

Art and Nature Youth Program - July 11- July 15

Students are invited to an exploration of artistic expression and creation! This 5 day workshop starts with an immersion in the life of a modern artist and a journey through black and white drawing. After a morning break we will take up a step by step exploration of the 3 dimensional arts through clay. In the afternoons the group will be designing and painting a mural for for an on-site storage container at Tapiola Nature Centre. This program is for youth 13 and over.

The workshop will provide moments of presence, exploration and connection to the self, the other and the world. The workshop will be outdoor based and take place on the beautiful Tapiola grounds from 9 to 3. Students bring their lunch, snacks, a water bottle, water shoes, rainwear and sun hat.

Matthew Dirks is a youth worker, artist, carpenter and father of two beautiful daughters.

He graduated with honours from the Child and Youth Care program and has been working with youth in multiple capacities over the decade that followed.

Mathew spent 3 years in university engaged in painting and drawing, sculpting, print media and photography and is a 3rd year apprentice carpenter.

Matthew enjoys sharing his passion for the outdoors, the arts and music with youth to support their self-exploration and connection to humanity and the planet.

He has recently completed Waldorf high school teacher training and is looking forward to using his strengths to support the growth of Thunder Bays youth community through the arts and working with their hands.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Introductions	Artist bio	Artist Bio	Artist Bio	Artist Bio
	Artist biography	Drawing	Drawing	Drawing	Drawing
Break					
	Drawing	Sculpting	Sculpting	Sculpting	Sculpting
12:00 Lunch					
	Sculpting	Sculpting	Painting Sea Container	Painting Sea Container	Painting Sea Container
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3:00	Closing	Closing	Closing	Closing	Closing