Even in the woods, 'you gotta have art'

staff writer

Living in the suburbs, Jeff Valade never expected to join 4-H.

To his surprise, the Troy sixth grader spent last week at 4-H camp. But instead of horses and cows, he and 50 other suburban idds took along their violins, ballet slippers and cameras. During its two July sessions, Oakland County's first 4-H Cultural Arts Camps offered music, dance, drama, art and photography.

A staff of professional artists also taught folk arts like decoy carving, candle dipping, fiddle and dulcimer buildiung, weaving and ethnic dancing. "There's such a variety of offerings, not just one thing to do," said Margaret Valade, who enrolled her 10-year-old son for music instruction.

"And the artists are here just for them."

Though 4-H began as an organization for rural youth, it now takes in kids from all backgrounds. Offerings range from animal care: and gardening to roccounty production of the control of

session, the camps brought out 60 the first week and 50 the second.

The 9- to Bi-year-olds had their choice of five major study areas — music, drama, dance, arts and photography. They also chose minor areas as well as receiving folk art instruction and taking part in a recreation program which included tennis and swimming in the county wave pool. All the activities were in Waterford Oaks County Park, Waterford.

Artists and teachers came from all over the tri-county area to share their stills with the youngsters.

"There are lots of resources in the county not being tapped," said camp director Carolyn Caliandri, adding that the response from teachers and artists was "terrific."

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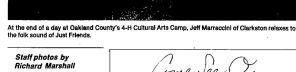
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"IT'S THE IDEA of sharing something you really love with kids and seeing what it does for them," explained
assistant camp director Alicja Jahnke.

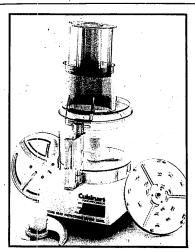


Church groups lists officers

Maris Zervos of Southfield and Steve Fekaris of Farmington Hills have been elected co-presidents of the Holy Cross Junior Goyans.

GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth Orthodox Youth America) was officially founded in 1951 and is comprised of young men and women committed to their own spiritual betterment and the benefit of their church. Others elected include: Steve Peterson of Farmington Hills, treasurer, Erin Scarvelis of Southfield, corresponding secretary; Anita Angelas of Southfield, recording secretary; and George Koutouras, historian. Executive officers are Cathy Casoglos, Maria Griglio. Liz Karglilis, and Suzanne Naife.





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