

## **CAM Raleigh Docent Program Information and Application**

**Applications due Wednesday, September 4th.**

Congratulations! Exploris Middle School has been selected as one of the student docent partners for the 2013 *Surveying the Terrain* Student Docent Program at CAM Raleigh (<http://camraleigh.org/>).

### **About the CAM Raleigh Student Docent Program**

*The Middle School Student Docent Program is a school program for grades six through eight designed to equip students with the necessary skills to discover and connect with contemporary art and design. CAM Raleigh's middle school docents will attend a series of after-school sessions with a museum educator. Weekly training sessions will use an inquiry-based approach to teach students the skills to decode and analyze works of art featured in the museum's exhibitions. When training is complete, these young docents use the same approach to engage museum visitors in a conversation about the work on view. Besides extensive training and art immersion, student docents will receive a CAM Raleigh t-shirt and docent handbook (sketchbook). (Taken from CAM Raleigh text.)*

### **About the exhibition *Surveying the Terrain***

*CAM Raleigh's upcoming feature exhibition, Surveying the Terrain opens to the public on Friday, October 4, 2013. The exhibition is curated by Dan Solomon and explores the relationships between contemporary art, maps, mapping technologies, cartography, surveying, science and politics. The exhibition features work by artists including Maya Lin, Peter Wegner, Vik Muniz, Mishka Henner, Doug Rickard and David Maisel.*

Through an application process, approximately 10 Exploris students will be selected as museum docents for the upcoming exhibit. All interested students must apply for this incredible experience.

Completed applications should be given to Sonja (seventh grade teacher) by the end of the day on **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be notified of selection on Friday, September 6th.

Applicants must get parent permission to participate. Additionally, applicants are making a commitment to attend all four docent trainings and all three public tours.

Docent training takes place over four Tuesdays in September and October. Training sessions begin at 3:45 and students will be walked to CAM by Exploris staff. Parents will pick up student docents at CAM Raleigh (409 W. Martin St.) at 5:30 p.m. See the application form for additional key dates.

Note: EMS Cross Country participants may apply. Missed practices/runs will need to be made up on your own time.

Also, priority will be given to applicants who have not participated in the CAM Docent Program before.

## **Exploris - CAM Raleigh Docent Program Application**

**Due Wednesday, September 4th. Turn in to Sonja (7th grade teacher).**

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Group Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance is required at all docent training and tour dates.**

### **Docent Training Dates:**

Session 1: Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-5:30

Session 2: Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-5:30

Session 3: Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-5:30

Session 4: Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:45-5:30

### **Docent Tour Dates:**

Tour 1: Exhibition Public Opening / First Friday Event – Friday, October 4th, 6:30-8:30pm (arrive at 6:15pm)

Tour 2: First Friday Event – Friday, November 1st, 6:30-8:30pm (arrive at 6:15pm)

Tour 3: First Friday Event – Friday, December 6th, 6:30-8:30pm (arrive at 6:15pm)

### **Additional Event:**

School & Family Reception/Recognition Ceremony: Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00pm

### **Signature of Commitment:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will attend all trainings and tours. I have no conflicts with any of the above dates.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will pick-up my child at 5:30 from all training sessions. We have made a family commitment to have our child attend all trainings and tours. We have no conflicts with any of the above dates.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Essay:**

On a separate sheet of paper, type one paragraph explaining why you want to be a student docent at CAM Raleigh.

(Possible items to address might include the following: interest in art, personal strengths, comfort with public speaking, commitment and follow through, what you hope to learn, interest in the exhibit *Surveying the Terrain*, etc.)