



**Bonus Unicamp Newsletter - Labour
Day Weekend
Bonus Candlelight Dinner!**



Join us in celebrating our final
Candlelight Dinner of the season this
Saturday, September 2nd at 7pm! These
dinners are a Unicamp favourite,
featuring a delicious multi-course meal

and table service.

This dinner is a fundraiser for Unicamp
with a sliding scale of between \$30-\$60
per guest.

The last day to register is Thursday,
August 31st, at 9 am.

Please sign up by contacting us:
bookings@unicampofontario.ca or 519-
925-6432.

We can't wait to see you then!

Sept. 1- 4: Magical Labour Day Weekend

This very special weekend includes a candlelight fundraising
dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, a fairy high tea with Rev.
Pat Trudeau at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 3, followed by a magical

fairy walk at dusk that day (dress in your fairy finery!). Also includes drum circle, art-making, Saturday night dance and Sunday service.

Last Chance!



POP Up Art Shop

**Sunday, September 3rd from 11 a.m.-4
p.m.**

At the big tent, rain or shine!

Works for sale by Unicamp

artists.Purchase! Support the ARTS! Sell &

Buy- both encourage beauty & creativity!

If you have something to sell, whether it's

art, music, books, videos, photographs, ceramics, jewelry, cards, baked goods, clothing or crafts, just show up with your artworks with clearly labelled prices & signage. Please bring a table or display stand for your work.

If you want to purchase: We offer works by Unicampers. Unicamp & its community offers you a wonderful opportunity to buy something from like minded individuals.

Support the arts! Cash & cheques & e-transfer are all awesome. Come with an open mind & open pocketbook.

For more information

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A Few Family Camp Highlights

Kate Macdonald, Family Camp Program Director

**A big thank you to all the incredible
Unicampers who have helped make this
August so special, including all our lovely
guests, and our program facilitators, like
Poet-in-Residence Helen Iacovino and
Minister-in-Residence Reverend Patricia
Trudeau!**

Musician in Residence

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Residence**

It was a treat to have Susanne Maziarz (musical director at Neighbourhood UU) join us at Unicamp for Family Camp week 1! Susanne's well-attended workshops were a real crowd favourite. Susanne offered morning chants, daily song circles, and group singing including pick-up choir for Sunday Service. Thank you, Susanne!

Artist in Residence

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Residence**

It was an absolute privilege to welcome Vivian Chong back to Unicamp from August 13-26! Guests enjoyed Vivian's daily yoga, meditation, and Qi Gong programming. On August 17th, Vivian and co-director Kathleen Rea screened their dance-theatre production "Dancing with the Universe" to a packed crowd on the Dining Hall Deck. The film was followed by an artist Q&A with copies of Vivian's book *Dancing after TEN*, and Kathleen's book *The Healing Dance: The Life and Practice of an Expressive Arts Therapist* available for sale.



Abolition is Love

On Monday August 14th, we were joined by Syrus Marcus Ware and long-time Unicamper Alannah Fricker to discuss their upcoming children's book, "Abolition is Love". Children enjoyed a book reading, colouring pictures from the story, and making their own story books. Later, we gathered around the campfire to talk about what police and prison abolition means to us, and how to sow seeds of abolition in our own lives and imagine a future in which we deal with conflict, crisis, and harm in new ways.

Syrus and Alannah's beautiful book will be released at the

end of September 2023:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/715566/abolition-is-love-by-syrus-marcus-ware/9781644212554>



[Image Description: A crowd of 30+ Unicampers gathered on the Dining Hall Deck in the dark, gazing toward the projector screen watching a recording of “Dancing with the Universe” directed by Vivian Chong and Kathleen Rea.]

Racism in Canada

Dr. Wilburn Hayden and Rev. Patricia Trudeau have offered weekly conversation circles on racism in Canada throughout August. This work is deeply

necessary both within the Unicamp community and in Canadian society at large. Workshop participants were introduced to survey results illustrating the disconnect between the perceptions of white UUs and the lived experiences of Black, Indigenous, and racialized UU congregants. Canada's key role in the trans-atlantic slave trade, including the reality of slavery in Canada was a key topic as well as ongoing experiences of interpersonal and systemic racism in Canada, and moving towards dismantling white supremacy and colonialism. Participants were offered many resources to continue their learning journeys beyond the circle.

The final conversation circle for the season will take place this **Saturday September 2 at 4:00pm**. It is free for all Unicamp guests and open to all. Learn more about Dr. Hayden's important work and research at his website: <https://wilburnhayden.com/>

8th Principle Film Night

Last Thursday, campers enjoyed two landmark Indigenous films on the Dining Hall Deck. If you missed the double feature, you can watch from home for free on the National Film Board website:

The Other Side of the Ledger: An Indian View of the Hudson's Bay Company

Martin Defalco & Willie Dunn - 1972, 42 min

“The Hudson’s Bay Company’s 300th-anniversary celebration in 1970 was no occasion for joy among the people whose lives were tied to the trading stores. Narrated by George Manuel, then president of the National Indian Brotherhood, this landmark film presents Indigenous perspectives on the company whose fur-trading empire drove colonization across vast tracts of land in central, western and northern Canada. There is a sharp contrast between the official celebrations, with Queen Elizabeth II among the guests, and what Indigenous people have to say about their lot in the Company’s operations. Released in 1972, the film was co-directed by Martin Defalco and Willie Dunn—a member of the historic Indian Film Crew, an all-Indigenous production unit established at the NFB in 1968.”

https://www.nfb.ca/film/other_side_of_the_ledger/

The Ballad of Crowfoot

Willie Dunn - 1968, 10 min

“Released in 1968 and often referred to as Canada’s first music video, The Ballad of Crowfoot was directed by Willie Dunn, a Mi’kmaq/Scottish folk singer and activist who was part of the historic Indian Film Crew,

the first all-Indigenous production unit at the NFB. The film is a powerful look at colonial betrayals, told through a striking montage of archival images and a ballad composed by Dunn himself about the legendary 19th-century Siksika (Blackfoot) chief who negotiated Treaty 7 on behalf of the Blackfoot Confederacy. The IFC's inaugural release, *Crowfoot* was the first Indigenous-directed film to be made at the NFB."

https://www.nfb.ca/film/ballad_of_crowfoot/



[Image Description: Left -

Naturalist-in-Residence Mavis Kerr shows off some moths on a piece of egg carton to a crowd of three curious Unicampers. Right - Mavis unpacks a moth trap on the Dining Hall Deck, she is gesturing towards the trap while explaining how it works.]

Naturalist-in-Residence Mavis Kerr delighted Unicampers of all ages with engaging nature programming from August 18-25. One highlight was “Moth Mania”, a moth species survey in

collaboration with entomology enthusiast Alan Macnaughton.

Programming!

Check out these August and September programs – there's still space available!

Refer to the program brochure on the Unicamp website for more info and the blackboard in the dining hall for times and locations.

Sept. 1-3: Axis

Syllabus Retreat

Led by certified teacher Kathleen Rea, a variety of movement practices will be explored. The outdoor studio is wheelchair accessible and those with disabilities are welcome. Contact kathleenrea@rogers.com for more info.

Sept. 8-11: Annual

CUC Youth Retreat

Join UU young adults (18-35) for a weekend of community, conversation and carousing among the splendours of the changing leaves. Contact casey@cuc.ca for more info or visit the Facebook event here: <https://fb.me/e/B2yPtIQ>

Sept. 5-7: The Transformation Game

Certified life coach Shelley Hannah leads this extraordinary game which allows participants to set an intention and receive insights from the cards and each other. Contact shelleyhannah@proton.me for more info.

Sept. 8-10: Astrology: Your Personal Connection with the Earth and Stars

Michael Moons shares his 35 years of experience studying

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Sept. 9: All-day Nature Workshop

Janice Canning will lead this experience of walking in nature to notice the beauty of the natural world and how we can connect with it in a meaningful way.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1: 3rd Annual Six-Minute Memoir Writing Retreat

Write your 1,000-word story. Share it in six minutes. Author and memoir writing instructor Anne Bokma will guide you

the cycles of the planets and seasons and shares how they relate to your journey through life. Contact Michael through his website for more info: <https://thetempleofsound.com>

through the process of writing a personal true-life tale in an intimate and supportive group setting. No experience necessary.

For more info:
annebokmawriter@gmail.com



Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Harvest Moon Weekend: Yoga, meditation & delicious food

Chris and Anastasia Love present a very special weekend of yoga, guided meditations, dancing, drumming, a labyrinth walk and more. The legendary "Chris the Cook" will be serving up meals this weekend, including an Indian feast on Saturday night. See the Facebook event for more information:

<https://fb.me/e/OPMPkAZT>

Sept. 29-Oct. 10: Unicamp is dog-friendly!

Bring your pooch on a fall getaway to Unicamp.

Oct 6-9 Harvest Weekend

Includes drumming, a dance, Sunday service, a dream auction and harvest dinner. If you have a skill or share or items to make for the auction, please contact exec.director@unicampofontario.ca.

Oct. 10: Camp closes

Oct. 21: Unicamp annual
general meeting on
Zoom, 10 a.m.



Unicamp's Tuck Shop!

Unicamp has an all day Tuck Shop! Open during regular Admin hours. When you see a staff member working in the office, feel free to come purchase any of the following items:

Unicamp Merch!

Treats!

Caps - \$20

Kid's T-Shirts: \$20

Chip Bag (Small): \$2

Pop Can: \$3

Candy Bar: \$2

Necessities!

Soap Bar - \$4

Mini

Shampoo/Conditioner -
\$4 per bottle

Baby Wipes - \$6

Toothpaste - \$4

Toothbrush - \$4

Razor - \$2

Pair of Socks - \$3

Sunscreen - \$15

Rain Poncho - \$3

Postcards - \$3 each

Stamps - \$2 each, or 3 for
\$5

Stickers - \$2 each

45th Anniversary Mugs -
\$5



Unicamp is situated on 50 acres of forest, pond and meadow in the beautiful Mulmur Hills. Enjoy paddling and swimming in the spring-fed pond, delicious dining hall meals (vegetarian options at every meal), and free drop-in programs like tie dye and crafts, film nights, talent show, campfires, and yoga. We're located centrally about 1.5 hrs from downtown Toronto and less than one hour from Barrie or Collingwood.

Book your accommodations or day passes today: <https://unicampofontario.ca/register/>
519-925-6432



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