



Experiencing Architecture AIA Architecture Camp July 26-30, 2021

Welcome! We are so excited you will be joining us in July for a productive week of designing and learning. Get ready to discover how to see the world through the lens of an architect. Once you experience how architects analyze spaces and buildings, you will be more in-touch with the world around you. Which is one of the many reasons why architecture is so cool!

For instance, the image above is part of a series of pavilions for a zinc mine museum in Sweden designed by the architect Peter Zumthor. Do you notice how the occupiable space is black? There are a few reasons why. The first is because this is a museum for a zinc mine and Zumthor as the architect is making a statement about the harsh conditions the miners had to endure on the site. Another reason is because Zumthor is differentiating this space with the structural members encasing it so that there is a clear delineation between what is structure and what is the occupiable space. This is just a taste of the types of topics we will be discussing throughout the week related to architecture.

During the camp, each day we will begin with a lesson presented by a local practicing architect. After the presentation, you will have the opportunity for a few hours to work on your own project based on that day's given lesson. The work you do each day will culminate into your first ever architecture project at the end of the week. The project will be a lake house or vacation home near Lake Thunderbird in Norman. Each day you will have a mentor, who will also be a local architect. You can ask the mentor questions as you design your project, or any other questions related to architecture. We will also be talking about the steps you need to go through to become a licensed architect as you begin your path in architecture.

So welcome to the program! We will send you additional information with your Zoom and Microsoft Teams links the week before camp begins. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at aiacoc@cox.net.