

BAM | BOISE ART MUSEUM

BAM Kids Frequently Asked Questions

Can I take pictures?

Photography is **only** allowed in BAM's Education studios and the ARTexperience Gallery.

Where can I find a restroom?

The public restrooms are located to the right of the sculpture court to ensure your museum experience is comfortable and enjoyable.

Can I bring my lunch?

Food, drink, gum, and beverages are not allowed in the Museum galleries. There are picnic tables located throughout Julia Davis Park or you may visit the restaurants nearby in downtown Boise or at Boise State University.

Can I touch that?

Help us keep the artwork safe by not touching and giving the artwork 12" of breathing room. Why? The museum must protect and preserve art for the future. If thousands of people touch a work of art, the oils from their hands will discolor or destroy the surface of the artwork, and eventually it will wear down or break. Use your eyes to touch. Your eyes can tell if something is smooth or rough, shiny or dull.

The ARTexperience Gallery is full of hands-on activities geared specifically toward children age 12 and under accompanied by an adult, and is enjoyed by visitors of all ages.

Can I draw in the Museum?

BAM encourages visitors and students to draw and write with **paper and pencil** during their time in the Museum. Pens, markers, colored pencils and other art making materials are not permitted in the galleries. Pencils and clipboards can be checked out for use during your visit at the BAM Store.

How can I become a BAM member?

You can become a BAM member by asking for information at the BAM Store or by visiting <http://boiseartmuseum.org>. Memberships are available for individuals, educators and families. Being a BAM member allows you free admission for an entire year to the Museum, free subscription to BAM's quarterly newsletter and monthly e-newsletter, special discounts on BAM [art classes](#) and workshops for children and adults, free admission to BAM's monthly education [programs](#) and other benefits.

Where can I learn more about a specific artist or type of art?

You can research artists and art in many different ways. Start your search online at a site like www.artcyclopedia.com or www.askart.com. You should also search your school or local library – librarians are great at getting hard-to-find information, so be sure to ask! The Boise Public Library's librarians offer online assistance at http://www.boisepubliclibrary.org/Research/Ask_a_Librarian/. Additionally, the Boise State University reference department is a good resource, or use their librarians' Ask Us form at <http://library.boisestate.edu/AskUs/>. For information about outdoor art in Boise, visit http://www.cityofboise.org/arts_commission/?MID=001N and click on the link for 'public art.'

What does a curator do?

"Curator" comes from the Latin word "cura" which means "care." In many museums, a curator is responsible for the collection and taking care of the artwork. Curators research artists and artwork and organize exhibitions. They decide how which artwork will be in display in the Museum, and how it will be arranged on the walls of the galleries. In addition, curators will create labels and catalogs to tell the public more information about the artists or artwork in the exhibitions.

What is a docent?

"Docent" comes from the Latin word "docere" meaning "to teach." The Boise Art Museum Docents do this and more. Volunteer docents support BAM's Education Department and education mission of the Museum by participating in docent training and conducting interactive tours of original works of art as well as studio workshops. They are most often the first contact many children and adults have with visual arts and the Museum.

What do you want to learn about? Submit a question for the BAM Kids FAQ to: schools@boiseartmuseum.org