

Educational “*Throwdowns*” at Camp Talooli

Art Throwdown - Sat May 13, 2017 9am-4pm

STEAM Throwdown - Sat Oct 7, 2017 9am-4pm

Art and STEAM Throwdowns are day-long events that bring together teams of participants representing area schools, homeschool organizations and/or community groups as they create their own art in fun and challenging timed events. The format of each throwdown will blend the team building of an interscholastic competition with the networking of a professional conference. It will all take place outdoors and be inspired by nature. The teams will also interact with professional artists at work in the forest and along the shore of Camp Talooli’s private lake.

The "Art Throwdown" will begin on Saturday morning with the arrival of the 10 teams made up of 10-12 students (grades 7-12). Each team will include and be led by an art educator. Like a track meet, the teams will be given outdoor space to set up a canopy as a home base and they will be encouraged to think of themselves and to dress as a competitive team.

The day will begin with an opening plenary session where all of the teams will meet the guest artists who will describe how nature and working outdoors influences their work. Next, teams will be given a set of outdoor artistic challenges to complete in a limited amount of time. Visual art challenges might include: create and install a large sculpture or weaving made of natural or found materials, or create a painting that reflects a theme from nature or using natural objects as your tools for mark making. As challenges occur throughout the day, teams will take breaks for lunch and to interact with the guest artists. In the afternoon, all teams will come back together to share and describe their artwork. A panel of volunteer judges will review the completed projects, provide feedback and designate awards.

The "STEAM Throwdown" in October follows the same format as the May event. The challenges will focus on ways art is integral to documenting and communicating STEM (science, tech, engineering and math). At this STEAM event, each team of participants must be accompanied by at least one art teacher and one STEM educator. The day's schedule is similar to the Art Throwdown. Challenge examples might include: design and build an archway using natural objects; design and create a functional sun dial with an artistic theme; build and employ a drawing machine to create an aesthetically pleasing design.

Draft Schedule (both events):

9:00am	Teams arrive.
9:15am	Welcome Meeting. Introduction of teams and guest artists. Teams will receive schedules and maps.
9:45 - 11:15	Challenge #1. All teams will be given 60 minutes to complete this task and will also be scheduled for a 30 minute interaction time with the guest artists.
11:15 - 11:30	Critique of Challenge #1. All teams will interact with a panel of judges who will critique their work.
11:45- 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 1:30	Challenge #2. All teams will be given 60 minutes to complete this task.
1:30 - 1:45	Critique of Challenge #2. All teams will interact with a panel of judges who will critique their work.
1:45 - 2:15	Break & an opportunity for teams to interact with the guest artists.
2:15 - 3:00	Challenge #3 All teams will be given 45 minutes to complete this task.
3:00 - 3:15	Critique of Challenge #3. All teams will interact with a panel of judges who will critique their work.
3:15 - 3:45	Artist Roundtable. The guest artists and the students will discuss the work they completed today.
3:45 - 4:00	Awards and Closing. Teams will be recognized for their efforts in the challenges.
4:00	All groups depart.

Community Support:



Camp Talooli is the primary sponsor of these two events and will provide exclusive use of its 170 acre outdoor education facility including a private lake and several indoor and outdoor spaces. Talooli will also provide a nurse to oversee first aid and at least 10 volunteers to help set up and facilitate on the days of the events. **This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by CNY Arts.**

Our Mission:

Since 1945, Camp Talooli's mission has been to create caring, confident youth and future leaders. As a non-profit outdoor education facility we collaborate with community organizations and educational institutions to create and host educational events throughout the year. Our summer camp programs serve over 1000 children each year and employ a staff of 55. We have a long standing and well known reputation for serving a very diverse camper population and integrating children with a broad range of special needs.

Visual art, created *en plein air*, has a long history and growing popularity and the power of nature to inspire art is clear. In addition, professional development is often most effective when it focuses on networking with others from different places and different disciplines. Likewise, it is clear that a spirit of light-hearted competition can encourage engagement, experimentation and enthusiasm. These Art and STEAM Throwdown events tap into all of these points by providing a venue for artists and students to network, create and play together outdoors.

Logistics, Costs and Registration:



Camp Talooli is in southern Oswego County, about a 30 minute drive from both the cities of Oswego and Syracuse. You can find the address and easy driving directions on our webpage at campfireusacny.org. To reduce the cost of transportation, both of these events have been scheduled on a Saturday. We hope that this may offer teams the opportunity to avoid the cost of bussing by carpooling. Teams are welcome to bring additional accompanying adults (teachers and parents). Camp Talooli will provide all materials needed for the throwdown challenges. These invitational events

are limited to 10 teams and registration will be confirmed for the first 10 teams to submit completed registration forms including the team fee. The team fee for each event is \$150 and checks can be made payable to:

Camp Fire CNY
PO Box 6
Phoenix, NY 13132

Camp Fire CNY, is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit agency that has owned and operated Camp Talooli in Pennellville since 1945. You are welcome to contact the the Executive Director at 315-934-4051 if you have questions about payment. **campfireusacny.org**



Most schools in Oswego and Onondaga Counties are eligible to receive funding for the team fee through CiTi BOCES Arts-in-Education. Your district should direct inquiries through the Arts-in-Education Coordinator: William Jones at wjones@CiTiboces.org

Throwdown Directors:

Stacey Pope is the Coordinator of each event. Stacey is an independent teaching artist and a Nationally Board Certified Art Teacher, with over 30 years experience as a high school art teacher.

Jeff Peneston is the Project Manager. Jeff is the 2011 NYS Teacher of the Year, a NYS Master Science Teacher, and has been the Camp Talooli Program Director for over 30 years.

For More Info:

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