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Willowbrook Arts Camp

Describe art endeavor

At the heart of Willowbrook's art endeavor is the idea of creative self-growth. The camp fosters an environment where kids are free to choose which artistic activities they pursue each day, encouraging independence, curiosity, and personal expression. Rather than following a rigid schedule, campers explore activities at their own pace in a setting that prioritizes imaginative play and artistic experimentation.

How has this art endeavor made a significant contribution to the arts in Tualatin?

Willowbrook has been offering immersive, arts-focused summer programming in Brown's Ferry Park since 1992, and in Tualatin since the camp's founding in 1982. Its sustained presence over decades has woven arts education into the cultural fabric of the city.

The camp provides hands-on arts experiences across dozens of disciplines, from ceramics, basketry, and stained glass to theater, music, and creative writing, for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. This exposure helps young people develop skills, confidence, creativity, and a lifelong appreciation of the arts.

Willowbrook doesn't just run a summer camp; it partners with the City of Tualatin and participates in community events, offering arts and crafts and interactive creative activities at local festivals like the Blender Dash and the Giant Pumpkin Regatta. These efforts bring arts experiences to the whole community, not just camp participants.

How long has the art been in place or the service been provided?

44 years

How many people have been impacted by this project?

Thousands of campers have attended Willowbrook in our 44 year history. Each summer, we host 6 weeks of camp, with some summers surpassing 500 campers per week. Add to that number Tualatin community event participants and the Willowbrook impact on the Tualatin community is truly immeasurable!

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