

# Children's Art and Nature Program

## **2010 School Program**

Located on 80 acres southwest of Calgary the Leighton Art Centre offers a year round Art and Nature Program to Calgary and area school children. Children are introduced to the landscape while exploring the creative process through hands on art projects, a nature/environmental study and a guided tour of the Leighton Residence (museum and gallery). 12,000 School children per year are given the opportunity to "unleash the art" inside them.

### **To Book your Program:**

1. Check "Dates Available" and select a date (please check back periodically as cancellation spaces do come available)
2. Fill out the registration form on either the Kindergarten page or the Division I & II page on our web site.
3. Hit the Submit button and we will receive your information via an email.
4. You will receive a return email confirming your date plus further info on your visit.
5. Book your bus.

### **We can accomodate 3 classes per day (one class per studio)**

1. Four hours is the recommended minimum length of time to complete a program.
2. Arrival is between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. and departure is between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. Hours can be adjusted according to your school's operating hours.
3. Lunch time is approx. 1/2 hour & supervision is the responsibility of the visiting school.
4. Chaperones - Four adults per class is recommended. Important to Remember - remind adults they are here to help the students.
5. If your class is on site for less than 4 hours please provide a snack on the bus ride as there will be no time allotted in your program for this.

### **Fee Structure:**

\$12.00 per student (no charge for adults). Minimum charge \$180.00 if you bring less than 15 students

### **Cancellation Policy:**

\$100.00 Cancellation fee for less than 28 working days notice. This fee is **not** applicable to weather related cancellations. Book your bus at the same time to avoid this fee.

## **Important Tips to Remember :**

1. Please provide us with a phone number for any last minute problems, especially weather.
2. Weather here can be much different than in Calgary. Remind students/parents to dress in layers.
3. Bring TWO boxes per class per art project. We do not have boxes available.
4. If possible have students and adults wear name tags.
5. Our drinking water is very limited as we must have it trucked in. Have students bring water bottles. We can not microwave or heat meals. There are no vending machines or restaurants nearby.
6. We request that the schools bring back any garbage that they accumulate while here. Encourage children to pack recyclable lunch containers.
7. Check our "Teacher's Pre-Visit" page on our website for information on the current art exhibition that your students will be seeing on their visit.

## **Can't Get a Spot in our School Program?**

### **Check out 'A la Art**

The Leighton Art Centre is pleased to announce a new 'menu' item! Our fresh new school program will bring some of the spirit of the Leighton Art Centre to your school! In addition to our regular full-day courses offered on site at the Leighton Centre, we now offer an in-school morning program. 'A la Art Launches November 1st and it promises to be a marvelous addition to our school program menu.

Our experienced, enthusiastic instructor will come into your school, share the Leighton story and then work with the students on two art projects. Each student will make a sketchbook and learn some sketching exercises. Then it is time to explore your school property to sketch and look with 'artist eyes'. After recess students will make one of our most popular art projects. These projects have been selected for their connection to the Alberta curriculum and their portability. To book this program call us at 403 931-3636.

This program is designed to enhance the schools Alberta curriculum art, science, social studies and language arts. It is an invaluable means of influencing the next generation to value and appreciate art and develop a connection with the landscape.

### **Contact us:**

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## **Kindergarten Art Projects & Itinerary 2010**

**PLEASE NOTE: KINDERGARTEN ACCEPTED AFTER CHRISTMAS - ONLY 4  
Kindergarten classes ACCEPTED per month**

### **CHOOSE TWO PROJECTS:**

#### **Bird Feeder:**

Students will construct a step-by-step willow bird feeder to take home.

Curriculum Connections – science (migration, animal needs, bird songs, environmentalism, seasons), math (patterning), language arts (story telling), art.

#### **Wildflower:**

Students will construct a simple, hanging ornament from pumpkin seeds. Take home some special seeds to plant!

Curriculum Connections – science (wildflowers, nature, environmentalism, living things), art, language arts.

#### **Canvas Paint:**

Students will create a simple landscape painting using acrylic paint and sponges.

Curriculum Connections – math (patterning, sequence, shape, size), art (color, line, shape), social studies (landforms, changing community, my community), science (trees, plants, animals).

#### **Pots:**

A 3D art form for the young ones! Using acrylic paint and sponges, students will focus on patterning in the decoration of a clay pot.

Curriculum Connections – art (line, shape, color), math (patterns).

#### **Papermaking:**

Focus on environmentalism and recycling. Students will construct two sheets of decorated paper.

Curriculum Connections – science (recycling, small creatures, trees), art, social studies (other communities).

### **Itinerary for Kindergarten Program:**

- Arrival and orientation
- Snack time
- Nature walk and gallery tour
- Art project # 1
- Lunch and recess
- Classroom banner
- Art project #2
- Tidy up and bathroom break
- Time permitting-scavenger hunt or story and games
- Board bus and departure

# Division I & II Art Projects & Itinerary 2010

## Art Project # 1

Sketching/Journaling:

The following subjects will be covered - Grade and Time Appropriate: Sketching/Journaling and the natural landscape, science focus on seasonal changes, Plants, Trees, Animals, Art focus (2D/3D/still life, shapes, patterns, etc).

Each child will leave with their own personal sketch/journal book)

## Art Project # 2 - choose ONE

<b>Bird Study:</b>	Division 1: Willow Feeder	Division 2: Mixed Media
<b>Flowers:</b>	Division 1: Wildflower	Division 2: Watercolour
<b>Landscape:</b>	Division 1: Canvas Painting	Division 2: Advanced Canvas Painting
<b>Papermaking:</b>	Division 1: Handmade Paper	Division 2: Advanced papermaking 3D form
<b>Pots:</b>	Division 1: Terra Cotta Pots with Pattern Design	Division 2: Landscape on a Pot
<b>Sculpture:</b>	Division 1: Wire Sculpture	Division 2: Advanced Wire Sculpture
<b>Fibre Art:</b>	Division 1: Woven Basket	Division 2: Needle Felting

Culturally based art projects:

<b>Printmaking:</b>	Division 1: Patterning	Division 2: Printmaking based on art from other countries
<b>Aboriginal Art:</b>	Division 1: Scrimshaw Hanging	Division 2: Tipi

## Division I only - a new program - Object-Based Learning Day:

Object based learning is a full day experience where students have a chance to slow down and improve their observation, inquiry and artistic skills. Students will have a special opportunity to view, discuss and work with various artifacts from the Leighton collection. History, nature and art can be the focus here and the visiting teacher will have input into the emphasis of the day.

Students will go home with a watercolour painting based on their experiences from the day! Curriculum connections include; ART, SOCIAL STUDIES, LANGUAGE ARTS and SCIENCE. Possibilities for follow up back at school.

## Itinerary for Divisions I&II

Times will be adjusted to schools arrival and departure times. The following is a guideline only. As there is no snack time available please try to snack on the bus trip to the Centre.

9:30 – 10:15	Arrival and Orientation
10:15 – 11:15	Nature Walk and Gallery Tour
11:15 – 12:15	Art Project # 1 (personal sketch/journal book)
12:15 – 12:45	Lunch and Free Time (School Supervises)
12:45 – 1:45	Art Project # 2
1:45 – 2:00	Classroom Banner
2:00 – 2:30	Board Buses

