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### **SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST TWO SUMMER ART CAMPS**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will offer two children’s art camps this summer. SAMA’s art camps are taught in small, informal groups to foster each child’s creativity, personal growth and interest in the arts.

From June 12 through 16, the Museum will offer “An Exploration of Art through Nature.” Led by art educator Shane Stofko, children will learn to explore the world around them while developing their artistic skills. Campers will use everyday objects found in nature to create exciting and interesting works of art. The camp is designed for ages 5 to 9 and will conclude with an art show and reception for the campers’ friends and family on Saturday, June 17. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and costs \$125 per child, which includes materials and snacks.

The second camp, “Landscapes in Summer,” will be led by nationally renowned artist Jaime Cooper. Students will explore various painting mediums and color mixing techniques, and also will be introduced to landscape painting on the museum grounds. The camp will conclude with a reception for campers’ friends and family on Saturday, June 24. Designed for ages 10 to 14, the camp will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays from June 12 through 23. Cost is \$225 per child.

Registration for both camps is required by June 6 and includes a \$25 non-refundable deposit. For registration or additional information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).