

Investigating Where We Live 2008

EXPLORE THE CITY'S UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGH THE LENS OF A CAMERA

- ❖ **What do you like about New York City?**
- ❖ **Would you like to explore different neighborhoods?**
- ❖ **Would you like to learn some of those stories behind the buildings we pass every day, the schools, apartments, and place of worship?**
- ❖ **Do you ever wonder how New York City has changed over time and continues to change today?**
- ❖ **Do you enjoy taking pictures?**
- ❖ **Would you like to meet kids from other parts of the city?**
- ❖ **Would you like to design a photography exhibition?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Investigating Where We Live (IWWL) is a summer program you will enjoy! During IWWL, middle- and high-school students explore two different neighborhoods in New York City through the lens of a camera. At the end of the workshop, the “Investigators” will design and create a photography exhibition that will be on display at the Municipal Art Society’s Urban Center Gallery in Manhattan.

Participating students in the IWWL program will:

- Learn about urban planning, architecture, and historic preservation
- Explore New York City’s built environment
- Investigate the boundaries, parks, and landmarks that define a community, as well as the history of the people who live there
- Have fun!

IWWL students will also:

- Learn basic photography and graphic-design skills
- Meet and work with photographers, designers, educators, and preservation specialists
- Visit and evaluate museum exhibitions
- Gain experience in exhibition design
- Keep photos and negatives for use in future projects, college admission, or a portfolio
- Receive a 35mm instamatic camera
- Fulfill community service requirements for school

Program Information: Ten classroom sessions (August 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25) will be held at the Municipal Art Society’s Urban Center, 457 Madison Avenue, between 50th and 51st Streets in Manhattan. Classes will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided, as will a Metrocard for travel to and from the program site. A maximum of twenty students will be chosen to participate. The culminating photography exhibition will open at the Urban Center Gallery, 457 Madison Avenue, on September 5, 2008.

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