



AIA Miami

A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

AIA Miami, Miami and Hialeah Parks, Gables Museum, UM Host Architects in the Making Summer Day Camp

- EVENT:** Architects in the Making summer day camp for youths 8-14 years old, sponsored by the American Institute of Architects Miami Chapter (AIA Miami), the City of Miami and the City of Hialeah park and recreation departments, the Coral Gables Museum and the University of Miami School of Architecture
- DATE:** June 22-27
- LOCATION:** University of Miami School of Architecture, 1223 Dickinson Drive, Coral Gables
Sand sculpture competition Saturday, June 27, at Crandon Park North beach
- FEE:** Free, but space is limited. Registrants accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
- CONTACT:** AIA Miami at 305-448-7488, website www.aiamiami.com

NEWS RELEASE

Students in Miami have participated in summer camps for various sports, acting, music, dance, gymnastics, baton twirling, science, chess, cheerleading and many other interests for years – but architecture and design camp has been growing in popularity during the past two summers.

The American Institute of Architects Miami Chapter (AIA Miami) has partnered with the City of Hialeah and the City of Miami park and recreation departments – and this year adds the Coral Gables Museum and the University of Miami School of Architecture – to offer free Architects in the Making day camp to youths ages eight to 14.

The new day camp will include examples of great architecture; instruction in drawing and sketching; using computers to create architectural drawings; tours of significant local historical sites led by architects; and a joint sand sculpture competition on the beach at Key Biscayne on the final day.

Classes will cover the introduction to architecture, in which the youths will see examples of great architecture and learn about sketching and designing; green building and sustainable design; and hands-on CADD instruction on creating designs on a computer. All camp participants will join together Saturday, June 27, for a sand sculpture competition and picnic at Crandon Park North beach.

Rick Ruiz, Associate AIA, who created the concept and chairs the effort, said, "We want the kids to be able to look at a great building and understand why it is important. We think there are many young people in our community who would be interested in architecture and design if they learn more about it. We want to ignite what the kids already have in them. We're offering this introduction to architecture and design in an architecture school setting that is fun and instructional. Architecture plays an important role in our lives, and we want our young people to know more about it and understand its impact on our quality of life."

Practicing architects who are members of AIA Miami will teach the classes.

For information about the Architects in the Making summer day camp, contact AIA Miami at (305) 448-7488, by e-mail at aiamiami@bellsouth.net or online at www.aiamiami.com, or Rick Ruiz, the founding coordinator, at 305-725-5310.

AIA Miami, which has nearly 700 members, will host more than 25,000 members of AIA during the international convention in Miami in 2010. AIA Miami offers professional development and support for member architecture and design professionals in South Florida. The AIA national organization represents more than 80,000 architects in the United States. From a small group of professionals sharing a meal at Delmonico's in New York City in 1857 and the chartering of the first AIA chapter in 1867, the American Institute of Architects has grown from 37 members in the original New York chapter to more than 80,000 members in 300 chapters nationwide.

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