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DMD’s Historic Preservation staff reaches out to local youth

INDIANAPOLIS – The Department of Metropolitan Development’s (DMD) Historic Preservation division, in partnership with the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Indy Parks and Recreation, is hosting a summer day camp this week to teach local youth about Indianapolis history.

The outreach effort will teach children from the Montessori Academy of Indianapolis about historic architecture native to Indianapolis through crafts, interactive activities and tours.

“It is important for our young people to develop an understanding of our city’s rich history,” said David Baker, DMD administrator for Historic Preservation. “This camp will get kids engaged in their surroundings and help them understand the unique stories behind many of the buildings and structures we see around us.”

The youth camp began earlier this week and will conclude with tours today of local architectural landmarks, followed by interactive activities at the school on Friday. The tours will include landmarks, such as the J.K. Lilly estate at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, as well as historic buildings and monuments Downtown.

The children will learn about some of the historic structures that feature prominent figures in history. The Historic Preservation staff also will teach the youth about the Augusta Settlement in which the Montessori School is located and the different architectural styles of housing prominent in Indianapolis.

The Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Indy Parks have assisted with organizing the day camp by sponsoring tours and providing learning materials.

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