

Celebrate the Arts Chalk in the Park

Rules and Regulations

Date: Sunday, November 7 @ 2:00 PM; Check in begins at 1:15 PM.

Theme: *Create Your Happy!*

Participants: Spaces can be created by one individual or a group of no more than six (6).

*Pre-Registration is required to participate.

Check In: Registered participants must provide their confirmation ticket along with a photo ID. Check in will begin at 1:15 PM. Be sure to check-in at the City of Weston Tent (located in front of the fountain) to receive your supplies and wristband to participate. Participants may prep their spaces as early as 1:30 PM but cannot begin chalking until 2:00 PM. Any participant failing to check-in by 1:50 PM will forfeit their space.

Material Restrictions: Two Boxes of Chalk will be provided for each reserved sidewalk square. Participants may bring their own chalk. Chalk must be water-based or student grade soft pastels (be sure to check the label that your pastels are not oil pastels). The use of any other material is prohibited except for diluted tempera paint, which may be used as a thin wash for an undercoat. Tempera paint is the **ONLY** paint allowed to be used as an undercoat for your artwork.

Space Assignments: Individual and/or group will be assigned a numbered space upon arrival on a first-come, first-served basis during check-in. Be advised that some spaces may vary in size and shape. They may have marks, cracks, or texture variations.

Categories and Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each category:

- Best Overall - \$100
- Best Theme Interpretation - \$50
- Most Original - \$50

Judges: Judges will be unbiased individuals consisting of festival organizers, local artists, and educators. Judging will begin at 4:15 PM.

Prizes: Award winners will be notified after the event via email.

Additional Rules:

- Keep six-feet physical distance from non-group members.
- **ONLY** water-based chalk is permissible.
- Drawings must remain within the designated square area. Drawings on buildings, trees, or any other surface are strictly prohibited.
- ACGW reserves the right to deem any subject matter as inappropriate for this family-friendly, all-ages event.
- The use of flammable or offensive odors is prohibited.

**Failure to comply by these rules or guidelines may be grounds for dismissal.*

Things You Can Bring:

- Blankets or chair, knee pads or towels to stay comfy while you draw
- Sunscreen and hat
- Sketches or inspiration pieces to guide your chalk design

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- Masking tape (for making straight lines)
- Plastic to cover artwork during possible rain
- Water and snacks
- Gloves
- Surface Cleaning Wipes/Hand Sanitizer Wipes/Old Rag (for cleaning hands)

Tips

- Plan and bring a sketch idea for your creation. Grid your image AHEAD OF TIME: Create a grid of your image BEFOREHAND to help you stay on track.
- Use chalk sparingly; chalk artists use a light color to sketch in the design before beginning to color in the image.
- Create a chalk-paint by crushing chalk in water, using a paintbrush is also helpful when filling in large areas.
- A big chalkboard eraser works great for laying down large areas of color. Moving the eraser in a circular motion works best.
- If you are a first timer, consider using one object as the focal point of your artwork – a face, a frog, etc. Small details are challenging to manage — so think BIG & DRAMATIC.
- The more you work with chalk on concrete, the more comfortable you will become. Practice on the driveway at home.
- Your clothing and shoes will get dirty. If you remove your shoes, we suggest wearing a thick pair of socks, bare feet will pick up the chalk and smudge your drawing. Do not walk beyond your artwork without shoes on; your safety is first.
- Be prepared for ANYTHING! Sometimes the weather is not on our side, so please keep that in mind when planning your supply list. You are encouraged to bring a tarp, shower curtain, or heavy plastic to protect your work in case of rain.

Good luck and we will see you in November!