

# Calendar



February 19	Unicamp Sunday: celebrate at your congregation
May 11–13	Camp opens, Work Weekend
May 18–21	Wild Foods, Crafters, Work Weekend
May 25–27	Work Weekend
June 1–3	Writing Children's Stories, Sweet Life, Guelph Youth
June 8–10	Open - contact Admin to book your event!
June 14–17	Wild Ginger
June 21-24	Big Heart Dance
June 24-29	Great Old Girls, Fun & Free time
June 29-July 1	Ukulele I
June 30	Open House, Painting, Seasonals meeting
July 1-6	Family Week I (Queer), Staff Training
July 6-8	Nia, Sacred Sound
July 8-28	Counselor in Training programs
July 8-14	Children's Camp I
July 15-21	Children's Camp II
July 22-28	Children's Camp III
July 29-Aug 3	Jouth
August 3-6	Family Weekend, OWL, Guitar, Belly Dancing
August 4	Communal painting, Wild Foods, Seasonals Meeting
August 5	Coffee House
August 7-12	OPUS
August 10-12	Non-Violent Communication
August 12-17	Family Week II (Hamilton)
August 17-19	Sacred Circle Dance
August 19-24	Family Week III (Waterloo), Dog Lovers
August 20-24	Writer's Workshop
August 24-26	Magic Music, Hiking, Ukulele II, Burlesque, Art
August 25	Wild Foods
August 26-31	Plein-Air Studio, Survivor, Youth Week
September 1	Open Forum & AGM, Seasonal Campers meeting
September 2, 8-9	Apple picking & cider making
September 14-16	Young Adults Weekend, UNIVOX choir
September 21-23	Work Weekend
September 28-30	Work Weekend
October 5-8	Thanksgiving, Camp closes

YOUR UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

# UNICAMP

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Singing  
 Dreaming  
 Writing  
 Hiking  
 Swimming  
 Dancing  
 Discovering  
 Drumming  
 Exploring  
 Climbing  
 Caving  
 Gathering  
 Harvesting

It's all at Unicamp

# 2012



# Life at Unicamp



Unicamp is a Unitarian Universalist camp that is committed to providing a safe and welcoming seasonal camp and spiritual retreat to a diverse community. Our high quality Unitarian Universalist values-based programs and activities are designed to enable this community to demonstrate a respect for our natural assets, for each other, and for the interdependent web of all existence.

Unicamp is located within the UNESCO Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve and boasts 50 beautiful, peaceful acres of meadows, coniferous and deciduous forests, marshes, streams, caves and two beaches on a 2.5-acre spring fed pond that is **always** safe for swimming. This is a magical place to relax, explore, meet new people and reconnect with self, community and nature.

At Unicamp we acknowledge that each of us has special qualities and talents to share. Unicamp is based on a long tradition of cooperation and caring in a relaxed and respectful environment. Campers are asked to help with chores such as tidying their dorm, cottage or campsite at the end of their stay, helping us to keep the Unicamp experience affordable for everyone. We welcome members and friends from all U.U. congregations.



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# Guidelines

**CAMPsites** are large and well landscaped, suitable for tents or trailers. Trailers cannot exceed 20 feet and generators are not permitted. Hydro sites are available. Max: 1 trailer + 2 tents or 3 tents. Max: 6 people per site.

**DORMITORIES** have two sides, each with 3 bunk beds for up to six people. One side of each dorm has a double bunk bed for couples or parents with small children. There is a central shared washroom in each dorm. Cooking is not permitted in dorms. You may have to share a dorm.

**COTTAGES** have two or more bedrooms, each large enough for two people, a washroom and a living room. All have small kitchen areas. Cottages are priced on a per person basis so you may have to share. To book an entire cottage you are required to pay for four adults.

**MEALS** We do our best to cater to a variety of dietary needs. Meals are about 65% vegetarian, there is protein at every meal and there is always a vegetarian option. We will try to accommodate most food allergies with 7 days notice, but are unable to cater to vegan or special diets. Campers with specific dietary needs should plan to prepare their own food at their cottage or campsite. Meals must be booked at least 7 days in advance. Unicamp's kitchen and dining hall are peanut free. Please do not bring peanut products to camp.

**PERSONAL NEEDS** You will need to bring bedding (sheets, blankets, sleeping bag), pillows and towels. We have indoor and outdoor showers with lots of hot water. There are washrooms in the dining hall and 6 out-houses located throughout the property.

**CHILD CARE** is made available for program participants during program sessions for \$10 per session per child (limit 2 sessions per day) and at other times child care may be arranged on an individual basis. Please notify camp 10 days prior to your stay if you would like childcare.

**CHECK IN TIME** is 4 pm - check out time 11 am. This allows for accommodations to be checked and cleaned between visitors. Feel free to stay later or arrive earlier to enjoy the grounds but we ask that you respect in and out times by vacating your accommodation promptly. After 9 pm there is no staff available to check you in so please phone if your arrival is delayed beyond 9 pm.

**DAY VISITORS** Unicamp is a private camp and we take the security and comfort of our campers very seriously. When space permits and at the discretion of the Camp Director day visitors are welcome to enjoy Unicamp between 10 am and 8 pm. Day rates are \$10/adult \$5/child (5 to 15 years). Please phone ahead to book your day.

**CAMPERSHIPS** Financial assistance is available to those wishing to stay at Unicamp and for whom the cost is a deterrent. Please contact the Registrar. Donations to our Campership fund are always welcome.

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Play and Learn at the same time! While enjoying Unicamp you are invited to join some free activities organized by our Resident Artists and Scientists. Always check the chalkboard in the Dining Hall for scheduled and impromptu programs and events.

**ARTIST IN RESIDENCE** Lauren Renzetti will once again be on site for impromptu and planned art making. This is a free (no pressure – no experience necessary) program for all ages. “Most likely” art making times are Saturday mornings on the dining hall deck (10 - 12) or at the beach on Saturday afternoons (1:30 - 4:30). Projects will be craft based (God’s eye, dream catchers, prayer flags, sculpting in plaster, wood burning) or fine art based (observational drawing, watercolour painting, paint to music and printmaking). Some projects will stay at Unicamp to help enrich our spaces. Lauren is also on site for one on one assessment or tutoring in painting and drawing. [laureanaddave@rogers.com](mailto:laureanaddave@rogers.com)

**NATURALIST IN RESIDENCE** Kendrew Pape is an amateur mycologist and wildlife tracker who will lead foraging excursions and nature hikes during most weekends. Foods to be gathered on property include several varieties of berries, apples, mushrooms, edible flowers and more. Regular hikes will be on Saturday afternoons at 2pm although there are mid-week excursions throughout the Family Camp weeks. Make sure to join Kendrew and his family during Autumn weekends for apple harvesting and cider making! Check the chalkboard in the dining hall for specific days and times. [kendrewpape@yahoo.com](mailto:kendrewpape@yahoo.com)

**POET IN RESIDENCE** Helen Iacovino, a lifelong UU, has found the serenity and magic of Unicamp to be an inspiration for poetry. As appropriate, she will do readings, lead workshops and participate in Sunday services in order to bring the spiritual exploration that poetry offers to the forefront. If there is something in particular you would like to see contact Helen at [hiacovino@gmail.com](mailto:hiacovino@gmail.com).

**STARGAZER IN RESIDENCE** Mike Cormier will provide views of the cosmos through his telescope from the common when he is at camp and the sky is clear. Mike will provide a box filled with stargazing charts, constellation myth information, astronomy pictures to take home, and more. Check with Admin for dates when Mike will be on site.



**May 11 to 13, 18 to 21, 25 to 27: WORK WEEKENDS** See page 17 for details

**May 18 to 21: FROM MY HANDS TO YOUR HEART: A CRAFTER WEEKEND**

Do you find pleasure in learning new crafts and skills in community, working alongside those who are absolute beginners and others who are seasoned and experienced? Learning from others in a safe, encouraging, joy-filled creative circle can awaken your imagination and lead to the discovery of deep sources of creativity. This weekend will appeal to teens and adults alike. Perfect for a mother-daughter weekend! This weekend will include making a funky looking potato chip scarf (imagine a scarf with a double-sided ruffle that looks like a long spiral of Pringles potato chips!). If you can count to 20 and you know how to knit, or you are willing to learn, you can make this scarf. Are you fascinated by the endless shapes, sizes and colours of beads, amulets, trinkets and charms? We'll be making a number of objects this weekend, beginning with some simple projects such as bookmarks, jewellery made from memory wire and household objects in order to become familiar with the basics and then work our way to necklaces and other creations of your imagination.

Facilitator Michele Corbeil is a life-long crafter. A member of First Unitarian Church of Hamilton, Michele has facilitated a number of crafternoons workshops with fellow congregants. **Program Fee:** \$100 includes ALL the materials you'll need for these projects. Info: [micheleannecorbeil@hotmail.ca](mailto:micheleannecorbeil@hotmail.ca).

**May 18 to 21: WILD FOODS: MORELS** Resident Naturalist Kendrew Pape will lead excursions all weekend to gather wild ginger, leeks, carrots, cattails and more. The prize of the weekend is the elusive Golden Morel, a delicious mushroom that is not commercially cultivated. Identify these foods in their natural habitats and learn how to prepare them in the kitchen. **Program Fee: Free.**

**June 1 to 3: WRITING CHILDREN’S STORIES** Have you always dreamed of writing a children’s story? This workshop will inspire you to get those stories down on paper. Bring your ideas and we’ll explore together the elements that make for great children’s literature. We’ll read published stories (bring a copy of a favourite children’s story to share) and engage in exercises to get our creative juices flowing. Opportunities for solo writing time will be built into the schedule. Facilitator Anne Bokma is an award-winning freelance journalist who contributes to many Canadian magazines including Canadian Living, More, Today’s Parent, MoneySense and the United Church Observer (you can check out her writing at [www.annebokma.ca](http://www.annebokma.ca)). She is a member of the memoir writing group at First Unitarian Church in Hamilton where she has read several of her children’s stories during services. **Program Fee:** \$40. Info: [annebokma@cogeco.ca](mailto:annebokma@cogeco.ca).



**June 1 to 3: GUELPH YOUTH GROUP** contact Mel @coordinator@guelph-unitarians.com if your youth group wants to come too.

**June 1 to 3: LIVING THE SWEET LIFE RETREAT** Do you ever wonder “Is this all there is?” Do you wish you were more fulfilled in your work, your relationship, your body, your finances? This 3-day retreat will allow you to pause, to consider, to commit and to make plans to move ahead with actions to create your very own Sweet Life. This retreat rests on the retreat work Melanie Parish has been offering for the last two years in private practice with one-on-one retreats. It will help you explore your own values so you understand what the non-negotiables are so you follow a fulfilling path. Take advantage of this opportunity to explore in a group setting. The weekend will have both group sessions, independent reflection sessions and a one-on-one session with Melanie. (The workshop can be effectively used for retirement planning, too.) Workshop leader Melanie Parish is a professional certified coach through the International Coach Federation, a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach through the Coaches Training Institute, and an Organization and Relationship Systems Certified Coach through the Center for Right Relationship. Minimum of four participants. **Program fee:** \$125. Info: coachparish@gmail.com.

**June 14 to 17: WILD GINGER** WitchCamp (PRIVATE RENTAL). Unicamp provides the perfect setting for this Thursday to Sunday gathering of people committed to the Reclaiming Tradition of Witchcraft, a political and feminist approach to Goddess and Earth-based spirituality. The camp provides an opportunity to experience large group pagan rituals that connect us to ourselves, to each other, and to nature. Wild Ginger offers two small group personal growth opportunities, a loving sense of community, and fun. June 14 to 17 is Wild Ginger’s 15th camp, and will explore The Many Manifestations of The Witch, from popular culture, fairy tales, myths, global religions, and contemporary Paganism. Every year, new and seasoned campers have expressed deep appreciation for the magic of Wild Ginger. Learn more at wildgingerwitches.org or contact wychwood@rogers.com for information.

**June 21 to 24: BIG HEART DANCE CAMP** (PRIVATE RENTAL but open to everyone) Singles, couples & families, we welcome you all to join us for our 4th annual Big Heart Dance Camp! Boogies, jams and workshops in Nia, contact improv, healing arts, drumming, meditation and more. No prior training or fitness level required just an open heart wanting to explore and celebrate through movement, music, nature, community and yummy food! Unlimited workshops ~ Thursday, June 21 to Sunday, June 24. Come for one day or the entire long weekend! To register contact Ayrle at 705 444-0550 or mayrle@hotmail.com. Find us on Facebook!

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**COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK WEEKENDS** Reduced fees for food and accommodation in exchange for just 6 (SIX) hours of work on Saturday and 3 (THREE) on Sunday in the spring and fall, both beautiful times of the year when nature at Unicamp is in transition. Jobs include painting, carpentry, cleaning, scrubbing, fixing, clearing paths and whatever we need to do to prepare camp for summer or shutdown. This is a great time for new campers to meet others and it is a fantastic time to connect to Unicamp, other Unicampers and old friends. Childcare available on request. Friday night dinners are at 7 p.m. and are always potluck. All work materials are provided. Bring old clothes, warm bedding, rain-gear, gloves. (labeled tools, shears, painting equipment would be helpful). **Fees:** \$35 for 2 day weekend and \$45 for 3 day weekend, includes meals from breakfast on Saturday to lunch on Sunday or Monday. These fees are to help with the cost of food and cooking. Children are free.

**WORK WEEKEND - FULL TIME WORKERS** No charge (12 hours work per weekend). Apply early to admin@UnicampofOntario.ca. Selection is based on skills, experience and the needs of the Unicamp buildings and grounds.

**DON'T WANT TO WORK? COME JUST FOR FUN** Please come prepared to do KP and clean your own accommodation. Regular camp fees less 20%.

Please consult the back page calendar for 2012 work weekend dates.



From Shelburne take County Rd. 124 north to Redickville, go east (right) on County Rd. 21 past Honeywood to Prince of Wales, go south to #638159. There is a large sign on the left. Please note that GPS and internet map programs tell you to take County Road 20. Please do not do this as it will bring you up from the poorly maintained bottom of Prince of Wales Rd. Please take County Road 21 (some maps show Side Road 25).

For more detailed information including maps please visit our website <http://unicampofontario.ca/directions-to-unicamp/>

**Address:** P.O. Box 91 638159 Prince of Wales Rd. Honeywood ON L0N 1H0

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Unicamp gladly accepts cash, cheques, Certapay, VISA, and Master Card. All fees are payable in Canadian funds. There is no tax payable at Unicamp as we are exempt from the collection of HST and you therefore save 13% on your stay with us, but we do have to pay 3% to accept your credit card payments. Making a donation of 3% of your total bill, if paying by credit card, will help us to offset this expense and would be greatly appreciated. A tax deductible receipt will be issued for donations over \$10.

Reservations are on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a campsite, dorm or cottage, to ensure a program space and to book meals full payment must be received 7 days prior to your arrival. Reserve using a credit card. After reservations have been made, refunds or fee reductions will not be given in the event of late arrivals, early departures or inclement weather. Reservations will be held until 8 am of the morning after your anticipated arrival date.

Changes/cancellations made 7 or more days prior to your arrival date are subject to a 10% (min. \$35) administration fee. Cancellations made within 7 days of your arrival date are subject to no refund. Changes in reservations may be subject to a \$35 administration fee.

NSF cheques will be subject to a \$35.00 administration fee.

## UNICAMP PRICING

No tax is collected - you save 13%  
Children under 5 eat and stay free.  
Stay a week - get 1 night free.

Camping	night	week
First adult	\$20	\$120
+ 1 person	\$5	\$30

Maximum 6 people. Maximum campsite fee \$35/night, \$210/week

### Accommodation options

Dorms	3 meals included	
Adult	\$55.00	\$360.00
Child 5 to 15	\$32.00	\$210.00

Cottage	meals not included	
Adult	\$38.00	\$228.00
Child 5 - 15	\$22.00	\$132.00

### Meals: dinner; breakfast & lunch

Adult	\$30.00	\$210.00
Child 5 - 15	\$18.00	\$126.00

### Individual dinners

Adult	\$15.00
Children (5 to 15)	\$9.00

**Family Camp Candlelight Dinner**  
4-course meal & 3 hrs of childcare: \$30

### CHILDREN'S CAMP DISCOUNTS

early payment by March 15th	10%
1st time camper	10%
bringing new camper	10%
2nd program	5%
3rd camper	5%

**June 24 to 29: GREAT OLD GIRLS** A chance to share wit and wisdom of the ages from 50 to 80. Wonderful wholesome food and shared recipes and cooking with Alta. Sensible exercise at every level and water dancing with Anne. This is a chance to contribute your ideas, experience, and memories in groups with like minded, lively women. Info – jannestewart@gmail.com or 905-527-0364. **Program fee:** \$30 per day includes meals and program.

**June 24 to 29: FUN & FREE TIME** Get your whole family out to Unicamp and have fun. Relax, play, swim, hike. Enjoy campfires, the caves and more.

**June 29 to July 1: UKULELE 1.** Come discover the many pleasures of playing the ukulele! This workshop is designed for those who are new to the instrument and will cover the basics- - how to hold, tune, read a chord, 2 basic strums, chord progressions, 6 or 7 chords, many songs and jamming with the bass guitar. Learning requires no musical knowledge. Songs are words only, with chords written over top of the words. Chord pictures are on the page, so learning is EASY and FUN!! Ukuleles will be provided for your use for the weekend. The course will be 6 sessions of 80 minutes each on Friday night, Sat. morning, afternoon, Sat. night sing-a-long, Sun. morning, afternoon and Sun. evening final jam. Enrolment limited to 25 participants. Facilitators Elayne and Norm Ruplen are the founders of "String Along Ukulele" in Dundas, Ontario, and have more than 65 years of combined ukulele and music experience as teachers with the Hamilton and Halton School Boards. Both have their vocal music specialist qualifications. In retirement, they have been honing their skills and learning from the top ukulele teachers in the world, by attending numerous Ukulele International Festivals in Oregon and Nova Scotia. Each week, they instruct and lead jams for over 70 adults. **Program fee:** \$150 includes a bound intro book of chords, instructions, drills and songs to take home. Info: www.stringalongukulele.ca. (Note: Ukulele 2 weekend workshop is August 24-26).

**Saturday June 30 10 am - 12 noon - FREE PAINTNG WORKSHOP** with artist in residence Lauren Renzetti. Location: Dining hall deck. Bring white clothing to paint for the black light dances on Saturday nights at Unicamp. Lauren will supply paint and markers - all you need to bring are your duds. We will also make décor to liven up the dances. **Program fee: FREE**

**June 30: OPEN HOUSE DAY** Come tour camp, bring a picnic lunch, have refreshments and see what Unicamp is all about. **Day passes are free.**

**June 30: CONGREGATIONAL PICNICS** Come and enjoy the wild flowers, birds and trees. Swim in the pond. Hot and cold drinks provided. Day passes are free to groups this weekend. If this date doesn't work let us know and we will work something out for your congregation.



**July 1 to 6: FAMILY WEEK I** Start your summer off with a blast at our first ever 'School's Out!' Family Week. GLBTQ families are our special guests for this kick-off to summer week of swimming, dancing, drumming and playing games. **Free programming** during this week will be led by Melanie Parish and Mel Rutherford and will include workshops and discussions and some outdoor activities. Topics will include a segment from OWL (Our Whole Lives) from the Young Adult Curriculum, discussion about Queer Parenting/Queer Spawn, Consent and Negotiation: Getting what you Want, and UU Religion and Queer Activism. Come and see old friends and meet some new ones. Mel Rutherford is a FTM professor of psychology at McMaster University. He is a lifelong Unitarian and has been involved in queer activism since he was in university. Melanie Parish is an executive coach with a certification in relationship systems coaching. She is long time UU and an active volunteer and activist. Mel and Melanie are married with 3 children. They are known in Ontario for their role in the Rutherford versus Ontario legal challenge that changed the rights of lesbian parents to automatically become their children's parents without the need for adoption. Info: coachparish@gmail.com. See **page 8** for more details.

**July 6 to 8: NIA** returns to Unicamp for the seventh season! Move the Body, Clear the Mind, Ignite the Spirit. Nia is a sensory-based movement practice that leads to health and well-being. It is a beautiful blend of movement from the dance arts, the martial arts & the healing arts, based on the pleasure principle. It empowers people of all abilities by encouraging them to find awareness and ease in the way their body moves. This is a time to celebrate the joy of movement and to make new connections, both with ourselves and each other. No experience is necessary. Just come ready to move, groove and rejuvenate! **Program fee:** \$75 Wendy Roman, Black Belt Nia Instructor www.rhythmwood.ca 519-793-4687 wendy@rhythmwood.ca.

**July 6 to 8: SACRED SOUND, SACRED GEOMETRY** Sound healer, author and musician Dennis Gaumond returns for his 6th year offering a weekend of toning, chanting, singing, crystal bowls and drumming (drums provided or bring your own). This year the Sound program will be augmented by a discussion and a movie on the subject, "The Magick of Water." Is this amazing substance, which we all take for granted, the solution to all our challenges? We will use sound to bless water to take home with us. **Program fee:** \$75 info: www.whyislife.com.

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Unicamp is lucky to have the very best summer camp staff on earth! Many of last year's counselors enjoyed their summer so much that they've already agreed to return for 2012. We are thrilled to announce that Shalom Steinmetz will return as our Camp Director. It will be the best summer ever at Unicamp!

Shalom first became involved with Unicamp as a counselor. Since then he has been a CIT facilitator, a Board member, and remains an avid camper. Shalom is particularly fond of Unicamp's apples. Having recently finished undergraduate studies, he will be pursuing a Master's in Post-colonial South African literature this fall. When not busy at camp or with school, Shalom enjoys canoeing, reading, and home wine-making.



### 2012 STAFF OPENINGS

Are you a fun-loving, open minded and dedicated individual? Have you ever thought about working with children? Ever wanted to change a child's life—embolden, enrich and inspire them? If you are looking for an exciting, challenging and fun-filled summer, then you should consider working at Unicamp. Apply to work as a Counselor, Operations Crew, Maintenance, Assistant Cook, or Lifeguard. All positions are open. A summer on staff can be a very rewarding experience. If you are interested in being a part of the magic that is Unicamp, or know someone who would make a great addition to staff, be sure to visit our website and fill out an application form! [www.unicampofontario.ca](http://www.unicampofontario.ca).

### 2012 VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

Volunteer as a doctor or nurse for a week of Children's Camp or Jouth. This comes with a free space in camp for your children or a gift certificate for time equal to time worked. It's lots of fun and a great way to get to know the children and staff of Unicamp.

Volunteer as a Minister/Chaplain for a weekend or more. Unicamp is a great place to share your UU values and beliefs.

Apply online: <http://unicampofontario.ca/about/staff/apply-for-employment/>

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**Labour Day Weekend UNICAMP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** and open forum. Join us Saturday at 10 a.m. for our Open Forum and visioning session and the AGM at 1:30p.m.

**September 2 & 8 to 9: APPLE PICKING & CIDER MAKING** Join our Resident Naturalist Kendrew Pape and his family to harvest the abundant apples growing around Unicamp. There are at least 4 different varieties of heritage apples and several wild hybrids to be picked. Make your own juice using our vintage cider press. Please bring clean 2 or 4 litre bottles to take your cider home. **Program fee: FREE.**

**September 14 to 16: YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND** Join UU young adults (18-35) for a weekend of community, conversation and carousing amidst the splendors of the changing leaves. Come for a hike of the trails, pick apples and make cider, gather a crew for a workshop, or grow friendships over cards and cake. Whatever the weekend is, is up to you as participants bring their own gifts forward. With cars coming from everywhere between Montreal and Windsor, we can probably help with a ride too. Got questions? Contact the event registrar: Ian Corlett at [tenjou99@gmail.com](mailto:tenjou99@gmail.com), about cost or other information.

**September 21 to 23, 28 to 30: WORK WEEKENDS** See page 17 for details

**October 5 to 8: THANKSGIVING** A long standing tradition at Unicamp and a time for our community to come together to prepare wonderful food, give thanks and get camp ready for the long winter. It's the best time for fall colours. Enjoy hikes, campfires, fresh pressed apple cider from our harvest and our special Sunday Celebration and Dinner. Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, Brunch at 11 am. Our Cook is the only paid staff so come prepared to help with meals and some camp shut down jobs. Bring old clothes and warm stuff as it often snows. Fees include accommodation and meals from Saturday breakfast to Monday lunch. Friday night dinner is potluck so bring something to share. Fees for the weekend: Dorm or tent: \$75 adults; \$45 children 5 to 15yrs. Cottage: \$90 adults; \$50 children. Or join us just for dinner on Sunday.

**October 8: SUNDAY THANKSGIVING DINNER ONLY** (includes day pass) \$30 adult; \$18 children 5 to 15 years. Please book well in advance to help with food planning and to reserve your place at our festive table at 5 p.m.

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**Week one (July 8 - 14)** we will visit Treasure Island, where we will learn outdoor skills, practice orienteering, and swim for treasure in the pond! Each cabin will have a chance to go on their own special survival camp out!

**Week two (July 15 - 21)** we will go Around the World in 80 Days to explore cultures from around the world, try new food, experience new traditions and play games from across the globe.

**Week three (July 22 - 28)** will be Harry Potter week. Unicamp will become an even more magical place as we spend the week making wands, having feasts in the great hall, using magic (and science!) to cast some really cool spells, and we'll even play Quidditch!

Of course, each week will have lots of traditional Unicamp favourites as we sing around the camp fire, play capture the flag, and groove at the dance. It will be another amazing summer at Children's Camp!

Cost \$455.00 for each week. Discounts are listed on page 16.

**Horse back riding for children 12 years and older:** \$60.00 per week. Please contact the office for forms if you want your child to participate. Riding programs include all equipment and gentle horses, all provided by our next door neighbours. Proper shoes required. Rawhide Adventures: [www.rawhide-adventures.on.ca](http://www.rawhide-adventures.on.ca).



### **Counselors In Training July 8 - 28**

Year one of the program is all about leadership and will be a challenging and fun filled three weeks for participants age 14 or entering Grade 9. They will observe and participate in all Children's Camp activities, working with experienced counselors and with our campers. Emphasis is on learning to be a responsible leader. Cost \$1,130.00.

Year two will build on the skills learned in year one and will have extra emphasis on being a counselor and working as part of the ops crew. Participants will go off site for a 2 day wilderness camp-out. Participants must have completed Year one of the CIT program or be 15 years of age or entering grade 10. Cost \$1,130.00.

To apply for C.I.T. 519-925-6432 or <http://unicampofontario.ca/register>

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### Junior Youth (Jouth) July 29 to August 3

Jouth week will be a real blast, we'll make some new friends and time will sure go by fast! There will be time for discussion and time for games too. In this week just for teens, (aged 13 to 15) there will be great things to do: games and activities like campfires, afternoon discussions, hikes, and of course the dance! As in the past, this camp ends at 2 pm on Friday and we will keep campers later if necessary.

Cost: \$375.00, see page 16 for discounts.



A time for families to enjoy campfires, hikes, cave tours, talent night, comedy night, swimming, our famous Wednesday candlelight dinners and much more. Enjoy **2.5 hours of programming from 9:30 to noon** for children age 3 to 12 so that parents can relax (\$10 per child per day).

**July 1 to 6 - FAMILY WEEK 1:** Enjoy Queer week at Unicamp! This is an opportunity for the GLBTQ community to come together with Pride in an inclusive space and as our special guests. Everyone is welcome for a great week of programming. See page 6 for more details.

**August 7 - 12 - FAMILY WEEK 2:** Families from the Hamilton area will be our special guests this week but, of course, everyone is welcome! Book your spot early as this week is expected to fill up quickly.

**August 14 - 19 - FAMILY WEEK 3:** Families from Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge will be our special guests during this final Family Week of the summer! **This is also a special week for Dog Lovers** - bring your dog for a great week of fun and games! **Contact admin for Dog Week conditions.**

Can you offer programming for adults or kids during one of our Family Camps? Are you able to: Lead a hike? Offer a workshop? Lead a sing-along? Or maybe you'd like to lead a discussion on a topic you love? We welcome any and all ideas and encourage you to share your skills and talents to help make these Family Weeks an enriching experience. Unicamp looks to the community of family campers to help make these weeks a success for all. Please send us your ideas for special programs: [admin@unicampofontario.ca](mailto:admin@unicampofontario.ca)

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**Saturday August 25, 2pm: WILD FOODS: BLACKBERRIES** with Resident Naturalist Kendrew Pape. Discover the secret blackberry brambles in and around Unicamp. We'll be picking and eating ripe berries all afternoon! Please wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts, the bramble thorns can be sharp! Bring your own gathering bucket (don't just bring a small cup, there are lots of berries to pick and they're all fat and juicy!) **Program fee: FREE**

**August 26 to 31: PLEIN AIR STUDIO** with Artist-in-Residence Lauren Renzetti. Using Unicamp as our inspiration with its picturesque vistas, mossy craggy caves, dappled ponds, rolling hills, fantastic forests and expansive skies. Create a series of works in your media of choice with on location drawing and painting. Three sessions per day doing either drawing, watercolour painting or acrylic painting on site. Be introduced to a variety of techniques, strategies to create interesting composition, colour theory to create depth and have a constructive end of day critique to round out each day. We will explore the perfect location and capture the light of morning, afternoon and sunset. Discussion of Art movements and artists will also help round out this week long immersion into the Canadian Landscape. For adults and teens (ages 12 and up). No materials will be supplied. A materials list and enquiries can be sent to [laurenanddave@rogers.com](mailto:laurenanddave@rogers.com) **Program fee:** \$150 per participant (for a 5 day program) or \$30 per day or \$10 per two-hour session.

**August 26 to 31: SURVIVOR** Have an experience to remember at Unicamp's SURVIVOR! In the UU spirit, rather than vote people "off the island" after each challenge, the winning tribe will vote for who they think should win based on a variety of criteria. Test yourself with physical challenges, puzzles, foraging and "roughing it". The winner will receive a cash prize! We extend a special invitation to congregational youth groups and all youth to participate this week. **Program fee:** \$25. Info: [wonderwoman.33@live.com](mailto:wonderwoman.33@live.com).

**August 26-31: YOUTH WEEK** – Yes, that's right, Youth week for those 16 – 18. We've not run a youth week since 2001, but due to overwhelming demand, we will run one in 2012. There will be some structured programming, lots of Unicamp regulars like campfires, camp wide games and lots of free time for you to enjoy Unicamp. Cost: \$375.00 for this 5 day camp which ends on Friday. Contact [admin@unicampofontario.ca](mailto:admin@unicampofontario.ca) to register and to let us have your ideas for programming.

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**August 24 to 26: UNCOVER YOUR INNER BURLESQUE QUEEN** Shimmy and shake up your summer with sass! Burlesque artist and vaudevillian producer Laura Reid (aka Jezebel Dupree) will take you on a fun, creative and sensual journey of self discovery and show you a unique perspective of women's empowerment through the fascinating history of burlesque! Explore burlesque's evolution, shift and rebirth in the U.S. and in Europe. Learn about the burlesque starlets of past and present. Enjoy fun physical activity and creative exploration in an empowering voyage of self-discovery. Playful and interactive theatre games will connect confidence, humour and spontaneity. Different styles of burlesque will be introduced from classic, traditional vintage to the many flavours of the modern neo-burlesque. Through a holistic movement and dance exploration, your own unique sensual expression will emerge and "Uncover Your Inner Burlesque Queen!" Under the alias of her stage name, Jezebel DuPree, facilitator Laura Reid co-founded Hamilton's legendary burlesque and vaudeville ensemble The Steeltown Sirens, which has performed many shows across Ontario to sold out audiences. No dance experience is required for this workshop -- and just wear clothing you can move around in. We all want to feel safe and comfortable, there is no nudity. **Program fee:** \$75.00. Minimum of 8 participants (women only). Info: earthmovesme@gmail.com.

**August 24 to 26: MAGIC OF MUSIC**

Michael Moon returns for the annual Sound Healing retreat. Always a truly special weekend filled with so much fun and depth, leaving participants relaxed and glowing. Called 'the best workshop of its kind', 'So much fun and very relaxing', 'an amazing experience' by participants. We learn to work with our voices to harmonize our emotions and physical wellbeing. Instruments (crystal bowls, gongs, guitar, drums, xylophone) are incorporated yet the voice remains our primary tool. This weekend is not about musical talent; anybody can participate while musicians will find powerful tools to deepen their experience of music making. Includes a concert Saturday night. **Program fee:** \$75. Info: thetempleofsound@yahoo.com.



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**August 3 to 6: OWL FACILITATOR TRAINING** (Grades 7-9 & 10-12) "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) is a positive, comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education program based on the values of self-worth, sexual health, respect, responsibility, compassion, right relations, justice and inclusiveness. Our faith has a long tradition of commitment to the importance of sexuality education, affirming the connections between our spirituality as Unitarian Universalists and our sexuality as human beings throughout our lives. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, OWL not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. This OWL Training is a valuable networking and training opportunity for congregational leaders who want to facilitate OWL with Grades 7-9 and 10-12 youth. DREs, RE Chairs, Youth Advisors and Ministers are also welcome. The ideal candidate will:

- be an established member/friend of the congregation
  - be recommended for training by your community's leadership
  - affirm the values and goals of "Our Whole Lives"
  - understand their own sexuality, gender identity and sexual orientation
  - have previous experience working with/facilitating programs for youth
  - have adequate knowledge and comfort addressing sexuality related issues
  - attend all of the training sessions required for the course completion
- Neal DenHollender and Monica Bennett became OWL trainers over 10 years ago and have since conducted many OWL trainings. **Program fee:** \$150 (min. 10 registrants) Info: neal.denhollender@gmail.com & monicaebennett@yahoo.com.

**August 3 to 6: LEARN TO PLAY LEAD GUITAR** This workshop will introduce the basics of soloing and improvising on guitar. We'll look at a variety of scales—major, minor, pentatonic and diminished. Alternate picking. Hammer-ons, pull-offs. Which notes to play over which chords. How to improvise. We'll look at a couple of well known lead solos and do some jamming. Easier than it looks! Program leader Jeff Mahoney has been playing guitar for 40 years and plays lead guitar for Rocketship 7, a Hamilton band. He is a member of First Unitarian Church of Hamilton. **Suggested program fee:** \$50 or pay what you can. Info: jmahoney@thespec.com.

**August 3 to 6: BELLY DANCING** Shake your hips, shimmy, move sensuously. We will learn various Egyptian, Oriental, and Tribal style moves and a dance – those of us who would like to perform will do so at the coffee house on Sunday evening. A great workshop for mothers and daughters! Facilitated by Jessica Fleguel. **Program fee:** \$75. Info: wonderwoman.33@live.com.

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**Saturday August 4: CIVIC HOLIDAY WEEK-END COMMUNAL PAINTING PROJECT** Help paint a large canvas of dragonflies. Join Artist-In-Residence Lauren Renzetti in creating this permanent installation for our community. For 2011 our communal painting was a turtle from our pond, pictured here. **Program fee: FREE**



**Sunday, August 5: COFFEE HOUSE** An open mike talent show starting at 7:30pm. This event is one of the highlights of every summer! **Program fee: FREE**

**August 7 to 12: FAMILY CAMP II** See page 8 for more details.

**August 7 to 12: OPUS 2012** Opus is the annual spiritual retreat of the Continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Network. We are an intentional community of seekers exploring liberal religion, social justice and diversity. In the spirit of strengthening our young adult community - and having some serious UU fun - join us at Unicamp for four days of camping and reconnecting as we celebrate the Canadian return of this amazing event! There's something for everyone at Opus! We share a respectful, transparent environment where everyone between 18 and 35 years old is welcomed and encouraged to participate. Workshops will involve artistic exercises, philosophical discussions, environmental action and spiritual reflection. Diverse and dynamic workshops will happen daily, co-led by participants and Chaplains. Of course, we cannot forget the sweet sound of the campfire, the fresh air in our lungs, fun in the water, and the time away from the outside world. Families and newcomers are encouraged to contact us for more information. **Program fee:** contact 2012opus@gmail.com Register: connectuu.com.

**August 10 to 12: NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION** Communicating with Compassion: Are you interested in learning to communicate in ways that are respectful of others and yet also respectful of what is most important to you? Would you like to learn how to transform conflict and create harmony in your relationships? This workshop, led by Aukje Byker, a long time Unicamper, is based on the NonViolent Communication (NVC) techniques developed by Marshall Rosenberg. This interactive workshop will give you an opportunity to learn the basic skills of NVC and to practice using them in real situations. Aukje is an NVC Certification Candidate and has attended many NVC workshops including a nine day workshop with Marshall Rosenberg. **Program fee:** Pay what you can - between \$25 and \$150. Info: aukje@cogeco.ca.

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**August 17 to 19: SACRED CIRCLE DANCE** Barbara Herring has been a facilitator of Sacred Circle Dance since 1996. She has led dance events in Ontario, BC, and the USA and supported the development of many circle dancing groups. Barbara brings a sense of calmness, joy and reverence and shares this in the dance. Join us as we explore the world around us and within, through music and movement. Dances are simple, relaxing and playful, drawn from cultures all over the world, uniting us in mind, body and spirit. No experience or partners needed, just a playful spirit. Bring drums, stories or dances to share, scarves and sacred objects to adorn our dance area. Book early, enrollment is limited to 35. **Program fee:** \$60. Info, Barbara: 705-748-6886, barbfish1@sympatico.ca.

**August 20 to 24: WRITE YOUR LIFE!** The third annual Writers' Retreat takes place from Monday August 20th at 7.30 p.m. until Friday August 24th at noon. We will concentrate on Memoirs. Bring old photos, letters, memorabilia, and an open heart and mind. The workshop will offer plenty of opportunities to write personal stories which can be developed into a memoir. Learn how you can create a legacy of love for your family and friends. No writing experience necessary. We will have a balance of solitude and sharing. Come and be inspired by the beauty of Unicamp and the support of kindred spirits. Facilitated by Valerie Nielsen, who leads The Writers' Circle at The First Unitarian Church of Hamilton. She has facilitated many retreats and workshops on creativity and spirituality. Valerie is currently the President of The Tower Poetry Society, one of the oldest poetry collectives in North America. **Program fee:** \$150. Info: valerie01@sympatico.ca or phone 905-643-5425.

**August 24 to 26: UKULELE 2** For people who are comfortable with Ukulele 1 and wish to move forward at a stress-free pace. Enrollment limited to 25. See UKULELE 1 on page 5 for more information. **Program fee:** \$150.00, includes instruments for the weekend, all music and instruction sheets.

**August 24 to 26: ART WEEKEND** Join Artist-in-Residence Lauren Renzetti for a weekend of working on art projects. **Program fee:** \$50 for the full weekend or \$10 for Friday, \$30 for Saturday and \$10 for Sunday. Info: laurenanddave@rogers.com.

**August 24 to 26: HIKING** Join experienced Bruce Trail Hikers, Frank Kuznik (frankkuznick@hotmail.com) and John Riley, 905-271-3889. There will be a 14-15 km hike on Saturday and a shorter one on Sunday. 9 am start both days. Sunday's hike will finish in time for Unicamp's Sunday Service. If there is sufficient interest a walk around Unicamp and the surrounding area will be scheduled. **Program fee:** \$25.00

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