

Stairwell's is a collaborative project by San Francisco-based artists Sarah Hotchkiss and Carey Lin. Our Field Trips are group walking excursions around stairs and stair-related spaces.

'Head Over Hills' originally took place on July 26, 2015 as part of the 'Art Space is Your Space' residency at Wave Pool.

INGREDIENTS

Two or more people
At least two hours of free time
Comfortable shoes
Season-appropriate clothing
Light snacks and water
Several sheets of thin paper per person
Crayons, colored pencils or graphite
One red bandana for every two people
Swimsuit, towel and \$2 cash (optional)

SCHEDULING

Make sure the Cincinnati Art Museum is open, no performances are scheduled for the Seasongood Pavilion and the Mt. Adams Pool has open swim hours before you depart (optional).

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Start at Elsinore Arch (1700 Gilbert Ave at Elsinore Pl) next to the WCPO-TV building.

Walk up the Elsinore Steps, stopping every few flights to tell cheesy jokes. If it's hot out, here are some suggestions:

*What did the bee do when it got hot?
He took off his yellow jacket!*

It's so hot, I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking!

*Which is faster, heat or cold?
Heat, you can catch a cold!*

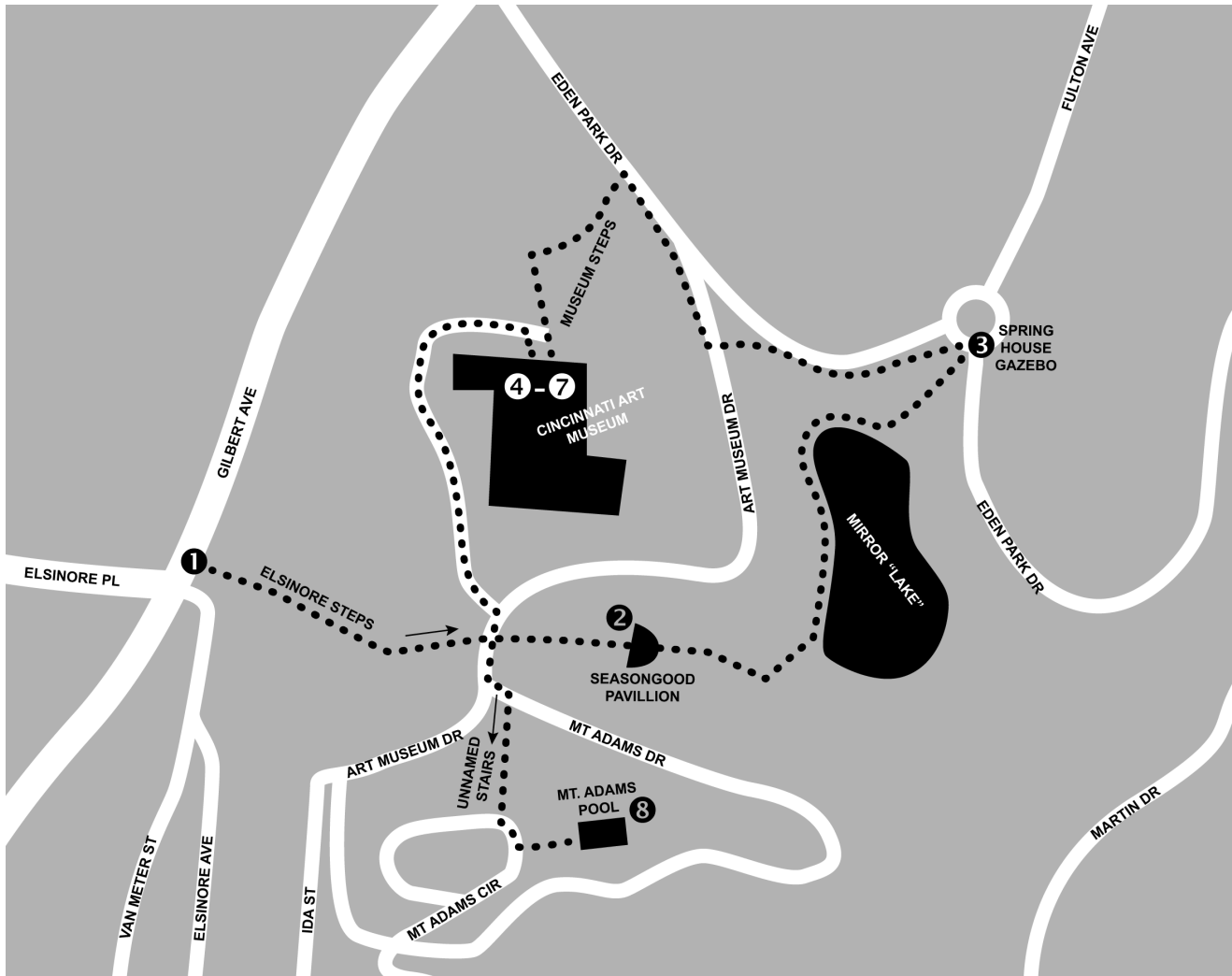
Cross Art Museum Dr and head down to Seasongood Pavilion.

- 2 Have a snack while sitting on the pavilion stage. Talk about famous people affiliated with Cincinnati. Try to confirm whether or not they're actually from Cincinnati. George Clooney and Sarah Jessica Parker are *not* from Cincinnati. Doris Day, William Howard Taft, Carmen Electra and Jim Dine are.

Leave the Seasongood Pavilion by walking behind it towards Mirror Lake, which is not actually a lake.

Cut across the grass and head towards the steps up to the Spring House Gazebo. If you meet a Segway tour along the way, try to get them to high-five you, as we did.

- 3 Take out your paper and drawing materials and use them to make rubbings of



interesting graffiti on the gazebo's ledge. The gazebo was built in 1904 and some of these markings could be over 100 years old. It was here that the infamous Cincinnati bootlegger George Remus fatally shot his wife Imogene, just before she finalized their divorce and absconded with Remus' money and another man.

Exit the gazebo and walk through the grass parallel to Eden Park Dr. Ascend the short flight of steps up to the intersection and head north on Eden Park Dr.

Take the Museum Steps up the hill on your left.

- 4 You've arrived at the Cincinnati Art Museum and it's free! In the lobby you'll see a timeline running around the top edge of the walls. This is a Felix Gonzales-Torres piece, *Untitled (Portrait of the Cincinnati Art Museum)*, 1994.

Pick up a visitor guide and walk towards the grand stairway. Hang a right toward the cafe and enter gallery 124.

- 5 Observe a large painting of a red bandana by Jim Dine.

Head back to the grand staircase and climb to the second floor. Pull out your red bandana and blindfold your partner. Lead them gently through galleries 224, 225, 228, 229 and into 230. Feel free to describe to them the artwork they can't see.

- 6 Stop in gallery 230, remove the bandana and note Michael Joseph's *Joint (from Please be seated)*, an artwork that is also a chair for two. You can play an intimate game of Pictionary in this chair with some of your drawing materials. Use titles of surrounding artworks as prompts for what to draw.

Before you leave gallery 230, take a selfie with the only artwork you're allowed to photograph in the room: a rather dour de Kooning. Now have your partner blindfold you and head through galleries 231, 213, 212 and into 211.

- 7 Enjoy the dotty old ladies of Grant Wood's painting *Daughters of Revolution*. Position yourself in the middle of the group and have someone take a picture of you. Think about Cincinnati's obsession with all things presidential: the renaming of Mt. Ida to Mt. Adams, the Presidential Grove in Eden Park, the National Historic Site marking William Howard Taft's birthplace.

That's it for the museum. If you're feeling up to it and the weather permits, head towards the Mt. Adams Pool.

- 8 Walk back down to Museum Dr and across Mt. Adams Dr. You'll see stairs ascending the hill opposite to Playhouse in the Park. Climb these, head left at the Playhouse through their parking lot to the secluded Mt. Adams Pool.

If you'd like to have a pizza party at the pool, as we did, the OTR Cincy by the Slice delivers.

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