Title: Watercolor Fireworks
Recommended for: 3-5 Year Olds

Objectives:
Children
• Fine motor
• Follows direction
• Cooperation
• Attention to detail

Adults
• Fine motor
• Teamwork
• Positive mood
• Recognition

Materials Needed:
• Liquid water colors
• Straws
• Poster board

• Tablecloth
• Protective clothing

Methods:
Facilitator Preparation
1. Purchase or collect all ingredients.
2. Cover your workstation.
3. Set up stations: lay out one sheet of poster board per pair, two straws per pair next to the adult, and one paint brush per pair.
4. Place the bowls of paint in the middle of the table.

Intergenerational Participants
1. Introduction-pair each elder with a child and sing the hello song.
2. Fireworks discussion between IG pairs or fireworks video for the group.
3. Have the IG pair select two colors for their poster board.
4. Have the IG pair take turns dropping a pool of paint on the poster board.
5. Have the child ask the elder for the straw to begin making fireworks.
6. Each IG pair will hold the straw a few millimeters above the paper and blow, creating fireworks.
7. Have each IG pair stamp their thumb into the paint and then onto the poster board to “sign” their artwork.
8. Clean up and sing the goodbye song.

Helpful Websites
• http://www.education.com/activity/article/watercolor-fourth-july-fireworks/

Special Considerations
• Poke a hole through the straw or advise children and elders not to ingest paint.
• Some participants may want gloves for the activity.
• Ensure paint in washable or cover all participants clothing.

Getting To Know You
• Ask IG pairs to discuss if they have ever seen fireworks.
• Ask IG pairs to discuss when and where they have seen fireworks.
• Ask IG pairs to discuss what color and shapes the fireworks were.

**Encouraging Interaction**
• “____ could you ask _____ to hold the bowl of paint while you dip your your paintbrush?”
• “_____ could you ask _____ what color paint they would like?”
• “_____ could you ask _____ if you can make a firework for him/her?”

**Extension Opportunities**
• Hang the murals in a shared space for all to enjoy.
• Incorporate a July 4th activity for IG participants.