

**FAY JONES SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN
2026 DESIGN CAMP FAQ**

HOW MUCH DOES DESIGN CAMP COST?

Little Rock Camp:

\$550

Bentonville Camp:

Half-day camp only – \$200 for non-members of Crystal Bridges; \$160 for Crystal Bridges members
Registration through Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, scheduled to open late March 2026
Scholarship applications available (lottery basis)

Fayetteville Day Camps:

\$550

Fayetteville Overnight Camps:

\$900

Fayetteville Advanced Camp (Two-week experience for grades 11-12: application required)

\$2,250

*You will have the option to pay for this camp in one payment or three installments that can be set up after you are accepted to this camp.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes! The Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design offers a limited number of full and partial need-based scholarships. To receive a full scholarship, in the registration you will be asked to upload a copy of one of the following documents: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Free or Reduced School Lunch, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), or to describe a financial hardship. If you cannot answer yes to one of the questions, and have a question about eligibility, please contact us at faycamp@uark.edu to determine whether or not you would qualify for a full or partial need-based scholarship.

WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY?

The last day to request a full refund is May 1, 2026.

The last day to request a partial 50% refund is May 18, 2026.

WHAT ADDITIONAL FORMS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE MY REGISTRATION?

All information will be collected during the online registration process and will include the following:

Camper Information – contact, age, gender, ethnicity, food preferences, etc.

Student Expectations and Guidelines

Release and Waiver of Liability

Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization

Media Release

Transportation Permission

Personal Automobile Authorization (If your camper will drive themselves to camp)

Roommate Selection Profile (Fayetteville Overnight and Advanced camps only)

WHAT DO STUDENTS DO IN A TYPICAL WEEK OF DESIGN CAMP?

During the week of Design Camp, students will be engaged in hands-on projects, presentations by Fay Jones School faculty and students, tours of local design projects, discussions and visits from local designers, all with the intention of teaching the students about the design professions, which include architecture, landscape architecture, and interior architecture and design.

During the week of camp, students also will have the opportunity to meet with the school's advisors to learn how they can start preparing themselves in high school for a career in the design professions.

WHO TEACHES THE STUDENTS AT DESIGN CAMP?

The students are led by faculty, local practitioners and student teaching assistants from the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design who are in the Departments of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Interior Architecture and Design.

WHAT SHOULD MY STUDENT BRING TO DESIGN CAMP?

All campers should bring a backpack and a water bottle, and they should wear comfortable shoes, as we typically walk a little bit each day of camp. All supplies will be provided. Lunch and snacks are provided at all camps. If your student enrolls in the Fayetteville Overnight camp, you will receive a list about 10 days prior to the start of camp of recommended items to bring as well as pointers on what to leave at home.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE AT CAMP AND HOW WILL STUDENTS BE DIVIDED INTO STUDIOS?

Fayetteville 1 and Fayetteville 2 camps are our largest camps with up to 100 campers each week. Students will be broken into smaller studio sections of approximately 15 campers based on grade level. Each studio will have a faculty member leading the group and one to two Fay Jones School students as teaching assistants. Most activities will happen within the smaller studio groups, but there will be times when the entire camp will meet together.

Advanced Camp is limited to 30 students.

Little Rock is limited to 30 students.

Bentonville is limited to 15 students per age group.

HOW IS THE LITTLE ROCK CAMP DIFFERENT FROM THE FAYETTEVILLE CAMPS?

The Little Rock Camp will be at the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs) Main Library in downtown Little Rock and will focus on projects and sites in and around downtown Little Rock. This camp will still be led by Fay Jones School faculty and students with assistance from local Little Rock practitioners. This camp will also have hands-on projects and field trips.

WHAT IS THE ADVANCED CAMP? AND HOW DO I APPLY?

The Advanced Camp is a two-week on-campus experience for students entering grades 11-12 with some experience with design or who have attended our camp in the past. Students must apply for this camp by completing several questions on the registration form and will be notified of their acceptance within two weeks after applying. Students attending the Advanced Camp will be required to stay in the dorms, as the evening and weekend activities are part of the camp experience. In this camp, students will work on a more advanced design project, learn from several faculty members, have multiple field trips, and gain exposure to several design professionals. During the day, students will be in the studios (or on field trips); in the evenings and over the weekend, they will take part in design-related field trips and other fun group activities.

WHAT IF MY STUDENT HAS FOOD ALLERGIES?

Indicate any allergies or dietary restrictions during the online registration process, and please be as specific as possible.

WHERE DO I DROP OFF AND PICK UP MY CAMPER?

Check your email for important information and updates. Approximately 10 days before camp starts, you will receive a detailed email with this and other important information. In the meantime, **please contact us if your email or phone number changes after you register, and please make sure to check your spam mailbox so you are sure to receive important email communications from us.**

WHAT IF I CAN'T FIND A RIDE TO/FROM CAMP?

It is each camper's responsibility to get to/from camp, however, if you are having issues, we may be able to connect you to another camper that lives nearby.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE DORMS IN THE EVENINGS FOR THE OVERNIGHT CAMPERS?

Design Campers staying in one of the dorms on campus and will be separated by gender on each floor. There will be Fay Jones School students serving as Overnight Counselors that will be staying in the dorms with the students and supervising evening activities. The ratio of campers to Overnight Counselors is 8 to 1. Campers will eat breakfast and dinner at the dining hall (and lunch at camp). Lights out is at 11 p.m. each night. The front desk of the dorms is supervised 24 hours a day, and the building is locked 24 hours a day. The campers will get keys to access both the building entry and their dorm room upon check-in. The Design Camp Director will be on call 24 hours a day for any emergencies, behavioral issues, etc.

CAN I PICK MY STUDENT UP EARLY ON FRIDAY TO GET A START ON THE WEEKEND?

We strongly encourage you to allow your student to remain at camp for the full day on Friday. Students will present their work at a reception that afternoon around 3 p.m., which family and friends are invited to attend. The exact time of the reception will be communicated with you prior to the start of camp.

MY CHILD IS FLYING INTO XNA. HOW DO THEY GET TO CAMPUS?

We do not pick up/return campers to the airport. If you are arranging for your child to fly into XNA, please see transportation options here: <https://www.flyxna.com/ground-transportation>.

DO YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact us at faycamp@uark.edu