## Kids in the Woods

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An art camp in a natural environment for children ages 6â?"11 is offered at A Studio in the Woods June 7â?"July 11.



At the summer art camp planned by A Studio in the Woods, youngsters develop artistic and scientific skills through observing, identifying and collecting natural materials. (Photo by Laura Richens)

Through hands-on activities, campers will develop artistic and scientific skills to observe, identify and collect natural materials.

Hours are 9:30 a.m.â?"1:30 p.m., Mondayâ?"Friday, for the four-week <u>camp</u>. The cost is \$550, with \$150 due with registration, and the balance due by Friday, May 21.

Through visual arts activities in mediums such as clay, paint, drawing, collage, sculpture and found objects in nature, the campers will diagram and record their experiences. They'll also explore the literary arts of journaling, poetry and storytelling. The camp is led by Lisa Sirgo, a veteran Montessori-certified teacher, who started the camp in 2004. Other teachers include Laura Richens, curator of the Carroll Gallery in the Newcomb Art Department of Tulane University, Tavi Riddle, an elementary educator, and David Baker, A Studio in the Woods' staff botanist.

For more information, call 504-392-5359 or e-mail <u>info@astudiointhewoods.org</u>. Registration is limited to 14 spots, so parents are advised to act early to secure a place for their child.

A Studio in the Woods on River Road in lower coast Algiers is a program of the <u>Tulane/Xavier Center for Bioenvironmental Research</u>. The studio is dedicated to preserving the endangered bottomland hardwood forest and providing within it a peaceful retreat for visual, literary and performing artists.