Registration is now under way for summer art classes at The Art Center of The Museum of Modern Art, 4 West 54 Street. Open to children from 3 to 12, young people from 13 to 18, and adult amateurs, The Art Center offers courses for either June or July or for the entire two months. Classes, beginning on June 5, meet once a week and are limited in size.

Painting classes for beginners and advanced students, orientation classes, experimental classes in printmaking, sculpture, drawing and painting, as well as classes in ceramic sculpture and pottery are among the courses being offered for adults. Children and young people are organized in classes by age beginning with three-year-olds.

Among the classes for adults in which there are still openings are Orientation, a course especially planned for adults who have never worked in any creative medium and who wish to receive a foundation for further study in a special field (Mondays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; 7:30-9:30 p.m.); Basic Drawing, an introductory course in which students will work from set-up objects, memory and imagination (Thurs., 2-4 p.m.; Tues., 7-10 p.m.); and Advanced Painting, a course for students who have established a continuing interest in art as a personal expression (Wed., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wed. 7-10 p.m.)

The Art Center, directed by Victor D’Amico and sponsored by the affiliated Institute of Modern Art, has four studios and two workshops, and an exhibition hall for rotating shows of work from art schools in various parts of this country and abroad. A research center contains a visual and reading reference library for students and scholars.

For information about classes and reservations, call Circle 5-8900; after 5:30 p.m., Plaza 7-8949 or inquire at the Art Center office at 4 West 54 Street. Catalogs are available on request.

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