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Art for Kids is on the Move Again this Summer

Artists Working in Education, Inc., (AWE) launches its free mobile art program for children in Milwaukee neighborhoods on Monday, June 29, with the start of its 11th summer Truck Studio season. The AWE Truck Studio *Fleet of Imagination* travels to 20 Milwaukee park and playground sites from June 29 to August 7 offering free visual art activities for children ages 4 to 14 each weekday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m.

The fleet consists of four brightly-colored vans, stocked with art supplies and staffed by a team of 14 professional artists, art educators and college art students. Each van visits a park or playground for one to two weeks. Open-ended projects designed to spark children's imaginations offer a chance to try painting, sculpture, fiber art, puppet making, wearable art and more! Activities often incorporate simple, everyday materials found at home so kids can keep making art long after the vans roll away.

The Truck Studio is a ***drop-in program***. There is no pre-registration and children are free to come and go from the site as they please. Parents, caregivers and older siblings are welcome

to make art alongside younger children. The program is not intended for large daycare or youth groups.

“Making art at picnic tables under shady trees is a great way for families to spend time together while nurturing creativity and learning something new,” said Sally Salkowski Witte, AWE Executive Director. “We love to hear children say ‘I’m going to teach my friends how to do this when I get home,’ or ‘I have all the stuff I need at home to make this again myself.’”

The Truck Studio also makes appearances at community festivals and events throughout the summer. Look for the van at Summerfest June 25-27, among other community events.

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AWE is a non-profit organization founded in 1998 whose mission is to provide youth in the Milwaukee area with arts enrichment programs that enhance human potential, advance learning and cultivate community. In addition to the Truck Studio program, AWE sponsored 16 visual arts residences in Milwaukee schools during the 2008-2009 school year.

For more information about AWE’s programs, or to hire the Truck Studio for an event, please call 414-933-3877 or visit www.awe-inc.org.

2009 Summer Truck Studio Schedule
Weekday afternoons 1-4 p.m.

June 29 – July 2: Columbia, 1354 W. Columbia
(No program Mitchell Park, 22nd and Pierce (near wading pool)
July 3) Gordon Park, 2828 N. Humboldt
Carmen Park, 7320 W. Carmen

July 6 – July 10: Tiefenthaler Park, 2501 W. Galena St.
Modrzejewski Park, 1020 W. Cleveland

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Rose Park, 3045 N. Martin Luther King Dr.
Carmen Park, 7320 W. Carmen

July 13 – July 17 21st Street School, 2121 W. Hadley
Modrzejewski Park, 1020 W. Cleveland
Johnsons Park, 1919 W. Fond du Lac
Lindsay, 4360 N. 87th St.

July 20 – July 24: Auer Ave. Moody Park, 2221 W. Auer Ave.
Clarke Square Park, 2330 W. Vieau Place
Carver Park, 911 W. Brown St.
Columbus Park, 7301 W. Courtland Ave.

July 27 – July 31: Washington Park, 1859 N. 40th St.(old boathouse)
Merrill Park, 461 N. 35th St.
Smith Park, 5462 N. 33rd St.
Wahl Park, 4750 N. 48th St.

August 3 – August 7: Washington Park, 1859 N. 40th St.(old boathouse)
Walker Square, 1031 S. 9th St.
Dineen Park, 6901 W. Vienna Ave. (at 66th near wading pool)
Wahl Park, 4750 N. 48th St.

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