

Art students' piece will look like picnic litter



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Holland, MI — An art exhibit at Black River Public School will look like picnic litter — but much bigger. A group of 23 high school and five middle school students from Black River are finishing a multi-media performance installation that will include foam sculptures of fast food and litter.

The art exhibit, called "The Human Footprint," will take place on Tuesday, June 3, at Sanctuary Woods, on 66th Street south of 32nd Street in Laketown Township. The exhibit is 4 to 6 p.m. with 15-minute dance performances at 4:30 and 5:30.

"I think the whole philosophy behind 'The Human Footprint' has really been awesome," said Cassidy Stock, a senior. Stock — who was carrying an armful of cigarette butt sculptures, each of them about the size and shape of a rolling pin — said that making the litter on a large scale emphasized the impact of consumerism on nature.

"I think just having it in such a natural setting makes for a great comparison," said Chloe Beighley, a junior.

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Andrew Teall, a seventh-grader at Black River Public School, uses a wire brush to sculpt a hot dog out of a large block of foam.

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This large scale installation in Sanctuary Woods will contain sculptures of mass produced food items representing consumerism, such as hot dogs the size of couch sofas and french fries as big as railroad ties.

"Everything is to scale," said Black River art teacher Peter Middleton, who is leading the project. "You can imagine that pickle on this hamburger."

The sculptures are made out of a plastic foam substance and will be recycled.

"We hate this foam — it gets on everything," said Emily Teall, a student who will participate as a dancer in the presentation.

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