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## Art Retreat with Kelly Lee & Joa Suarez

*Please bring all the supplies you'll need for this workshop with you to the park. Happy Isles Art & Nature Center only carries a limited supply of student grade materials and may not have everything listed on this packing list.*

### ART SUPPLIES TO BRING (suggested by Joa & Kelly)

All of these supplies should be able to fit into a small backpack and be used on your lap. Please bring anything else you need to be comfortable painting, including any of the suggestions below.

**SKETCHBOOK** of your choice. Joa & Kelly recommend a watercolor sketchbook (140 lb minimum) with a landscape binding, size 8.5" x 11" or smaller. They particularly enjoy the [Stillman & Birn Beta series sketchbooks](#). If your sketchbook does not have a hard cover, it can be convenient to have a support under your sketchbook while working in the field, such as a clipboard or piece of foam board.

### GOUACHE TUBES (14 ml) & PLASTIC PAINT PALETTE:

- Ultramarine blue
- Yellow ochre
- Viridian green
- Alizarin crimson
- Zinc white
- Any other favorite colors you use often.

### BRUSHES:

- ¼" stroke
- ½" stroke
- 4 round
- Additional sizes and brush shapes if you already have them and enjoy using them!

**WATERPROOF PENS** Please bring one or two black ink pens with waterproof ink. You can choose fine or brush nibs (or both) based on your personal preference. Suggested brands: Sakura Pigma Micron PN, Copic Multiliner, or Staedtler Pigment Liner Markers.

**PENCIL:** Regular or mechanical. Don't forget a pencil sharpener and a small baggie to catch pencil shavings if you bring a regular pencil!

**ERASER:** kneaded or white plastic

**WATER CONTAINERS:** You'll need two small cups to hold water while painting and two containers to carry water. [Collapsible cups](#) are terrific for saving space when hiking and backpacking, but not necessary for the workshop. Nalgene's or [soft water bottles](#) are great for carrying water: you'll need one to refill your water

cup and one to carry out dirty paint water

**WATER SPRAY BOTTLE** to spritz your paint

**HARDBOARD:** A small clipboard, cardboard piece, or easel for support!

**PAPER TOWELS**, a sponge, or fabric to help clean your brush between colors.

**PORTABLE SEATING:** A camp stool, chair, towel, foam sitting pad, or tarp square are all great options to bring with you!

**BINDER CLIPS** for holding your sketchbook pages down

**LARGE RUBBER BANDS** for holding your sketchbook open or holding paper towels around your wrist.

**ANY ADDITIONAL TOOLS** or favorite materials that have proven “tried-and-true” for you!

## **EQUIPMENT & GEAR TO BRING**

How well you are prepared for the weather can have a direct influence on how much you enjoy your weekend. Clothing should be suitable for a wide range of conditions including rain, wind and cold. The following items serve as a basic checklist:

### **PERSONAL GEAR**

- Seasonally appropriate clothing, including warm and rain-resistant layers
- Sunscreen/Hat
- Sturdy, water-resistant hiking shoes or boots
- Toiletry items, a towel, alarm clock and flashlight or headlamp
- Personal first aid kit (e.g., moleskin, bandages, aspirin)
- Small daypack or tote bag to carry your lunch, paint supplies, and personal items during the day
- Water bottle for drinking water
- Lunch, extra snacks/drinks/food