



Dear SUMMER SPREE Families,

Summer Spree Visual Arts Camp is a “nut free zone” due to an increasing number of children in our programs having severe peanut and tree nut allergies. We want to be clear about what a "no nut" policy means and the ways that we hope you will work with us to insure safety.

*When you pack a lunch or snack for your child we ask that you do not include anything containing peanuts or tree nuts (this includes almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts/filberts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts/pignolias, pistachio, walnuts, etc) as well as prepackaged snack bars that contain nuts.*

Even with this policy, it's important to take precautions if your child has an allergy, as we cannot insure that no traces of these foods will be present in the facility. Some studios are used by adult classes during the evening, and these foods may be present. Additionally there may be trace amounts of these products in foods brought to summer spree that are processed in factories that may also process nuts. ***Therefore we ask that parents of children with a nut allergy clearly state their child's allergy information on the emergency contact form and communicate with the CAC staff about the allergy and what to do in case the child comes in contact with nuts.*** All EpiPens for emergencies will be kept in the main office labeled with the child's name and classroom.

This vigilance and communication will allow us to take special precautions in the classrooms and lunchrooms to ensure that children with food allergies do not share food with other children. This communication applies to ALL allergies (not just nuts) and any other issues concerning your child's health and their well-being. We can best do our job of providing fun and meaningful art experiences for your children if we are aware of their unique individual needs.

Our allergy policy has always been centered on awareness and education for the people involved - teachers, children and parents alike. It's important for everyone involved in programs at CAC to understand the seriousness of food allergies and know how to avoid it becoming a medical issue for a child.

Thank you all so much for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact me at [tracy@communityartscenter.org](mailto:tracy@communityartscenter.org) or 610.566.1713 x 16.

Kind Regards,  
Tracy Buchanan, Program Director