



Captured by Hand

Sketching Techniques Camp

The awe of the mountains often inspire us to capture the moment in an attempt to preserve the experience for a lifetime. In this camp you will develop your techniques for the art of sketching. Emphasis will be placed on shapes, shading, and perspectives allowing you to capture the moment just as you see it.

- **Day One (1.5 hrs): Skills & Drills**

- Sketching is the freehand process of quickly, and often roughly, creating a drawing to capture a moment. It uses lines and shapes to create a finished rendering that shows depth, contrast, light and shadow. Being confident without expecting perfection is the first step to learning to sketch.
- Campers will complete a variety of sketching exercises to hone their skills and practice the various techniques using the various tools available to them.

- **Day Two (1.5 hrs): Pencil & Paper...now what?**

- We will start with the basic shapes used to recreate still life. Campers will begin to focus on lines, the outside contours, and elements of light and shadow utilising the techniques of shading and cross hatching.
- We will introduce geometric shapes and how they correlate with the shapes they find in nature.

- **Day Three (1.5 hrs): Lines**

- Creating texture brings a sketch to life. Campers will begin rendering textures using a variety of lines including straight, curved, thick, thin, broken, dotted, and zig zag patterns.
- Lines make shapes, show movement, and can represent feeling. Campers will learn to define space with lines and create a more dramatic picture.

- **Day Four (1.5 hrs): Perspectives & Proportions**

- It's imperative for an artist to nail the proportions of the various elements in a sketch for it to pass the eye test. We can all detect something is askew without even knowing how to articulate it. Practicing still life develops an awareness of outline, shape, proportions, tone, texture, color, form, and composition.
- Campers will learn to create the illusion of depth using size, detail, placement of objects, and shading strategies.

- **Day Five (4 hrs): Art Show Project**

- Using the techniques introduced in the first four days of the camp, campers will create an original sketch to be shown at the Camp 307 Spring Preview Art Show.