

Overview of Arrowmont's Children's Programs

Arrowmont's programs for children benefit over 4,000 school children annually and include: Saturday morning classes in January; Summer Art Workshops for Youth; Artists-in-Schools and ArtReach (outreach programs in Sevier County Schools), and the annual Holiday Open House.

Arrowmont's Summer Workshops for Youth at Pi Beta Phi Elementary

begun in 2004 with much anticipation and excitement. This new program provides quality art education for students in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. It is based on a day camp model and runs four weeks in June/July. Students may sign up for a different workshop each week. Workshops are divided into four age categories from eight to 18 and they meet for a half day Monday through Thursday. Classrooms at adjacent Pi Beta Phi Elementary are converted into studios for classes.



The Houston Alumnae Club sponsored a week of Summer Youth Workshops in 2005.



Student prepares her "paint on water" design to marble a piece of paper.



Painting a self portrait.

Children and Young Adult Workshops

meet Saturday mornings for five weeks in January and February from 9:00-12:00 noon. Over 100 students enroll each year for these popular workshops—with most classes at full capacity. There are age appropriate offerings for children in grades K-12. Working in Arrowmont's studios, many get to experience the potter's wheel for the first time, or they may learn how to shape metal and use a torch to create their own jewelry, paint a portrait or landscape, create handmade books, or explore different media to create masks, collages and much more! It is an enriching program that enables children to focus their creativity in one area.



Student applies underglaze to his hand built clay face.



Turning honey dippers!



Making a mess goes along with all the fun of learning to throw a bowl.

ArtReach brings about 85-100 students at a time from each school in Sevier County for a day of learning in Arrowmont's studios. Taught by Artists-in-Residence and local artists, this unique studio experience offers the children more than just a typical art lesson. They become immersed in a completely different learning atmosphere than they are accustomed. There are some schools in the County that do not even have art rooms, so an entire studio with all the tools, supplies and equipment one would need to create is a real treat for the students.



An ArtReach student makes texture on a petal with a hammer and stamp that will be part of a copper rose.



Part of the Arrowmont ArtReach experience is touring the gallery. Some instructors plan a "gallery assignment" to make the most of their tour.



Experimenting with printmaking.

Artists-In-Schools

is a community outreach initiative that takes two resident artists into every school in Sevier County for a day. Residents will demonstrate, show slides, talk about their work and answer whatever questions a curious student might come up with. The residents will take with them all of the supplies and equipment they will need for the day—such as a potter's wheel and clay, mini lathe with wood, torch, slide projector, etc.



“Although the students may not realize the impact of watching a demonstration immediately, it gives them a sense of possibility and a foundation and understanding of how art is made ... that might resurface years from now,” says Michael Mocho, woodturner and former resident artist, who would demonstrate woodturning on a mini lathe.



Making yarn the old fashioned way--
by spinning it on a wheel.

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