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## **Kid-built “Rainbow Tree” of recycled plastic water bottles now on display at Ocean City Recreation & Parks**

**OCEAN CITY, MD — Jan. 18, 2017** — During last summer’s Art Adventure Camp in Ocean City, more than 150 children hand-colored 500 used plastic water bottles as part of an “up-cycle” project. The bottles were then cut into long curly ribbons and assembled into art – The Rainbow Tree.

The Rainbow Tree, a tall fountain of colorful plastic that glows in the light, is now on display for public viewing in the recreation room at the Ocean City Recreation & Parks Center, 200 125<sup>th</sup> St. in Ocean City. The center is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and the tree will be on display there until June 1.

Every year, the Art League of Ocean City and the Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department jointly run the Art Adventure Camp for children ages 6-14 at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. In 2017, the four week-long sessions ran from July - Aug. 3.

“Using art to repurpose things we throw away was a theme of last summer’s camp,” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. “We wanted to

inspire the children to look at an everyday, disposable object in a new and creative way. We hope to do something similar at this year's camp.”

Children may register for the 2018 Art Adventure Camp by calling Rec & Parks at 410-250-0125.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94<sup>th</sup> Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the visual arts in the Ocean City area through education, exhibits, scholarships, programs and community art events. The Arts Center is supported by memberships, corporate and civic funding, donations and sales of art.

More information is available at 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

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**EDITORS:** Image attached of the Rainbow Tree



