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2026

FEBRUARY

11-12

STARRY NIGHTS

ANNUAL
COLOR IN MOTION
ARTS FESTIVAL

At Brevard Zoo



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BAC is a social enterprise dedicated to building communities that support members of unique abilities in growing their own personal success. The experience and opportunity that this event provides to our participants and those in our community, is a core service to our enrichment services, which you can become involved in or can support by visiting bacemploy.com

Welcome

Dear Friends, Artists, Families, and Supporters,

Welcome to the **41st annual BAC Color in Motion Arts Festival**, a joyful celebration of creativity, inclusion, and the power of the arts to connect and inspire us all. Each year, this festival reminds us that art is not just something we create, but something we experience together.

At BAC, we know the arts open doors. They strengthen communication, build social connections, and make learning more accessible and engaging. That impact is on full display today in every piece of artwork, every instrument played, and every smile shared. This festival is made possible by the dedication of our employees, educators, volunteers, families, and community partners. Your support helps ensure this remains a space where everyone belongs.

This year's festival is especially meaningful as we honor **Lee Sorensen, BAC's Arts Program Manager**, who is retiring after **10 years with BAC and more than 40 years of service supporting individuals with disabilities**. As an ESE teacher, Lee saw firsthand how creative expression transformed students with behavioral challenges, inspiring her lifelong commitment to integrating the arts into learning.

That passion has shaped BAC's arts programs and touched countless lives. Through painting, music, dance, and more, our programs give young artists opportunities to explore their talents, build confidence, and share their unique voices. Lee's legacy lives on in every artist empowered through these experiences.

As we celebrate today, let us honor both the art before us and the people, like Lee, who make these moments possible. Thank you for being part of this community and for supporting a tradition rooted in creativity, inclusion, and hope.

With gratitude and celebration,

BAC Arts Program Team

Lunch Schedule

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11th

4	11:00 – 11:30	11:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 12:30
	Apollo Challenger 7 Creel Croton Harbor City Heritage James Madison John F. Kennedy Meadowlane - Interm Roy Allen Shining Starr Learning	DeLaura Devereux Hoover MIHS Ralph Williams Sabal University Park Viera - High school	Astronaut Bayside Cocoa Eau Gallie Melbourne Palm Bay Magnet Rockledge Satellite Southwest Space Coast Jr/Sr Stone Viera - Middle School

A QUICK NOTE FOR TEACHERS:

Picnic tables tend to fill up fast, so please check the schedule for your assigned lunch time and do your best to stick to that window. This helps make sure there's enough seating for everyone. The chart is meant as a general guide, and times are approximate, feel free to adjust as needed.

Your cooler(s) can be picked up from the storage area before lunch, and we kindly ask that they're returned to storage afterward.

Turn to the zoo map inside to find the locations of all the Arts Stops. While you may not have time to visit every stop, we hope you'll discover inspiration and ideas you can bring back to your classroom.



Lunch Schedule

THURSDAY, FEB. 12th

11:00 – 11:30

11:30 – 12:00

12:00 – 12:30




Andersen
Bethany Christian
Christa McAuliffe
Endeavour
Golfview
Meadowlane
Palm Bay - Elementary
Suntree
Surfside
WJ Creel

Cape View
Enterprise
Jupiter
Lewis Carroll
Longleaf
MIMS
Ocean Breeze
Riviera
Sea Park
Tropical
Turner

Westside
Astronaut
Discovery
Fairglen
Gardendale
Manatee
MILA
Oak Park
Pinewood
Roosevelt
Sunrise





- A**  **SIGN IN TABLE**
Pick up maps & bags | Outside Zoo entrance on the right
- B**  **BAC/EVENT INFORMATION**
Stop by and say, Hi! | Entrance in front of flamingo pond
- +** **FIRST AID**
Two nurses on site & a table for changing | Next to Conservation Learning
- C** **EFSC, JOHN FAVUZZA M.S., ASL INSTRUCTOR, & STUDENTS**
Sensory Activities | Entrance on the right
- D**  **DALLAS CLARK**
Find your rhythm on drums | Adventure Outpost
- ⌘** **PICNIC TABLES** (Pick up your cooler in storage area.)
Lunch area & Restrooms | On the left side of Nourish 321 & next to Flamingos

LEARN LEARN

BAC Youth Services Spring Break 2026 Work Based Learning Experiences (WBLE's)



Referral Deadline: Feb. 28th

Youth Services are open to students ages 14-21, enrolled in school with an IEP or 504



In partnership with The Brevard Zoo

Location: 8225 N Wickham Rd,
Melbourne, FL 32940

Dates: March 23-27, 2026 (Monday-Friday)

Time: 9:00 am-2:30 pm (with a 30-minute lunch break)

Employment Areas:

Commissary
Guest Experiences / Special Events table
Lands of Change (Kangaroo/ Aviary)
Barnyard/ Animal Ambassador Keeper Aide

Rate of Pay: \$15.00 an hour

Requirements:

Must be able to pass a background screening
Must be a student, enrolled in school with an IEP or 504 plan
Must be at least 16 years old
Must be able to work outside
Must be referred by Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Carrol Samuels, BAC Youth Services Supervisor
at 321.795.7377 or email csamuels@bacemploy.com

We are registered with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and can provide services to VR customers. Students **MUST be referred** to the program by VR. If interested, please contact your VR Counselor or local VR office for a referral.
<https://www.rehabworks.org/student-youth/student-transition.html>



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SPECIAL THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to the participants from our ADT program who volunteered alongside the BAC Art Committee to stuff backpacks for this year's Color in Motion Art Festival.

Your willingness to jump in and contribute behind the scenes made a real difference—and it reflects the spirit of inclusion, collaboration, and community that this event celebrates. We are grateful for your support and proud to have you as part of making this event possible.

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THANK YOU!

We are truly grateful for the incredible support of our sponsors! Thank you so much for believing in our mission and helping make this event such a success. Your generosity means the world to us!



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A huge thank you to everyone who helped bring this event to life! Whether big or small, your contributions made a real difference and touched lives in ways you may never know. We appreciate you all!

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