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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.

SAMA teaching artist Jaime Cooper will lead the two-week camp, “Wild Art of Animals.” Students will explore drawing and painting using live and stuffed animals as models. Campers will explore different mediums, from quick drawings with pencil, charcoal and pastels to major paintings using acrylic paints. Students also will keep a nature journal of animals and plants they observe around the Museum. Designed for ages 10 to 14, the camp will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays, June 11 through 22. Cost is \$225 per child.

The second camp, “A Spin on the Classics” is designed for ages 5 through 9. Guest art teacher Brandon Rensko will help students learn about a variety of artists and mediums through brief lessons about famous artists. Campers will then recreate a piece of art from each artist studied as the group puts its own “spin” on the artwork. Students will explore two- and three-dimensional works and will complete individual projects as well as group projects. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 18 through 22. Cost is \$125 per child.

Registration for both camps is required by June 6 and includes a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Both camps conclude with an art show for friends and family. Art materials, supplies and snacks are included in the cost. For registration or additional information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015. SAMA’s art camps are sponsored by WJAC-TV.

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).