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**Summer Teen Institutes
Art, Dance and Spanish Programs**

Art Activity Pick Form

Please return to:

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Name: _____

Focus Area: This class meets Monday—Friday from 9am—12pm, 3 hours daily.

- Painting & Drawing
- Photography
- Silver Jewelry
- Ceramics

Elective I: This class meets Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 2-4pm,

- Painting & Drawing
- Photography
- Silver Jewelry
- Ceramics
- Community Service

Elective II: This class meets Tuesday & Thursday from 2-4pm

- Silver Jewelry
- Iron Work
- Community Service
- Independent Study

Course Descriptions on Back



General Information for ALL Classes: Each class is limited to 5-6 students enabling teachers to offer the most individual attention to each student. Therefore, classes are open to individuals of all levels. Instruction is given on an individual level so that teachers may challenge each student at his/her level in that art area.

Painting & Drawing: A survey class that begins with drawing skills and progresses to painting. Drawing with pencils and charcoals in situations with still lifes, landscapes, and figure drawing focusing on techniques of perspective, composition, angles, shading, shapes and lines. Students will practice with quick sketches and long sessions. An overview of color, and use of acrylics, watercolors, and oils are covered and each student chooses his/her preferred media for the remainder of classes. Instructor is Mexican, native language Spanish, speaks basic English.

Photography: This class begins with field work, taking photos in San Miguel. Locations depend on class opinion and teacher recommendations. Students learn/review camera settings (aperture, shutter speed, focusing, film types) and practice this in the field. Emphasis on composition. Then the course proceeds to lab work, developing and printing. Opportunities for more field work, self portraits, and hand-coloring. All students must bring a camera for use in this class. Note: This is a black-and-white photography class and some digital. Feel free to bring a digital camera and film camera for personal use in SanMiguel in and out of the photography class. Instructor Shannon is Canadian and has lived in Mexico for decades. Bilingual.

Silver Jewelry: Students learn techniques for making jewelry and the use of silver, other metals, wire, and stones based on individual projects proposed. Students get ideas by visiting jewelry stores, examining designs and learning about the techniques used in each design-type. First sketching their proposed projects, teachers and students work on the design and discuss the plan of action. Projects may include cutting metals, sanding, engraving, setting stones, welding, buffing, etc... Instructor Paco is Mexican from San Miguel, native language Spanish, speaks basic English.

Ceramics: This course emphasizes hand building with occasional/optional experimentation in wheel throwing. Students begin with a common project to review/learn the process: avoiding air bubbles, the use of slip, optional objects that can be used in projects, design, and the different finishing techniques of high or low gloss glazes and matte or glossy color tinting. Instructor Joan Elena originally from the States is bilingual. Her classes are in English and Spanish. Her assistant instructor is Mexican and is bilingual.

Iron Work: Make a candelabra, intricate frame, or other iron sculpture. This course takes students into a real iron workshop where workers normally make a diverse variety of projects such as candelabras, light fixtures, sofas, couches, tables, outdoor furniture, doors and windows for new houses, etc.. In this workshop the workers help students realize their own projects, twisting, welding, and manipulating iron. Instructor is Mexican, native language Spanish, speaks basic English.

Community Service: Spend time in a daycare or art/dance class with children between the ages of 2 and 8 years old. Help teachers supervise and play with children. This is a great opportunity to practice speaking Spanish in a non-threatening, natural environment.

Independent Study: For students who want more time for independent pursuits, whether it be more time for painting/drawing, taking photographs, studying Spanish, or summer reading or projects for school.