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Center for Engagement Summer Issue



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MELA's Center for Engagement Launches with Summer Camps for Kids and Teachers

Summer 2012 brings the launch of MELA's Center for Engagement, designed to offer year-round enrichment programming for teachers and students in Dane County through local, regional and national partnerships.

Our summer line-up features a range of fun, interdisciplinary topics guided by certified teachers and professional staff who are experts in their field. The staff are supported in learning/deepening skills and approaches they can take back

to their classrooms and professional settings. Students are supported as they engage in fun, interesting and challenging activities. The 6:1 student / teacher ratio is an ideal way to explore, invent, design, and play.

The Cure for Summer Boredom!

We still have a limited number of openings in these camps:

ActionQuest - Aug 6-10
Howtoons - Aug 13-17

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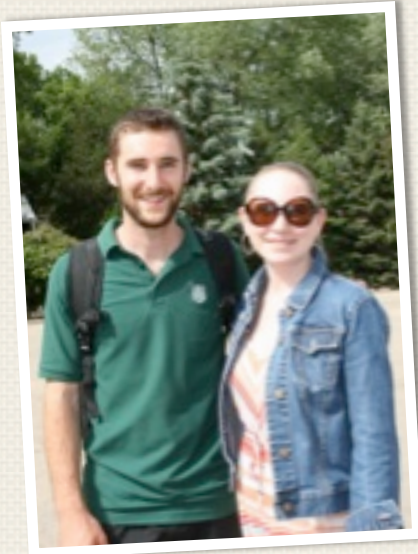
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Join the FUN!

Stealth Art:

When Art & Kindness Meet

What better way to spend time this summer than finding ways to use art and kindness to interact with our Madison Community?! Not an artist? No problem! Those with “limited” art skills or “underdeveloped” art interests probably have reserves of kindness just waiting to be tapped. This camp will unleash the ability in all of us to wield kindness in ways that are fun, artistic, adventurous, and engaging!



SARAH & MARK

“LIKE A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS, GUERRILLA ART HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CREATE A RIPPLE EFFECT.”

-KERI SMITH

“Best camp ever!”

-Stealth Art Participant

ActionQuest

Positive leadership can look like different things in different people. What kind of leader are you? This camp will challenge participants through action, adventure, and introspection! Kayaking, high ropes, orienteering, art, games, and fun all await. Participants will examine their own leadership qualities and make choices about how to use them in challenging situations.



JEFF & HANNAH

“I REGARD IT AS THE FOREMOST TASK OF EDUCATION TO INSURE THE SURVIVAL OF THESE QUALITIES: AN ENTERPRISING CURIOUSITY, AN UNDEFEATABLE SPIRIT, TENACITY IN PURSUIT, READINESS FOR SENSIBLE SELF DENIAL, AND ABOVE ALL, COMPASSION.”

-KURT HAHN

Howtoons

Whiz, Splash, Boom!

Science, engineering, and cartooning collide for one week of fun and creativity. Make your own marshmallow blasters, water squirters, rockets, hovercrafts and more...then design your own character and capture your escapades in a Howtoons style cartoon. Read more about this national pilot program on page 3. You won't want to miss it!



NICK & INGRID

“BUILDING WITH YOUR HANDS TEACHES KIDS NOT TO HAVE FEAR OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD. SUCCESS IS AWESOME... AND FAILURE ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS AND SHOULD BE FUN!”

-INGRID DRAGOTTA

SUMMER NOTES



A young woman quietly stood and watched Stealth Art instructor Sarah Henkel and a number of Madison community members create beautiful chalk art at the Dane County Farmers' Market. After observing for a while, she turned to Co-Founder and President, Michelle Sharpswain, and asked, "Is this allowed?" Michelle assured the young woman she had examined the permit very closely and found no evidence that the chalk art was not permitted. The careful observer softly replied, "In my country, this is not allowed." Michelle invited the young woman to grab some chalk and create a picture of her own. Smiling, the woman sat down on the sidewalk and, with great care, drew a whale. Once the picture was complete, she sat for several minutes and then quietly left. A while later, the young woman returned; this time she had a clear purpose. After proudly showing her drawing to a couple of friends, she approached Michelle and held out her hands. In her hands was a delicate, beautiful scarf neatly folded into a small square. This is a close approximation of what she said, "I would like to give this to you. It is from my country. I am from Lebanon, and I would never be allowed to do this. So I want to share this scarf with you in return for what you gave me today. Thank you." Michelle never learned the woman's name, but is deeply grateful to have the beautiful scarf as a reminder of the importance of both art and kindness in our lives and

Howtoons Illustrator Appears at Westfield Comics

Howtoons co-creator and comic book artist Nick Dragotta will be at Westfield Comics on Madison's east side (944 Williamson St.) signing & doing a quick sketch for customers from **6 pm - 8 pm on Wednesday, August 15.**

Dragotta, whose recent work includes Fantastic Four and Vengeance for Marvel Comics, has also worked on comics featuring Captain America, Deadpool, Iron Fist, the Losers, Madman, X-Statix, and many more!

WHAT'S NEXT?



Looking for **MORE** information about the Academy?

Recruiting begins for 2013 Freshman Class

Madison Expeditionary Learning Academy begins recruiting the first Freshman class for the fall of 2013! We have spent the past two+ years designing curriculum and school culture around best practice research and community feedback. Learn more about our unique program and see if this school is a good fit for your future high school student.

We are now scheduling information sessions for parents, students, and interested community members. If you would like to invite us to present at your school, church, or neighborhood gathering please contact us. We currently have dates available September-November.

We will be announcing fall informational sessions open to the public, so check our website for upcoming dates and locations.

For more information on Admissions, please visit our website. We will be posting updates frequently over the next 16 weeks!

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