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CAMPER APPLICATION INFORMATION

May 27 – June 3, 2017

Camp White Pine,
Haliburton



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What is Arts Camp?

For nearly thirty years, on the shores of a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp White Pine is host to a unique yearly camp for York Region District School Board students. Arts Camp is an intensive one-week immersion in performance-based and product-generating art programs and experiences. To ensure the student experience is memorable, dynamic and fun, teachers, local and regional artists as well as student counsellors plan and facilitate amazing art programs and support a unique, inclusive environment for campers. 250 students ranging from Grade 7 to Grade 12 from across York Region attend morning and afternoon arts-based programs augmented by other daily workshops and activities. The week-long camp culminates in an Art Show/Gallery Tour and Performance Night.

When is it?

May 27th to June 3rd, 2017

Where is it held?

Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON
(Transportation is offered for a fee.)

Who can apply?

Students in Grades 7 – 12 who are registered in a York Region District School Board school.

There is no limit to the number of student applications submitted from an individual school provided that each student applicant has met the following criteria:

- Student demonstrates positive character in the school;
- Student does not show significant behavioural concerns in the school;
- Student would positively contribute to and benefit from an arts program in an inclusive community; and
- Student is prepared and mature enough to spend a week away from home.
- Student must have parental/guardian consent.
- Student must have their school administrator support and the endorsement of a teacher at the school.

For ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:

Up to 130 students are randomly selected from each elementary school that applies, with the intention to have a balance of campers.

For SECONDARY STUDENTS:

First time applicants will be given priority to attend. Secondary students can apply for a second, third or fourth year at camp, and will be accepted only after first time applicants have been placed. Students are selected through a random draw process.

How do I apply?

Carefully review the information in this package and then use the provided link (at the end) to access the 2017 Camper Application Form.

What is the deadline for applying?

Friday, February 17th, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted.

How long will it take to apply?

Completing the required fields will take approximately 15-20 minutes.

How do I apply for a Leadership (Counsellor or Counsellor-in-Training) Position?

The Counsellor and CIT application process was held in late 2016. This process has been completed and all Counsellors and Counsellors-in-Training have been selected. If you have been appointed to one of these leadership positions, you **MUST** complete the entire Camper Application and when prompted, indicate your position.

What else do I need to know about applying?

Applications must be completed in their entirety in one session. There is **NO** option to save and return to your application.

Your application does not guarantee acceptance into the program. All complete applications will be considered during the phased lottery selection system. **The confirmation email you receive after applying is not an acceptance to the program; it is a confirmation of your application only.**

All Leadership Positions at camp (Counsellor or CIT) have been filled.

Offers of acceptance will be EMAILED to families (using the address provided in the online application form) by mid-March. Please take care to enter the email address correctly. **PLEASE NOTE:** it is not advisable to use a Hotmail, Outlook, YAHOO or LIVE email account as the Board experiences regular delivery problems with these providers. GMAIL accounts are recommended. Families of students not offered acceptance will also be EMAILED by mid-March.

NEW All payment of camp fees will be completed through School CashOnline – the board's secure, online payment system. A link to online payment will be sent to all *accepted* campers and their families. **Payment deadline is March**

31st. Failure to provide payment by this deadline will result in the camper being removed from the camper list and their space being offered to a camper on the waitlist.

How much does it cost?

Camper Fee: \$566.00

Counsellor-in-Training (CIT) Fee: \$466.00

Counsellor Fee: \$366.00 (*transportation provided*)

Transportation (optional)

Return: \$51.50

One Way: \$25.75

Clothing (optional)

T-Shirt: 15.50

Hoodie Sweatshirt: \$25.75

Camp Ball Cap: \$13.00

Camp Bucket Hat: \$13.00

Any purchased clothing will be distributed at camp. Orders must be placed at time of application, while payment (using School CashOnline) will be initiated after acceptances have been issued.

How do I pay?

- All **accepted** campers will receive a link to the Arts Camp School CashOnline payment page.
- Payments using this system may be made by debit or credit card. This is the same system used in all YRDSB schools.
- If you have already registered to use School CashOnline for any of your children, you will have easy access to the Arts Camp payment page. Other users will need to register using a valid email account. Instructions will be provided.
- The payment system is set so that lump sum payment or two installment payments (March & April) can be made.
- Payment DEADLINE is March 31st, 2017. Late payments will not be accepted.

When will I find out if I've been accepted?

The application deadline is Friday, February 17th, 2017. Acceptance/Wait List notification emails will be sent by mid-March. All accepted campers will then receive a link to access the payment page using School CashOnline. Payment deadline is March 31st, 2017.

Who do I contact with questions about payment?

Please direct your questions about School CashOnline to Heather Komar, Holland Landing PS (905) 836-6614 heather.komar@yrdsb.ca. Other queries about camp registration and payment can be directed to Lori Tant, Centre for Leadership & Learning (905) 727-0022 x3958 lori.tant@yrdsb.ca.

What else do I need to know?

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be made in writing and submitted to Lori Tant (see above for contact info).

Cancellations from medical reasons must be accompanied by a medical note.

Cancellations made after May 5th may not be reimbursed for any bussing costs if a replacement cannot be found.

Health

Please ensure that any medical conditions and/or concerns are listed on the online application.

Although a first-aid health centre and nursing staff are provided, the cost of any treatment or medications, not ordinarily supplied by the camp, must be borne by the parents, if such instance should arise.

Behaviour

Directors may, at any time, send home campers without refund, for violation of Arts Camp and YRDSB regulations and policies. These regulations and policies will be distributed in the electronic Student Handbook provided after acceptance. Arts Camp cannot be held responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of any personal belongings brought to camp.

Transportation

Buses will leave from the Education Centre, Aurora, 60 Wellington Street West at 8:00 am sharp on Saturday, May 27th, 2017, and will arrive back in Aurora at approximately 4:30 pm Saturday, June 3rd, 2017. Please be prompt!

Late requests for any bus transportation may not be accommodated. Please carefully consider transportation plans at time of application.

Water Safety

Before participating in any water activities/sports the camper must meet the following swim requirements:

- Minimum Aqua Quest Level 7 certificate OR
- Pass the pre-camp swim test consisting of:
50m of continuous swim (any stroke)
2 minutes of treading water

If the camper possesses AquaQuest Level 7 (or higher), a photocopy of authorized documentation must be submitted to Lori Tant via email (lori.tant@yrdsb.ca), by submitting at Family Information Night or submitting at camp.

Pre-Camp Swim Test (optional) will be held at the Stronach Aurora Recreational Complex (SARC), 1400 Wellington St. E., Aurora on Saturday, May 13th, 2017 at 4:00pm.

At-Camp Swim Test is also available as an option to campers on the first day of camp.

Important Dates

Counsellor/CIT Meeting (For all SELECTED Counsellors & CITs)

Tuesday, April 18th, 4:30 - 8:00pm (Dinner will be provided.)

Community Education Centre North, 130 Carlson Drive, Newmarket

Optional Pre-Camp Swim Test

(Swim Test may also be done at camp and is a requirement for any camper participating in the Canoe workshop or any campers wishing to access the swim area.)

Saturday, May 13th, 4:00-5:00pm, Stronach Aurora Recreational Complex

1400 Wellington St East, Aurora

Arts Camp Family Information Night (FIN)

Tuesday, May 16th, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Richmond Green SS, 1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill

BEFORE OPENING the online application, please have the following ready:

- ✓ your top three choices for AM Program, PM Program & Workshop (see descriptions)
- ✓ the names and email addresses of your Principal/Vice Principal and supporting Teacher
- ✓ the name and phone number of your Family Physician
- ✓ the most recent immunization dates for MMR, Polio, Diphtheria & Tetanus

Need Help?

For questions about fees, transportation and other registration information, please contact Lori Tant (lori.tant@yrdsb.ca).

For any other questions, please contact Arts Camp Directors Monica Wand (monica.wand@yrdsb.ca) and Linnet Richmond (linnet.richmond@yrdsb.ca).

Are you READY TO APPLY to have the experience of a lifetime?

Please follow this link OR type/paste it into your browser: bit.do/ArtsCamp2017

Application **DEADLINE** is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2017**. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

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Camp White Pine, Haliburton
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Arts Camp 2017 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

AM Programs (2.5 hour class daily)

Arts Camp Shorts

Timelapse filmmaking is the next big wave in videography and film photography online! It's more than just speeding up your films, it's telling a beautiful, detailed story in a short amount of time. With a camp iPad or your own mobile device, you'll become the director, writer, producer, cinematographer, editor, and/or actor in your very own timelapse film. You'll learn how to take cinematic shots, act in short scenes, and write dialogue that captures the hearts and minds of your audience. You'll love timelapsing the week away!

Counsellors in Training *(Required for all selected CITs.)*

The CIT program provides participants with the opportunity to build skills in leadership, communication, conflict resolution, group dynamics and self-awareness. Teams will work together to design camp wide activities while exploring your personal leadership style through a variety of challenges, activities and discussions. If you are eager to make the YRDSB Arts Camp an unforgettable experience for your campers and wish to take on leadership responsibility, this program is for you!

Dance Like Nobody's Watching!

If you are someone looking to learn how to jump, turn, and have fun, this is the program for you! Dance Like Nobody's Watching will offer a variety of dance styles including: jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, and lyrical. Each day we will develop connecting skills, techniques, and musicality of these styles. This program will be based around the interests of the participants. We will learn to interpret music, improve our choreography skills, and work collaboratively to create dances. So get ready to dance, dance, dance!

Early Printmaking & Design

Ever wonder how your favourite t-shirts have those really cool designs? Many t-shirt designs are designed and produced using the old artistic technique of printmaking. Printmaking stems back to AD 105, and has been used all over the world. In recent years, it has been made famous by the likes of Andy Warhol, and Pablo Picasso. In this program, you will learn basic Photoshop, while also taking part in interactive printmaking sessions.

EcoArt

Here is your chance to explore the intersections of art production and eco-mindfulness. Reconnect with nature while you rethink material & space using the creative process. From planet earth's perspective, you will leave the camp as if you had never been... from your perspective, you will never be the same.

Investigating Watercolour

The world of watercolour is fascinating; a medium that makes decisions for you, yet allows you to control it at the same time. For beginner and expert, this program will provide the freedom to explore through opportunities to create abstract and realistic paintings through experimentation and guided, intuitive instruction. Jump in and discover what you can create with watercolour.

Making our Identity

Students in this intensive dramatic arts program will have an opportunity to explore storytelling, mask work and performance techniques. Students interested in directing peers and co-writing monologues will also have the space to explore their leadership skills in the arts!

Mixed Media Characters

Your parents and chemistry teachers told you not to mix that. Sometimes, in art class, you just have to. The process of discovery involves experimentation without knowing the end goal. In mixed media class we will be blending ingredients to create inspired, intuitive character designs. Let loose your inner Tim Burton or Frankenstein. Paint, ink and crushed leaves won't explode...probably.

Mystical Dreamscape Painting

In this program you will have the opportunity to tap into your own personal artistic expression through the use of acrylic paint. You will be able to explore the mystical world of dreams using visualization and meditation.

Plucking Poems & Strumming Sonnets

This program will give you a new appreciation for composition and performance! We begin by learning chords on the ukulele, and then go off into small groups to create our own songs. You will be choosing a poem to use as lyrics, and then creating your own melodies and harmonies that reflect your interpretation.

Spirit of the Beads

First Nations traditional beadwork is art that has been in our communities for a very long time. Many years ago we used shells, stones, and bones to create beautiful art, treaties, pictures and to remember our stories. Learn how to do beadwork on a loom or free hand.

Tell Me a Story

Let's get together and write! Spend a week writing from the bottom of your heart, searching your imagination for the most incredible stories you can tell. Participants will learn about the tools needed to make stories the best that they can be. There's nothing more exciting than falling in love with a story.

Vocal Soundscape and Exploration

Do you ever sing in the shower? Hum to the radio? Interested in beat boxing or body percussion? If so, this program is for you! Work with fellow vocalists to explore pitch, tone, dynamics, melody and so much more! Play games, rearrange popular songs and learn to work with fellow musicians to explore your favourite tunes. Build confidence, form bonds, be creative, and discover how powerful your voice can be!

Working with Clay

Clay is one of the oldest art forms and a way to connect us through the centuries of art making. In this program you will learn how to create coil and slab vessels and explore wheel throwing to make art.

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PM Programs (2.5 hour class daily)

Charcoal, Chalk, and Faces, Oh My!

Is drawing a person's face a challenge for you? Do you want to improve your skills in charcoal and chalk? If you said "yes" to either of these questions, this is the program for you! Whether you are a newcomer to portraiture or experienced, together we will overcome the challenges of realistic features in a fun way. Express yourself and get ready to get messy while doing it!

Colour & Quills: A Journey with Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh's turbulent life and creative genius fueled over 800 letters to his family and friends, and helped shape the paintings that are now considered some of the best in the history of art. Take yourself on a Van Gogh journey through painting in his colorful and textured style and simultaneously craft letters inspired by the artist's unique life. Our journey will include paper, ink & quills, acrylic paint & canvas, and of course, an open heart and a passion for expression.

Contemporary Dance

Jump! Move! Dance! Unlock your inner dancer in this exciting and expressive contemporary dance program. You will be challenged to express yourself through movements which will fuse various forms of dance such as jazz, lyrical, ballet and modern. Dancers will tap into their creativity and work collaboratively to transform movement into innovative and dynamic pieces. Ready to take chances, make mistakes and show the world your moves? Can't wait to see you in the studio!

I Say Poetry, You Say Slam!

An introduction to the world of spoken word poetry & the "art" of the poetry slam. Through writing exercises, group workshopping, analysis of YouTube videos, & some real-talk life chats, students will gather the tools they need, or sharpen the tools they have, to create an original work of their own. They will then take that creation to the next level, performing it for the whole of Arts Camp before the week is through.

Jam Speak

Experience the incredible feeling of writing and recording a song and performing it live; all while learning the art and science of creating original music.

Nature Through the Camera Lens

Try your hand at digital nature photography! Learn how to compose interesting and effective images using a variety of techniques. Throughout the week we will create several different artworks with our photos in both colour and black & white.

Painting... with Plasticine

Plasticine isn't just for preschoolers anymore! Reinvent a masterpiece or create your own! Explore the medium of plasticine and take things to the next level. Campers will review colour theory and how to mix plasticine to create pleasing colour schemes to make "paintings" with their hands. Various tools, techniques and found objects will be used to create texture and 3 dimensional effects.

Painting... with Scissors

Explore and experiment with paper as pigment! Roll, layer and cut paper to create an abstract 3-D work of art inspired by the natural world. Combine the elements of texture, colour and pattern to produce a composition that has energy, movement and fluidity.

Professional Portraiture & Figure Painting

Looking to advance or learn about portrait and figure painting? Join this program with a professional artist to learn the easy steps, skills and foundations in creating portraits and figures. The final project will be a choice between a portrait or figure painting done in acrylic.

Send it to Print!

Do bold colours blending together creating eye-popping pieces of art interest you? Try this printmaking program with a multi-media flair. In this program, you will carve blocks of wood, etch Plexiglas and dig at lino blocks, to make beautiful prints incorporating nature filled and inspiring subject matter. Finish off your beautiful prints with other media styles to enhance and express your own individuality.

Shakespeare, Rock & Opera

Do you like to Rock? Do you like to Opera? Do you like to cite awesome Shakespearean quotes? If you answered YES, then this is the program for you! This performance program will have you quipping quotes, devising a play, making original rock and opera music. It is truly a musical, dramatical delight that you will design and perform!

Taiko: The Art of Japanese Drumming

"Taiko" the Japanese word for drum, also refers to the style of Japanese drumming: a combination of layered rhythms, powerful arm movements, vocalizations, all synchronized together in a large group setting. Each camper will make their own drum which they will perform on and take home. Join us and feel the power of the drum!

The Anthology Project

We all have a lot to say. We all have opinions about the world and our place in it. This program is an opportunity to express your insights through a variety of dramatic forms. The group will choose a central theme and will collect various pieces of material to create an anthology. We will use various dramatic forms, such as tableaux, mime, monologue, mask and poetry to present this 'theme anthology'. The result will be a powerful performance that will leave the audience inspired! Here is a chance to reflect and have your voice heard through the power of compilation and theatre.

Watercolour Rebooted

This is a beginner's look into watercolour. You will sample and practice traditional watercolour techniques -- only there will be nothing traditional about the final product! We will turn our paintings into 3-dimensional works of art.

(1 hour class daily)

Bellydance for Everyone

This exciting dance form can be enjoyed by everyone, especially beginners. Bellydance is vibrant and demanding. Let's dance and feel fabulous!

Chakra, Hike & Write

Explore the amazing connection of mind and spirit through the exploration of Chakra energy, nature hikes and journaling.

Counsellor Circle *(required for all Counsellors)*

The role of the Arts Camp Counsellor is vital to the success of camp. This program will offer you the opportunity to further develop your leadership skills, receive support, problem-solve, and work with other counsellors to build a strong and vibrant camp community.

Dewagan: The Sound of My Heart

Students will use Ojibwe hand drums to learn Ojibwe songs, Ojibwe traditional songs mixed with contemporary songs, and create their own music.

FaceArt

Face Art is back by popular demand! In this workshop we will explore various face painting techniques with a new theme every day. From animals to zombies, we explore it all! So come out and use your face as the canvas!

Intro to Ukulele

In just a few days, learn how to play songs on the ukulele using only 1, 2 and 3 chords!

Just Keep Paddling...

Forward stroke, D-stroke, J-stroke...come out and learn it all! Come join us out on the lake as we develop and refine our canoeing skills. All levels welcome!

Mountain Bike Blast!

Brainstorm your creative ideas as you Mountain Bike through the woods. Get some fresh air and recharge your creative juices!

Nature Through the Hole of a Pin & Other Explorations

Bring your curious mind and explore the wilds of camp using magnifiers, sketchbooks, pencils, pastels, watercolour, and try your hand at one of the earliest forms of photography - the pin hole camera!

Outdoor Pursuits

Be ready for whatever fun and adventure comes your way! Students can explore the great outdoors cycling, jogging, playing ultimate frisbee, rock climbing or swimming!

Playing with Colour

Splatter the feeling of the sunset. Watch the saplings dripping off your paper. Explore composition and technique to create original watercolour paintings.

Sketch Comedy

In this workshop, we'll explore the fundamentals of comedy through a variety of blah, blah, blah. Are you funny? Perfect! join the class!! Are you not funny? PERFECT!! Join the class. But if you say you're perfect, don't join the class.

Sketching Like Tom Thompson

Explore the boundaries and shores of Camp White Pine while sketching beautiful landscapes exploring multi-media styles using pencil, pastels, conte and charcoal.

Study Hall

If you need a quiet hour each day at camp to work on assignments or prepare for exams, study hall will provide you with time and space to do so.

Yoga & Meditation for Beginners

Be at one with nature when you practice meditation and deep breathing, and go through various yoga moves to achieve a sense of calm and inner peace.

You're More Ballet...I'm More Hip Hop

In this workshop, you will have the chance to explore two very different styles of dance. The first half of our workshop class will be dedicated to developing our ballet skills. While the other half will be upbeat and funky! We will collaborate to create a dance piece that combines ballet and hip-hop. It will be a fusion dance that showcases two very different styles, both equally challenging but equally fun

