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SUMMER YOUTH ART CAMPS IN BERKELEY SPRINGS

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—Morgan Arts Council presents three art camps for kids this summer. The twoweek theater camp takes place in June while the weeklong visual arts camp is held in July. Again this year, MAC's Digital Media Center hosts a digital media camp in July.

Under the direction of Margi Griffiths and Brice Williams, theater camp offers kids ages five to 14 two weeks of hands-on instruction in acting, singing, dancing and all other aspects of production. Campers stage a full production of "The Princess and the Goblin" on June 28 and 29. There is a performance part for all campers who want one.

Theater camp for ages five to seven takes place from 9 a.m. to noon; ages eight to 14 meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting June 17 and ending with performances on June 28 and 29. Camp meets at Berkeley Springs High School, where the performances will be staged.

July's weeklong visual arts camp for ages six to 14 is led by local clay artist Lynn Lavin, assisted by Anna Ruggiero and Hiroko Rubin. This year kids will learn about "Art for the Kitchen." Campers make art in various media including clay, painting and drawing. Class size is limited, so early registration is recommended.

Visual art camp meets at the Ice House Monday through Friday, July 8 to 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In the filmmaking camp, MAC DMC Director Rick Watson and other industry experts guide kids to direct, produce, host and edit a broadcast video program—and create their own video. The final 5-7 minute product of this camp will be submitted to the *Cut to the Chase Film Festival* in Shepherdstown, West Virginia in September, and/or other festivals in the area. The camp runs from July 8 to 12, 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Ice House and is open to students of Morgan County Schools and Morgan County homeschoolers, ages 14 to 18.

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For more information and to register, visit MAC's web site, <u>macicehouse.org</u> or call (304) 258-2300.