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Magnificent Maggot Art

You may have heard of gorillas using watercolors or artistic elephants at the zoo, but we bet you haven't heard of painting maggots! If you don't believe it, come see it at the Insect Invasion CincyNature camp from July 20-24.

At Insect Invasion, kids from 6 to 12 can come learn about bugs and help some of their maggot friends create colorful artwork! The maggots are briefly dipped in paint and then placed on paper to squirm around and create their own colorful masterpieces. The best part about the experience is that no maggots are harmed during this fun project. After the activity maggots are washed clean and released into the wild to live their happy, healthy maggot lives and eventually morph into flies.

While helping the maggots paint, kids learn about respecting the environment, appreciating insect wildlife, and being gentle with animals. CNC Chief Naturalist, Bill Creasey, said "The kids love it! We did this a few weeks ago and the kids went wild – some even named their maggots!" In addition to painting with maggots, kids receive fresh air, hands-on activities, close encounters with animals and plants, and increased knowledge of the natural world.

To find out more about CincyNature Camps, visit <http://www.cincynature.org/camp.asp>. For other additional information, visit www.CincyNature.org or call 513/831-1711. Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods is located at 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, OH 45150.

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