+) \$271**

Students will complete various beach themed acrylic paintings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Mondays from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center, located at 1530 S. Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

### **Summer Pastel and Colored Pencil Drawing (Ages 13+) \$271**

Students will complete various pastel and colored pencil drawings. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This class will be held at Fairgrove Lions Club, 142 S Orchard Blvd, Fair Grove MO 65648. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

### **Hybrid Summertime Watercolor Painting (ages 13+) \$271**

Students will complete various summertime themed watercolor paintings in this seated class. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Zoom student supplies will be doorstep delivered. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm from June 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This class will be held at AcompanARTE Cultural Center located at 1530 S. Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65804. Class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

### **June July Sculpture (Ages 13 and up) \$271**

Students will create 3-dimensional sculpture pieces using various art materials. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Classes will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm, June 4<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Class is limited to 10 students. Location: CC Links 1548 N Commercial Rd, Nixa MO. Instructor: Debbie Akers

### **Drawing From Observation (ages 13 and up) \$271**

Students will be introduced to drawing various subjects from observing them closely and capturing the subject with the use of line and shading techniques. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. Class will meet 6 times. Classes will be held on Thursdays at 3:00 pm -4:30 pm from June 5<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This class will be held at Discovery Center 438 E St Louis St, Springfield MO. The class is limited to 10 students. Instructor: Debbie Akers

### **Auditioning for the Stage (Ages 13+) \$271**

Students will learn the best tips, tricks, and practices needed to audition for a stage play. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 1:30 pm-3:00 pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>. Class is limited to 10

students. Classes will be held at Hood United Methodist Church, 139 N Walnut Ave, Republic MO 65738. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

**June July Music Appreciation (Ages 13+) \$271**

Students will explore different genres of music and possibly find some new favorites along the way. Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. Supplies will be provided upon arrival. This class will meet 6 times on Wednesdays from 1:30 pm -3:00 pm on June 4<sup>th</sup> through July 9th. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be held at Northview Center, 305 E Talmage St, Springfield 65803. Instructor: Spencer Tilley

**Scavenger Sleuths (Ages 13+) \$271**

Students will crack the case and cooperate by solving escape-room style mysteries and puzzles! Students may have the assistance of a support individual as needed. This class will meet 6 times on Tuesdays from 4:00pm-5:30pm on June 3rd through July 8th. Class is limited to 10 students. Location to be held at Northview Center, 305 E Talmage St, Springfield 65803. Instructor: Spencer Tilley