



2026 Plein Air Exhibition for Youth

The “Into Nature Jr. Plein Air Exhibition” is a youth plein air exhibition celebrating the beauty of a Minnesota summer through the eyes of young artists.

What is Plein air? It's a French term meaning "in the open air." Which just means it's a fun way of making art outside. Artists who paint *en plein air* work outdoors, capturing the beauty of nature at that moment—whether at a park, the beach, or even your backyard.

Call for Artists:

The Into Nature Jr. Plein Air Exhibition is open to artists ages 6 to 15. All levels and abilities are encouraged to register **May 1st through July 10th**.

Looking for a fun plein air class for youth - try “Art in Nature.” July 6-10, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Summer Community Day

Saturday, June 6, 1:00 -3:00 PM

All are welcome to join us for a vibrant celebration of art, music, and community. If you're looking for a fun way to spend a warm summer day. There will be a Plein Air make-and-take, and more art fun to be had!

Guidelines

Registration:

Registration is open through July 10th to participate. Go to WhiteBearArts.org/call-for-entries to fill out an entry form. There is no registration fee. Artists can submit up to three works of art.

Participation dates: June 6–Thursday, July 10, 2026

Kids are encouraged to paint or draw outside. There are plenty of places to find inspiration around White Bear Lake: it can be in their backyard, at a local park, or even on the campus of White Bear Center for the Arts. Please make sure to get permission from a parent or guardian before you start. Then, submit completed works to be a part of this year's exhibition.

"Into Nature Jr. Plein Air Exhibition"

Come see White Bear Lake in a new light—through the eyes and artistry of young artists.

Exhibition Dates: July 23-Aug 27, 2026

Location: Community Hall at WBCA

Artwork Drop-Off

Thursday, July 9, 2026, [during regular business hours.](#)

Friday, July 10, 2026, [during regular business hours.](#)

Artwork Pick-Up

Friday, August 28, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Saturday, August 29, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Eligibility:

- Artists must be between the ages of 6 and 15. All levels and abilities are welcome. **Artists 16 years of age and older are encouraged to join the Into Nature Plein Air Competition and Exhibition for adults.*
- Paintings and drawings (oil, acrylic, pastel, colored pencil, watercolor, or any 2-D medium) must originate from a plein air experience during the contest dates noted above.
- Work may be done on paper or canvas.
- Maximum artwork size should not exceed 24" x 36."
- Submitted pieces do not need to be framed.
- WBCA reserves the right to determine acceptability. Inappropriate subject matter is not acceptable.

Waiver:

WBCA reserves the right to refuse any artwork for any reason. Reasonable care will be taken in handling and displaying artwork, but no responsibility is assumed by White Bear Center for the Arts (WBCA) for loss or damage of any kind. Submission of work indicates acceptance of these conditions and agreement that digital or photographic images may be used for publicity purposes by WBCA, including on social media and the WBCA website.

Questions?

Call (651) 407-0597 or email gallery@whitebeararts.org if you need assistance.

