

Field Trip Art Camp (Ages 9-11)

Drawn From the Wild: Grab your sketchbook and explore the wild side of art! Campers will observe and sketch animals while exploring the Detroit Zoo. Back in the studio, students will create 2D and 3D projects inspired by wildlife. This camp blends hands-on creativity with real-world observation to bring animals to life through art.

The Art of Nature: Step outside and create with nature as your studio! Campers will bring sketchbooks to observe and draw the natural environment at Independence Oaks and create land art using natural materials they collect. Back in the studio, students will explore how nature can serve as both inspiration and medium in the art making process.

Garden Discoveries: Step into a world of beauty and hidden spaces at Cranbrook Gardens! Campers will explore areas such as the Sunken Garden, Butterfly Garden and Japanese Garden, using sketchbooks and guided plein air painting. This experience encourages close observation, creativity and discovery as young artists create projects, back in the studio, inspired by this unique setting.

Art in the Village: Step into downtown Clarkston and explore the village through the eyes of an artist! Students will think like urban sketchers, designers, muralists and architects as they capture the character of the community through their drawings and studio projects. Campers will share their creativity with others through chalk drawing at Depot Park and canvas paintings in the Free Little Art Gallery.

Sculpture Safari: Set out on a creative adventure along the Fenton Art Trail! Campers will explore sculptures and public art using sketchbooks to observe and record details. Through 3D art exploration, students will study form, materials and structure while thinking like sculptors and drawing inspiration from the world around them.

Fields of Inspiration: Step into the beauty of the countryside at Spicer Orchards! Campers will use sketchbooks to observe and capture the sights and details of a working farm, exploring fields of summer crops, sunflowers and farm animals while finding inspiration in their natural surroundings. This experience will inspire their art making back in the studio.