



Silverwood Park

ART & ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP PROGRAMMING

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Scheduled Group Program Pricing

Standard Onsite Programs: \$78.00 minimum, or \$6.50 per participant, 1.5-2 hour program length.

Custom programs and offsite programs are also available. Please contact the Program Coordinator for special fees and options.

*Financial assistance is available for program and transportation fees. To learn more, visit www.threeriversparks.org/feeassistance.

Silverwood Park is a center for the arts and environment devoted to the integration of nature-based experiences and artistic creation. Since its opening in 2009, Silverwood artists and naturalists have teamed up to create unique art programs for people of all ages and abilities.

Art and Nature Programs (Offered Year-Round Unless Otherwise Noted)

Minnesota Symbols and Mixed Media Collage

Together, we will explore what makes our state so special—from iconic symbols of culture, folklore, and natural history. Explore the natural surroundings of the park with a naturalist then create a collage using mixed media art processes. *Grades 1-12, 2 hours*

Firebuilding and Charcoal Drawing

Spark up a new skill and ignite your curiosity as we learn the safety and basic techniques involved in starting a fire. Then we will turn our attention to using a product of fire—charcoal—to make our own spectacular still life or landscape drawings. *Grades 1-12, 2 hours*

Decoding Fibonacci: The Magic of Math in Nature

Learn about how nature is connected to math! What is the Fibonacci sequence and how is it related to tree branches? Through class discussion, youth will learn about the Fibonacci sequence and where it is found in nature. Interactive art projects that show how Fibonacci is present in nature will be created. End by creating a viewfinder book and hiking outside to find more examples of Fibonacci. *Grades 4-12, 2 hours*

Entomology Printing and Nature Journal

Aren't insects interesting? Youth will join in learning about insect adaptations to survive in Minnesota! See our Silverwood insect collection, learn how insects are classified, and go bug hunting with our naturalist. Then, join our artist in creating nature journals, decorate them using unique printmaking processes, then learn how to record your own observations by doing some nature journaling. *Grades K-12, 2 hours, Season: Spring, Summer*

Scales, Patterns, and Mosaic

Discover all the wonderful uses of scales—whether on fish, snakes, or butterflies! Take a close-up view of these animals and use what you see to inspire creative patterns with mosaics using beads, glass tiles, and more! *Grades K-12, 1.5 hours*



Branch Out into Art

Do you have a favorite tree that you like to climb or sit under? Learn about the wonderful workings of trees as throughout the seasons. Then decorate your own wooden creations either on wood cookie (Grades K-4), or by carving designs into wood using the Scandinavian tradition of kolrosing (Grades 5+). *Grades K-12, 2 hours, Season: Year-round, Spring only for Maple Syrup (Mar/Apr)*



Photography Programs (Offered Year-Round Unless Otherwise Noted)



Trick Photography: Reflections, Refractions, and Trick Photography

Our artist and naturalist will bring many tools and gadgets so youth can explore, play, learn, and create art with light. Bend light, cast rainbows, shoot a trick photograph, or warp space. All kinds of sci-art fun will happen in this program. Lights, cameras, lenses, reflectors, refractors, and more are provided. *Grades K-12, 2 hours*

Photography: Through the Eyes of an Animal

Consider what it's like to walk and think like an animal or insect. Choose a creature that lives at Silverwood and with camera ready, move and see like that animal. Where do you sleep? What do you eat? How big or small are you? Record your experiences with photographs. Cameras provided. *Grades 1-12, 2 hours, Season: Spring, Summer, Fall only*



Photography: Light and Life Cycle

Head outside to discover how photographing plants and trees will help you to look and see more than you've ever noticed before. Discover how plants, trees and photographs all depend on light. Use the camera to document a plant life cycle. Cameras provided. *Grades 1-12, 2 hours, Season: Spring, Summer only*

Clay Programs (Offered Year-Round)

**Programs are subject to an additional material and firing fee of \$50. Projects are fired in our kiln and groups will be notified when finished work it is ready for pickup (approx. 3 weeks).*

Rock Your Art—Geology and Clay

Do your youth like to look for agates? Search for stones of special shapes or colors? Our naturalist will tell you about patterns and colors found in rocks and why they look like they do. Join our artist in the fun of marbling clay and forming it into a bowl. Natural and artmaking tools are provided so creativity and learning can flourish. *Grades 1-12, 2 hours*

Textures in Nature and Clay

How does a pine cone feel? Which trees have rough bark? Why do leaves have bumpy veins? Explore the park and discover textures in nature. Students will collect pine cones, acorns, sticks, or leaves on a hike and head into the studio to make clay impression tiles with their materials. Clay projects will be ready for pick up 3 weeks following your visit. *Grades K-3 (tiles), Grades 4+ (mugs), 1.5 hours*

Animal Habitats and Clay Dwellings

Through class discussion and field exploration, we will investigate the four basic components of habitat: shelter, water, food, space. Inspired by our discoveries, we'll make toad abodes, bird feeders, or mini-habitats. Clay projects will be ready for pick up 3 weeks following your visit. *Grades 4-12, 2 hours*

