

# What does camp look like?

The summer camps will be Monday-Friday from 8 am-12 pm for rising 4th-6th graders and from 1 pm-5 pm for rising 7th-9th graders. Camps will be \$200 plus tax, and campers will enjoy creating a variety of sewing, painting, and pottery projects throughout the week. We will start the week creating tie-dye t-shirts then campers will have a sewing, painting, and pottery lesson. The rest of the week will be designed around the activities your camper is most interested in. Campers will also enjoy participating in team building activities with their fellow campers each day.

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# SUMMER CAMPS

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Pottery, Painting, Sewing,  
& Team Building

# THE ACADEMY

We are located in the River's Bend Shopping Center in Chester, Virginia. We have an art/sewing studio as well as a pottery studio. The academy operates as a girls school for grades 6-8 during the school year from 8 am- 2 pm as well as an enrichment center for local middle school students from 2-5 pm Monday Thursday. The academy is open for members and the public after 5 pm Monday-Thursday, after 3:00 pm on Friday, and on Saturday 12-9 pm. A variety of classes are held on Saturday from 9 am-12 pm.

# CAMP ACTIVITIES

## PAINTING

Campers will learn painting techniques, use several mediums, and apply them to a variety of different painting surfaces.

## POTTERY

Campers will learn how to knead clay, sculpt clay, create slab pottery, and the brave will try the pottery wheel!

## SEWING

Campers will learn basic sewing techniques of both hand and machine sewing and will choose projects to complete.

## Meet & Greet: Dr. Debi Graves

Meet the owner & director of the Alma Bella Academy.



Hello! My name is Dr. Debi Graves and I am the owner and director of the Alma Bella Academy. I have been a classroom teacher for the past 22 years. For the vast majority of my educational career, I have taught middle school social studies. Within my classroom, I use various hands-on teaching techniques to enhance the learning experience for my students. I am passionate about educating our youth and empowering my students to become self-confident, highly motivated, critical thinkers. I am a National Board Certified Teacher, endorsed in gifted education, and have earned a doctorate degree in teaching and learning. I have opened the Alma Bella Academy to develop critical thinking skills through pottery, painting, and sewing. These are areas of interest most students do not have an opportunity to participate in during the regular school day. I believe these activities teach students problem-solving skills they can only learn from hands-on experiences. Sewing, pottery, and painting are much more than a needle, clay, and paint. These activities allow students to create something by trial and error, analyze mistakes, and develop an improvement plan. These real-life skills are the foundation of a genuinely meaningful education. Students can then apply these skills to all academic subjects and educational endeavors. I look forward to meeting you and helping your camper develop critical thinking skills they can use for the rest of their lives!

Dr. Debi Graves  
Owner/Director  
Alma Bella Academy