

Art in Your Backyard Summer 2017 Itinerary

July 24-July 28, 2017, 9am-12pm

Ryerson Conservation Area, Lake County Forest Preserves.



Monday

Parts of Trees

Campers begin the week by exploring some of the trees around us. We'll focus on oak and maple trees and learn how to identify these trees in the woods. Then we'll create some art with leaves, sticks, and pine cones. Campers will do leaf rubbings, stick paintings, and create pinecone animals.

Tuesday

Wildflowers

Wildflowers are the focus of our nature study and artistic creations today. On our nature walk campers will take a closer look at flowers. Then after learning about flowers, campers will press flowers, and make bookmarks and candle holders.

Wednesday

Creatures in the Woods

Be quiet and careful as we look for bugs, animals, and birds on a walk through the woods. Campers will discuss different native animals and bugs, where they live in nature and how they survive. Our art work will include making a bug hotel, a bird nest, and your own unique creature to take home.

Thursday

Colors in Nature

Explore all the colors found in nature. The focus today will be on finding many different ways you can use natural color in art. Campers will create vibrant bean mosaics, paint with mud, and dye flowers.

Friday

Temporary Art

On the final day we will investigate how to use nature to create temporary pieces of art. To be inspired we will look examples of nature being transformed. We will be doing sidewalk chalk work, self-portraits out of found natural material, and create weaving structures. For our final piece we will make a giant collaborative sculpture inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy.

**Campers will be outdoors each day, so be sure that they have on sunscreen and that they have a water bottle. Please send a snack with your child as there will be a time for snack each morning.*

*** Please note that some activities may be substituted or modified.*

****Cancellations or changes due to weather will be emailed to the address listed on the camp health form. If you have questions or concerns please call Sarah Salto at 847-514-6749.*