Gateway to Science Awarded Arts in Afterschool Mini Grant

Science of art activities planned for upcoming camps at science center

Bismarck—Gateway to Science has been awarded an Arts in Afterschool Mini Grant from the ND Afterschool Network in collaboration with the ND Council on the Arts. Grant funds will be utilized to provide hands-on science of art activities for Gateway to Science camp participants in Grades 1-5.

Artist Robin Reynolds, Dacotah Clayworks, will engage campers with the science of clay during three STEM Adventure Mini-Camps (April 5, April 30, and May 3). Students will learn about the structure of clay and at what temperature clay becomes ceramics. Campers will form clay into pottery and paint their creations with four native North Dakota clay colors.

Artist Ali LaRock will focus on the science of bookmaking, papermaking, and marbleizing during the first week of STEM Adventure Camp (June 1-4). Students will experience how to create their own paper, marbleize it, and turn some of these papers into their own handmade books. Students will also learn the history and the science behind these fun process as they create.

All camps will take place at Gateway to Science with the artists visiting the science center.

Gateway to Science is North Dakota’s hands-on science center and is located in the Frances Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex, 1810 Schafer Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. In addition to an interactive exhibits gallery, they offer STEM educational outreach programs serving people of all ages, including out-of-school time clubs, camps, and workshops. Gateway to Science is open Monday-Thursday 1-6pm; Friday 1-5pm; and, Saturday 10am-5pm. Visit gatewaytoscience.org for more information.

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