

# KIDS HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES VILLAGE

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The Festival's Kids Hands-On Activities Village, sponsored by Battelle, is a well-loved attraction for families.

Find the village on the south side of Dorrian Green, west of COSI. Enjoy a range of performances on the Columbus Children's Theatre stage throughout the weekend. (COSI will also be hosting *The Science of Big Machines* next to the green, included in general admission to the museum.)

The popular Children's Art Gallery encourages kids 5-12 to become art collectors.

**Returning this year!** Teens' Art Gallery for young art enthusiasts aged 13-17. Festival artists donate pieces priced at \$5 and below.

Gallery hours for both the Children's and Teens' Galleries are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

### Take Flight with Art (Fri. & Sat. only)

Bring a butterfly home with you. Hand cut and decorate your own 3D Butterfly Magnet. The **Art Garden Academy** offers open studios and classes in Gahanna for kids and adults to help grow art appreciation and personal skills.

### And a 5, 6, 7, 8!

Step into an exciting tap-dancing adventure for children of all ages with **Artisan Tap Ensemble**. Get ready to make some noise and dance your heart out.

### Craft Your Own Button!

Discover the joy of creation with **The Art & College Preparatory Academy** button making activity. With button press materials and templates, craft a personalized button for the whole family. Elevate your accessories game and enjoy artistic exploration with a school that trailblazes the artistic and academic world.

### Twirl, Leap, Bound (Fri. & Sun. only)

Join **BalletMet** for twirls, leaps and endless fun. Rolling dance classes throughout the day are led by experienced instructors and dress-up clothes are on-hand for imaginative play. It's a great opportunity for kids to explore the art of movement in an engaging way.

### Make Way for the Creative Tide

Step into a world of creativity and fun with **Columbus Children's Theatre**. Join us in our hands-on area where imaginations soar as you help hammer, nail and paint theatrical structures and add your artistic touch to our giant boat canvas. Dive into the joy of karaoke singing or engage in one of our improv workshops. There's so much more waiting for you to discover.

### KIDS HANDS-ON HOURS:

Friday 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

### CHILDREN'S AND TEENS' GALLERIES HOURS:

Saturday & Sunday

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted activities occur each day of the Festival.

Most activities are free and open to all ages.

## Cardboard Crafty (Sun. only)

Embark on a creative adventure at **Columbus Landmarks Foundation's** Box City. Using large pieces of cardboard recycled from the Festival, kids will design and build their own buildings and city blocks, inspired by the creative spirit of Columbus. Dive into hands-on fun, crafting a vibrant mini metropolis that showcases imagination and teamwork.

## Make an ART-terrific Booth!

Unleash your inner artist with **Columbus Recreation and Parks** and dive into a world of vibrant creativity with sharpies. Join hands and let the creative unity within our city come alive.

## Meet Your Favorite Zoo Character Ambassadors (Fri. & Sat. only)

**The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium** is home to more than 10,000 animals representing more than 600 species worldwide. Stop in to play Plinko, win prizes, meet some of the Zoo's favorite character ambassadors, and help them finish their large, reusable coloring sheet.

## Who's Ready to PAWTY?

Get dog-gone crafty with the **Franklin County Auditor's Office**. Kids of all ages can make puppy themed art using paint, sponges, construction paper, popsicle sticks and more.

## Let Your Imagination Roar!

Step into the world of imagination at **Glass Axis Fantastical Creatures**. Young visitors are invited to unleash their creativity by envisioning a creature that has never existed, drawing a vivid picture of it, and sharing a unique story about its adventures. Join them for a weekend of creativity, learning, and the creation of fantastical beings that defy reality.

## Sow and Grow

In **Green Columbus'** interactive booth, you'll have the chance to plant native pollinator seeds in a small pot that you can take home with you. Come be apart of this meaningful experience and take home a little bit of nature's magic.



## Sports Galore: Soccer, Goals, Hurdles and More

Join **i9 Sports** for an exhilarating game that blends soccer, goal-scoring excitement, hurdling over obstacles, weaving through cones, and conquering the agility ladder—all weekend to enjoy.

## Color Your Pride (Sat. only)

Unleash your creativity at **Kaleidoscope Youth Center's** Pride Flag Coloring Station. Dive into a world of colors and self-expression as you design your very own Pride Flag using crayons, colored pencils, markers, and more. Whether you're celebrating your identity, showing support for loved ones, or simply embracing the beauty of art, celebrate diversity and creativity with us.



## Craft Kind

Spread kindness with **KINDkamp's** "Be Kind" Bracelet Marking Workshop. Craft personalized bracelets with uplifting messages to share positivity and make a statement. Let's make the world a kinder place, one bracelet at a time.

## Celebrate the Magic of Reading!

Immerse yourself in a realm of boundless imagination and discovery at the **MagLiteracy.org** booth. From enthralling narratives to enlightening features, there's a literacy delight awaiting every visitor. Come celebrate the essence of reading with us, as we share the gift of magazines generously bestowed by our partners in literacy. Join the adventure and let your imagination soar.

## Artist Trading Cards! (Fri. only)

Prepare to unleash your creativity with **McConnell Arts Center's** Artist Trading Card activity. Craft and exchange cards made with expression of creativity and connection.



## Cozy Creations

At **My Very Own Blanket's** booth, craft "no-sew" fleece blankets for children and teens in foster care. With prepped materials and cutting templates provided, simply stop by to cut fringes, tie them together, and sign the special tag. Your heartfelt contribution completes a cozy gift that will bring comfort and smiles to those in need.

## Create & Care (Sat. only)

Join **National Youth Advocate Program** for a fun art project where kids and unleash their creativity. While they create, families can learn about the critical need for foster parents. Let's paint a brighter future together.

## Design Your Own Button

Join **NC4K** in making customized buttons. Guests will decorate a paper disc with markers and stickers. Once done designs will be stamped into a pin-back button using our button making machine. Let's turn your imagination into wearable art.

## Where Creativity Meets Construction

Discover architecture by exploring and creating architectural activities at **NOMA & AIA**. Professional architects and architecture instructors will be present to answer questions about the profession and foster engaging activities emphasizing diversity in architecture.

## Artsy Abstracts! (Fri. only)

Use your imagination to create a colorful abstract work of art with the **Ohio Craft Museum**, using a palette of shapes, texture and color.

## Art for a Cause

Join **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio** to create banners with your name, encounter characters such as princesses, superheroes, and clowns, design shapes to be cut from Balsawood, tell your stories to a therapy dog and more.

## Design Your Face!

Transform into your favorite characters, creatures or creations with **Salon Schools Group** enchanting face painting. With a splash of color and imagination, become a uniquely painted masterpiece.

## Craft, Laugh & Create (Sat. & Sun. only)

Create your own characters, laugh along with **MadLibs**, and take home your own Story Starter (popsicle) Stick, and more when you stop by **Thurber House's** tent.

# KIDS' AND TEENS' ACTIVITIES

These programs in the Kids Hands-On Activities Village consist of local professionals providing in-depth crafting and arts activities with Festival attendees. **Due to the limited size of these programs and materials, there is a small fee (\$10 or under) to participate.**

## Delicious Cookie Design (Sun. only)

Indulge your inner artist as you create edible masterpieces from sugar cookies and colorful icings with **Bakes by Lo**. Join us for a sweet experience that will add a delicious flair to your day at the Columbus Arts Festival.

## Create a Timeless Piece (Sat. & Sun. only)

Ignite your imagination with our expert-led canvas painting workshop. Using quality canvas and a range of colors, **Kym's Kanvas** will help you perfect your craft. Whether you're new to painting or experienced, you'll deepen your love for art.

## Sweet Creations: Donut Decorating Delight

Indulge your sweet tooth at **Monster Baby Donut's** Decorating Extravaganza. For a small participation fee, you'll receive three gluten free and vegan mini donuts or one large donut, along with icing and array of colorful sprinkles. Join us for a deliciously fun experience of edible masterpieces.

## Flower Power (Fri. & Sat. only\*)

**Petals That Inspire** hosts a bouquet building station where you can design petite bouquet of fresh flowers for \$10. "Petals have a purpose" in the Columbus Community, with proceeds supporting a workforce development program for young adults who are overcoming barriers to employment.

\*Open while supplies last.

# GALLERIES FOR KID AND TEEN ART COLLECTORS

Saturday and Sunday  
from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.



The Children's Gallery has been a Festival favorite for years because we believe you're never too young to start collecting art. Saturday and Sunday kids 12 and under can shop a special collection of artwork by Festival artists but priced \$5 and under. Come early for the best selection. **Returning this year:** Teen Art Gallery for young art enthusiasts aged 13-17.



## Performances on the Columbus Children's Theatre stage

**Columbus Children's Theatre** educates and involves young people of all backgrounds in the theater arts. Through their programs they foster self-esteem and self-discovery by emphasizing discipline, integrity, team building and communication skills in a positive and creative environment. Their onstage performances will feature highlights from their upcoming 2024–2025 season.

### Also Onstage Through the Weekend:

- Andra Gillum
- Artega Wright
- Artisan Tap Ensemble
- Buckitty Beats
- Musicologie
- Paulette Princess Parties
- Ty Williams
- and more!