

NATURE ART CAMPTIVITY

Ages 12 and Under

GOALS & OUTCOMES

- To provide an encouraging, creative and fun arts and crafts experience
- To develop arts and crafts skills
- To provide an opportunity to develop new skills
- To teach the importance of acceptance and respect when critiquing the art of others
- To foster personal achievement & accomplishment
- To provide opportunities to work with positive role models

ACTIVITY SPACE / EQUIPMENT

- Arts & Crafts Pavilion (ACP) and the surrounding area
- First Aid kit

DELIVERY PROTOCOL

- Set up area before campers get there, engage campers as they arrive
- Train rules promptly upon arrival
- Work with each child individually on their skills at their own pace (within schedule constraints) and be sure to use their name when addressing them
- Teach basic skills and progress to more advanced skills throughout the week:
 - Preparation, first and subsequent steps, progress to a finished project
 - Example: paper crafts – magazine collages to paper mache
- Use questions such as:
 - How did you create that effect?
 - Is there anything you want to add to your project?
 - Can I give you a suggestion?
- Engage all youngsters; encourage the smallest effort with positive feedback
- Stop activity with time for all to assist in clean up and care of equipment
- Consistently manage safety in the Arts and Crafts room

RULES/SAFETY

- Campers and counselors should be equipped with proper protective gear such as aprons, gloves
- No running
- In general, only campers above the age of twelve may use equipment such as exacto knives and sharp sculpting tools---use your best judgment
- Only cabin leaders may remove supplies from the cupboards
- Only cabin leaders may operate potentially dangerous equipment
 - Spray attachment at sink, microwave oven, blenders, crock pots, etc.
- Clean up your workspace and do not clean supplies in the bathroom sinks
- Take only what you need---we don't want to waste supplies!
- Keep any outdoor art projects away from the middle of the driveway as cars and carts are driven through often
- Do not stand beneath the garage doors

CAMPTIVITY LESSON PLAN OUTLINE

MONDAY

Focus: Nature walk and ACP area safety

Possible activities: Walk to a beautiful place in camp, sit down and draw what you see

Materials needed: Bag of colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers, construction paper, cardboard

By the end of today, my campers can:

- ☐ Know Arts & Crafts area general safety
- ☐ Be inspired by nature

TUESDAY

Focus: Jewelry

Possible activities: Create rock pendant necklaces; wrap twine around a rock using hot glue to secure it

Materials needed: Rocks, twine or yarn, hot glue guns

By the end of today, my campers can:

- ☐ Incorporate objects from nature into jewelry

WEDNESDAY

Focus: Wreaths

Possible activities: Create a twig wreath using sticks and various objects found in nature

Materials needed: Twigs, cardboard, twine, hot glue gun

By the end of today, my campers can:

- ☐ Collect pieces from nature in a way that does not harm the environment



THURSDAY

Focus: Texture

Possible activities: Crayon rubbings, rub over leaves or even go outside and make rubbings on tree bark; use these rubbings to make magnets

Materials needed: Crayons, paper, collected natural materials, magnet strips, hot glue guns, cardboard, scissors

By the end of today, my campers can:

- ☐ Understand effects of various surfaces

***Combine paint and corn starch (2:1 ratio) to make paint more opaque; otherwise it is pretty translucent**