



Inspire Learning!

May 26 – June 2, 2018
Camp White Pine, Haliburton

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Information



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What is Arts Camp?

Celebrating 30 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 26th to June 2nd, 2018

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 and well 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 2018 Camper Application Form.

What is the deadline for applying?

Friday, February 9th, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

How long will it take to complete the application?

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 2017. 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 who have been waitlisted will also be *emailed* by mid-March.

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 30th.**

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 (includes t-shirt):	\$580.00
Counsellor-in-Training (CIT) Fee (includes t-shirt):	\$480.00
Counsellor Fee (includes t-shirt & transportation):	\$380.00

Transportation (optional)

Return:	\$51.50
One Way:	\$25.75

Clothing (optional)

Additional clothing options are still being finalized. Options will include heavyweight Hoodie Sweatshirt and Hat option. Prices will be available to accepted campers on School Cash Online. Any purchased clothing will be distributed at camp.

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.
- Payment DEADLINE is March 30th, 2018. Late payments will not be accepted.

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

The application deadline is Friday, February 9th, 2018. 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 30th, 2018.

Who do I contact with questions about payment?

Questions 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 4th may not be reimbursed for any bussing costs.

Health

Please ensure that any medical conditions (physical health/mental health) 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. In such instances, parents are responsible for any transportation costs incurred to retrieve their child from camp. 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 26th, 2018, and will arrive back in Aurora at approximately 4:30 pm Saturday, June 2nd, 2018. 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 before camp to lori.tant@yrdsb.ca, or submitted using our new online form. Further information will be provided to accepted campers.

Pre-Camp Swim Test (optional) will be held at the Stronach Aurora Recreational Complex, 1400 Wellington St. E., Aurora on Saturday, May 12th, 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 Counsellors & CITs only)

Monday, April 9th, 4:00 - 8:30pm (dinner 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 canoeing workshop or any campers wishing to access the swim area.)

Saturday, May 12th, 4:00-5:00pm, Stronach Aurora Recreational Complex

1400 Wellington St East, Aurora

Arts Camp Family Information Night (FIN)

Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30 - 8:30pm

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

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 Director, Monica Wand monica.wand@yrdsb.ca.

Before Opening the Online Application, please have the following ready:

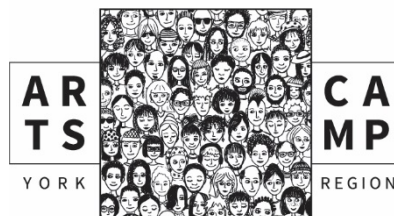
- ✓ your top three choices for AM Program, PM Program & Workshop (see descriptions below)
- ✓ the names and email addresses of your Principal/Vice Principal and endorsing Teacher
- ✓ the name and phone number of your Family Physician

Please follow this link OR type/paste it into your browser:

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Arts Camp 2018 Program Descriptions

AM Programs (2.5 hour class daily)

Abstracting Nature

Is it possible to paint a tree that looks nothing like a tree at all? Let's explore our surroundings to inspire a colour palette, and explore how these surroundings make us feel. Does the way you feel impact the way you create? Can you take these colours and feelings as inspiration to create wondrous, intriguing abstract works? The answer is yes! Join us for a week of exploring nature, self-exploration, and gestural abstraction as we discover nature, emotions, and how these two things interact!

Charcoal, Chalk & 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" or "ehhh, maybe" 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 facial features in a fun way. Express yourself and get ready to get messy while doing it!

CIT Leadership (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 camp an unforgettable experience for campers as a leader, then this program is for you!

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 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 our camp community before the week is through.

Mandalas & Mindfulness

Explore your inner self and engage in mindfulness through the creation of multiple mandalas! Throughout this program, you will expand your creative practice, open up the visual language of your soul, and become grounded while creating art and practicing meditation. Art-making will include nature mandalas, drawing, painting, mosaics and more!

Musical Theatre Madness

If you are someone who dreams of being in a Wicked musical dance number, then Mamma Mia is this the program for you! Put in some Hairspray and get ready to learn a musical theatre dance number to some of the most well-known musicals of all time! Musical Theatre Madness will infuse a variety of dance styles including: jazz, Broadway, and contemporary to create a memorable dance piece. Each day we will work to develop our dance technique, improve our choreography skills, and work collaboratively to create dance pieces. Based around the interests of the participants, we will learn classic musical theatre techniques and have the opportunity to wow our audience at Performance Night!

Mystical Dreamscape Painting

What are your dreams? Night dreams, daydreams, goal dreams? In this program you will be able to express your dreams on canvas through painting a mystical dreamscape. We will be using acrylic paint and you will explore colours and learn the magic that they have to create your masterpiece!

Percussion Power!

Do you like to bang on things and make some noise? Beat, rhythm and melody will be explored, while campers learn a variety of playing techniques on percussion instruments. By the end of the week, campers will be able to perform a few favourite tunes in a group setting. Musical experience is welcome but, not necessary. Join us and feel the power of percussion! *Instruments will be provided, although campers wishing to bring their own percussion instruments may do so.*

Save the Drama for your Greek Mama!

Discover the power of the classic Greek poets as we set the stage for drama! Casting begins on day one, with our work focused on production of the classic Greek tragedy "Antigone" by Sophocles. We will cast, produce, and perform the play in one week. Get ready to laugh, stretch your imagination, and see how anyone and everyone can participate in this intriguing art form in ways that speak to your strengths. Experience is not required.

New! First Time Ever! *We are combining two programs in one. It's all Greek to Me! will be combined with Save the Drama for your Greek Mama! to put this performance on stage. This is going to be exciting. Choose either/or but only one.*

It's All Greek to Me!

While campers in Save the Drama for Your Greek Mama work on producing the play, "Antigone" by Sophocles, we will engage in rhythm, movement, voice and mask to recreate the classic Greek characters on stage. Get ready to surprise your friends with your moving and speaking on stage in total unison. We will begin by creating our masks on day one, and will use them throughout the week as we explore the many levels of choral movement and choral speaking in preparation for our theatrical debut!

Sketch Comedy

Are you funny? Do you want to be funnier? Of course you do. Come on out and learn how to be silly and professional all at the same time. Learn the fundamentals of sketch comedy where I'll teach you everything I learned while working for Will Ferrell at Funny or Die. (Yup, I name dropped in a program description. Shameless.)

Watercolour Skyscapes

Have you ever seen a beautiful sunset and wished you could put it in your pocket? Watercolour Skyscapes is an introductory watercolour class that will guide you to doing just that! By the end of the program, you will practice and refine watercolour techniques and will have one or a series of skyscapes to showcase for the Studio Tour.

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PM Programs (2.5 hour class daily)

Beyond the Image

Join us as we explore photography as a means to communicate. We will take a look at the history, techniques and aesthetics and put it into practice as we reflect on how an image can convey many perspectives! *Campers are encouraged to bring their own digital camera. Limited cameras will be available to borrow.*

Carving with Nature

Practice your hand at carving natural materials; exploring a variety of technique inspired by the surrounding natural elements. The work can be abstract relating to concepts of the outdoors, or literal representations. Campers will have the opportunity to bring their piece outdoors for an earth art installation for the Studio Tour. Photography will be encouraged to capture the final outcome.

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.

JamSpeak

Write your own song, record it on professional recording equipment, perform it live! No experience required. If you have a passion for music and creating an incredible arts camp memory through music, then this program is for you! Learn all the techniques and creative methods for writing original songs.

Mixed Media

Like mad scientists in our labs, we will make mix things that never should be mixed. We will find things along the way and join, paste, and sew them together. We will raise the ghosts of Duchamp, Picasso and Rauschenberg and cackling crazily we will synthesize our insane assemblages into improvisational systemic Frankensteins of aesthetic terror. Using exploratory techniques, collage, assemblage, a bag full of dry and wet media, found materials and homemade pigments, we will bring these creaking constructed deconstructed monsters to life. Bring on the mad laughter.

Professional Portraiture & Figure Painting

Looking to advance or learn about portrait and figure painting? Join our 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.

Rooted: A Natural Arts Exploration

Ever had an artistic idea that you imagined and then brought to life? What if it were the other way around? What if there was something so beautiful right in front of you waiting for your special touch? In this program, you will find all the supplies you need to create stunning pieces of art right in front of you - in nature. Connect to the natural world, explore your place within the circle. Inspired by the Seven Grandfather Teachings, and my own personal story as an Indigenous Artist, we will find ourselves inspired by and immersed in nature to create art that finds us.

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.

Stomp the Yard

Have you ever had the urge to jump into a dance battle and shock your opponents with some wicked moves? This program will challenge you to express yourself through fierce street-style dance movements that infuse step dance and hip hop. Get ready to learn new step sequences and in true spirit of step, create unique sequences that will surprise and delight our audience on performance night. Ready to take chances, make mistakes and step it up? Can't wait to see you in the studio!

The Musical Theatre Experience

Do you love Musicals? Would you like to learn about what goes into creating one? Do you love combining Dancing, Singing, and Acting? Would you like to share in a creative experience where *you* create a musical with others? If you answered *yes!* then this is the program for you! Join me and a group of people just like you and make Arts Camp history!

Vocal Soundscape

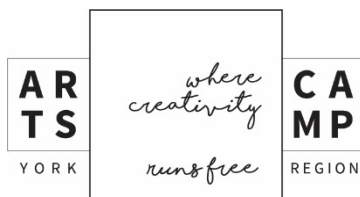
Do you ever sing in the shower? Hum to the radio? Wonder 'Why do I love that song so much? If so, this program is for you! Work with fellow vocalists to explore pitch, tone, dynamics, melody and so much more! With a focus on rearranging popular songs and exploring mood, you will learn to work with fellow musicians to explore your favourite tunes, vocal range and create unique arrangements. Build confidence, form bonds, be creative, and discover how powerful your voice can be. Don't say it, sing it!

Whoa! Watercolour? Wow!

The world of watercolour is remarkable. A medium that makes decisions for you, yet allows you to control it all at the same time. For the beginner and expert, this program will provide the freedom to explore within a structured format. You'll have opportunities to create abstract and realistic paintings through experimentation as well as guided intuitive instruction. Jump in and discover what you can create with watercolour.

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 explore the creative process of working with clay through hand-building.



Arts Camp 2018 Workshop Descriptions

(1 hour class daily)

Back to Dance Basics

If you are someone who has always wanted to learn how to dance, this is the workshop for you! In "Back To Dance Basics", you will have the chance to learn the fundamentals of dance and current dance fads. This workshop is designed for individuals who have little or no dance experience, but who want to participate in the latest dance craze! We will explore a variety of dance steps and styles that contribute to the art of Dance, as we know it today! We will give you the tools you need to be a confident dancer and ready to bust a move at any time. By the end of this workshop, you will find your rhythm and your dancing feet!

Breakdance Basics

If you have ever watched some breakdancing on social media, and thought to yourself, "I want to give that a try!" Come join our workshop! Students get the chance to learn the basic top rocks, footwork and foundations of breakdancing.

Come Paddle with Me

Learn how to canoe with skill as well as take time to appreciate the beauty of the lake. Come canoe with us! *Campers must pass swim test/provide proof of swim qualifications in order to participate.*

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.

Doodles & Poodles of Paint

Campers will experiment and have fun with watercolour paints. This workshop can supplement your love for watercolour painting or provide you with a stress-free environment to explore another dimension of your creativity.

FaceArt

Use your face as the canvas! In this workshop you'll explore and experiment with different face painting effects and techniques.

Improv Central

Up for a challenge? Bring your quick wit and your best laugh to this improv workshop. We will have you cracking up each day, guaranteed!

Intro to Ukulele

Learn how to play songs on the ukulele using only 1, 2 and 3 chords! *Ukuleles provided.*

Let's Write Short Stories

Do you love to write short stories? or maybe you want to but don't know how? *Take this workshop!* We'll write about anything and everything. You want to write about Matthew Perry?, we'll make that happen. Let's write stories that make us smile.

Meditative Journeys in Creative Writing

Join us for daily guided meditations, followed by creative writing/expression of your journeys. Designed for the deep thinkers who wish to expand their level of consciousness, but also a great way to discover the peace and beauty of meditation.

Mountain Bike Blast

Brainstorm creative ideas, be invigorated and explore the scenery as you Mountain Bike through the amazing camp trails. Get some fresh air and recharge your creative juices!

Outdoor Pursuits

Enjoy the sports facilities and resources Camp White Pine has to offer! From frisbee to ropes courses to many more - enjoy a different activity every day.

Sketching Like Tom Thompson

Explore the boundaries and shores of Camp White Pine while sketching beautiful landscapes exploring multimedia 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.