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Greetings Unicampers!



Our summer programming is well underway and there's so much more to come... Kids campers are back at Unicamp for the first time since 2019! Thanks to our hard working and adaptable staff, kids are being kept safe while enjoying the same fun and magic that kids camp always brings!

But don't forget!

This year, campsites are available to book throughout July, so you can enjoy Unicamp all summer long!

With August fast approaching, there's also tons of amazing adult programs to look forward to! Click [here](#) to view the list of programs offered and to register.

For those of you who made early bookings before we'd finalized our plans for the season, we're happy to announce that meals will be available for purchase from the dining hall! We are accepting meal bookings for guests visiting Unicamp between July 31, 2021 - September 5, 2021. Find meal plans and individual meal prices on our [online booking platform](#). Please book well in advance to allow the kitchen adequate time to shop and prepare.

A Message from the Nominating Committee



The Nominating Committee of Unicamp is looking for 3 or 4 people who are interested in helping Unicamp and may not be able to do physical work but can do brain work.

Do you like planning, numbers, spreadsheets, being task oriented?

There is one meeting a month that tends to require 3 hours of time and about 10-12 hours of work in a month to get all of the tasks done to keep this community going.

If you have an interest in how Unicamp works and want to make a difference to one of the longest standing Canadian Unitarian Universalist Communities in Canada [please send an email to the chair of nominating at: aukjc@cogeco.ca](mailto:aukjc@cogeco.ca).

Sending an email is not a commitment, just a possible interest or asking for more information about the roles.

The roles we are trying to fill are Treasurer, Communications and Property.

The 2021 Unicamp Annual General Meeting



Unicamp's 2021 AGM will be held on Saturday, September 18th at 10 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting link will be sent out to the community prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there!

The final meeting of the 2020/2021 Board of Directors will be on August 11th via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend! The meeting link will be shared via the Unicamp email mailing list prior to the meeting.

Walking a Labyrinth During a Pandemic

By Helen Iacovino



There is so much that is uncertain during any pandemic, including this one. The labyrinth is no stranger to uncertainty – it welcomes people with their questions, welcomes whatever it is that you're wrestling with. These days, we are all wrestling, in one way or another. We have been wrestling for over a year, and we are tired and in need of refreshment.

Walking a labyrinth can often be a healing experience, leading to greater insight, or a sense of peace. We encourage you to walk Unicamp's labyrinth when you are at camp – to take 20 minutes out of your day, and experience the patterns of sun and shade, the flowers, the ripening blackberries, the shadows in the woods on its northern flank, the stream gurgling nearby.... Bring your questions and your doubts, bring the losses you are mourning, bring your hopes and desires.

You will be bringing them anyway – it's surprising what surfaces when you walk a labyrinth. It is said that the labyrinth meets you where you are, provides what you need in that particular moment.

While the provincial COVID-19 restrictions are in effect, you will want to be distancing (keeping 2 metres apart) from anyone who is not in your household, like anywhere at Unicamp and in the outside world. Due to these requirements, it is recommended that people walk the labyrinth either alone, one at a time, or only with those in their household. When there are several people walking at a time, distancing is close to impossible in a labyrinth – at some point during your walk, you will meet everyone else who is in the labyrinth with you, and sometimes you will walk parallel to them for a short time.

What about children? Children love labyrinths – they seem drawn to them by instinct, and often will run through them. This is of course perfectly OK – every human being (and at night, also toads, skunks, raccoons and other creatures) gets to experience the labyrinth in their own way, in the way that is right for them – you can walk it at your own pace, whatever that may be.

Unicamp's labyrinth has been onsite since October 2005 – over fifteen years! – when it was set up by the Wild Ginger Witches group. It was a generous bequest to Unicamp by Betty Bean Kennedy; it had originally been in her backyard and a source of comfort in her final years. For more information about labyrinths, you can check out [Unicamp's Labyrinth Booklet](#) or any of the books and websites listed on the last page of this booklet.

Labyrinth Workshop and Walk Focusing on the Journey Theme with Helen Iacovino

JULY 31, 2021, 9:30-12:00 noon

The journey, particularly the Hero's Journey which is our journey of self-knowledge and spiritual discovery, is frequently associated with the labyrinth. It represents our common life path, and a path leading to a goal (the centre) and back out again into the world, something transformative. It also represents the convoluted journey we have all taken during this pandemic, with all the inherent uncertainty. We will explore these themes. Will not include a labyrinth walk, because distancing is impossible in a group labyrinth walk. Instead it is recommended that participants walk Unicamp's labyrinth on their own or with their household sometime before and/or after the workshop. No fee. Information: Helen Iacovino, hiacovino9@gmail.com or 647-637-1868. [Register here](#).

Exciting News from the Board of Directors!

At Wednesday's July meeting, the Unicamp Board of Directors moved to

add an additional dog friendly week to our August calendar this year!

More information – including which week it will be – coming soon!

Please email bookings@unicampofontario.ca if you have any questions.



The Unicamp staff and Board of Directors would also like to remind all campers that access to Cowpye Hill is a privilege gifted by our neighbour, the Peace Valley Ranch.

Campers are reminded that they must stay only on the hill and not move further down the hill or into the land surrounding it. They must also respect the animals residing within that space and must not approach grazing cows or horses.

Since its inception, Unicamp has enjoyed a special relationship with Peace Valley Ranch, built on mutual trust and respect. We all have a part to play in ensuring the health of that relationship going forward. Failure to follow the rules listed above could lead to Unicamp's access to Cowpye Hill being revoked.

We hope to see you at Unicamp this summer!

Thanks for being a part of our wonderful community :)

