



**Welcome to the 2026**

***WE Are The Watershed  
Youth Mural Project***

***Apprenticeship  
Handbook***

***Hosted by The Watershed Artist Collective  
& Arroyo Secco Community Center***

***June 2026***

# **We Are The Watershed**

Arroyo Seco Community Center

Youth Apprenticeship Handbook

The Watershed Artist Collective

Call for Artists Ages 13–18

## **Welcome**

**Welcome to a four-week youth mural apprenticeship focused on art, community, and protecting our waterways.**

## **Schedule**

Orientation: June 9

Project Start: June 10

Program runs approx. 3 weeks through final week of June, Work days

Tuesdays through Saturdays Starting June 9-July 2

Celebration/Unveiling: First weekend after completion (TBD)

## **What You Will Learn**

- Mural painting
- Drawing and design
- Scaling artwork
- Color mixing
- Teamwork
- Professional artist workflow
- Community contribution through art
- Water stewardship and environmental awareness

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER OR PROJECT NEEDS/DEADLINES. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF CHANGES OCCUR.

## **WEEK ONE**

**Orientation June 9**

**Work days begin week one Wednesday June 10, Thursday 11, Friday 12, Saturday 13**

**WEEK TWO Tuesday June 16, Wednesday 17th, Thursday, 18th, Friday 19th, Saturday 20**

**WEEK THREE Tuesday June 23, Wednesday 24, Thursday 25, Friday 26, Saturday 27**

**WEEK FOUR Tuesday June 30, Wednesday July 1, Thursday July 2 CLEAN UP**

## **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

### **What To Bring**

Water bottle, snacks/lunch, sunscreen, hat, closed-toe shoes, paint clothes, layers, sketchbook, pencil/pen, positive attitude.

### **Safety & Expectations**

Attendance is expected. Listen to mentors, stay hydrated, respect tools/materials, clean up daily, communicate needs, support teammates.

### **Application Prompt**

Tell us why you want to join, what you hope to learn, and why you want to be part of this community project. Providing some example photos of your art is optional, but not required.

### **Contact**

Maribel Garcia

505-660-4183

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# Student Application / Letter of Interest

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to join?

What do you hope to learn?

Do you have experience with painting or other art?

How many days would you like to join us?

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand that it is a responsibility, as well as an opportunity, to participate in this Community Mural Project.

- I will participate to my fullest and follow all Safety Instructions while on the premises.
- I fully understand it is outdoors, and can be hard work.
- I will bring forth my best self, and be sure to listen to my own body, and respect the space of others.
- I am excited to Learn and Grow my Artistic Skills and learn about Our Natural Environment.
- I will care for materials, and be respectful of the art and other artists.
- I will arrive on time, prepared with my supplies, and personal care needs taken care of.
- I will take directions and follow through.
- I will observe the needs of the project, and help clean up.

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Consent / Liability / Photo Release

I give permission for my child to participate in The Watershed Artist Collective Youth Apprenticeship. I understand outdoor art activities involve physical activity and paint materials. I release organizers, artists, participants and property owners from all liability any time my child is on the job site.

- I have spoken with my child about the importance of safety and respect on the job site.
- I grant permission for photos/video for program promotion.
- It is ok for my child to be on a ladder or scaffold. I trust my child to follow safety precautions on a ladder or scaffold. I release liability to all other parties involved in the case of accident or injury.
- Nope, I want my child to stay on the ground, and I have explained to them why.
- I will help to prepare them for the workshop each day, and be sure they have the necessary support to ensure the successful completion of this project.
- My child has transportation to and from the location on all group work days, or it will otherwise be communicated with the Instructing Artists or Admin of The Watershed Collective. Call Mariel @ 505-660-4183
- My child needs medication or has other health concerns. If you mark this box please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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- My child has allergies or dietary restrictions. Please explain.  
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- I understand that the work schedule may have to change due project requirements or to accommodate adverse weather.

I, THE PARENT OF \_\_\_\_\_, GRANT PERMISSIONS AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AS AGREED IN THE ABOVE STATEMENT. I HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH MY CHILD, AND I UNDERSTAND THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE, AND WILL DO SO SAFELY AND WITH RESPECT.

I WAVE ALL LIABILITY OF INJURY OR FURTHER HARM DURING PARTICIPATION OF ANY PART OF THIS MURAL PROJECT OR THE CELEBRATION.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Who are they to your child? \_\_\_\_\_

***Hello, My Name is ...***



Feel free to use the space provided to share an example of your artwork with us, or attach photos of your works separately with your parents permission forms.



