



Photo Courtesy of Jeff Baker

Thinking of spring? So are we!

Unicamp's 2023 program is now online — get ready to mark your calendars for camps & programs!

Reservation form for campsites: [HERE](#)

Reservation form for indoor accommodations: [HERE](#)

(Both the above forms can be used to book meals, adult programs, and day passes.)



World Turtle, Acrylic, By Many Hands, 2011



A Message from Unicamp Board President Terri Marks

It was 20 years ago, the summer of 2003, that I first came to Unicamp with my daughter, Enna. She was 4 years old at the time and enjoyed romping on the swings and doing cartwheels on the grass. I, on the other hand, enjoyed the lazy summer mornings and conversation over coffee with the other parents. We had a fabulous time that year at Family Camp and we've been coming back ever since.

It's February now and although we are still in the deep cold of winter, my mind is on this upcoming summer. Those warm summer days and starry nights are just around the corner and so Unicamp staff and Board are not hibernating (lol). No, we've been busy planning our 2023 Program Calendar and it's finally ready and you can find it on the Unicamp Website.

I am so excited for what's in store this coming summer. We have many wonderful returning programs, but also some new offerings as well. Please have a look at the calendar of events, including children's camps, Family Camps and adult programs and to see what piques your interest.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing you up at camp this year.

Until then, keep warm!

Terri Marks

President of the Unicamp Board of Directors

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We say “hello” and we say “goodbye”:

News on the staffing front

A message from Unicamp Executive Director Yvette Salinas

The early winter months of 2023 have been a busy time for Unicamp, as we're rushing to get everything from staffing to program descriptions to registrations ready for the upcoming summer. This year is even more so, as we must say goodbye to Jenny Thomas-Bojin, our outgoing Camp Director, and get Joanna Barrington onboard as our incoming Camp Director!

Jenny took the helm as Camp Director in the fall of 2019. Not only had she set Unicamp up for a successful summer that year, but she was instrumental in ensuring Unicamp survived when COVID required us to shut down in the summer of 2020. Jenny's wealth of knowledge, paired with a deep sense of kindness, carried Unicamp through two additional summers impacted by the pandemic. We were lucky to have her as Camp Director, and we are sad to see her stepping down. We want to send a big THANK YOU! and GOOD LUCK! to Jenny as she moves on to other opportunities. Hope we get to see you at Unicamp soon, Jenny :)

Joanna Barrington has been a part of the Unicamp community and staff for years. She's worked particularly well with our youth throughout the years, with the hospitality staff and has served as the Assistant Camp Director. Joanna's friendly demeanor balanced with her commitment to a job well done makes her a natural fit as our new Camp Director.

Please join me in welcoming Joanna to the team!

2023 Unicamp staff members

Executive Director: Yvette Salinas

Camp Director: Joanna Barrington

Bookkeeper: Vera Monk

Property Manager: Luc Lepage

Customer Relations & Admin Manager: Sasha Karp

Communications Assistant: Sam McGuire

Family Program Director: Kate Macdonald

Staff Positions Open!

Unicamp of Ontario is currently seeking a new Assistant Camp Director and a Children's Program Director!

The Assistant Camp Director would assist the Camp Director in managing day-to-day operations of Unicamp, including preparing the camps for the summer, developing and training the staff, managing operations staff, and ensuring a safe, meaningful and positive environment for all.

The Children's Program Director will ensure facilitation of children and youth programming in July and early August, working closely with the programming staff to ensure programming that is aligned with Unicamp's values.

To apply for these as well as all other middle management and Junior staff positions, visit our Staff Portal: unicamp.campbrainstaff.com



Dates for children, youth & family camps

CHILDREN

Kids Camp Week 1 (July 2-8): UNICORNS & MAGIC

Kids Camp Week 2 (July 9-14): OVER THE RAINBOW

Kids Camp Week 3 (July 15-22): LEGO – BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

Kids Camp Week 4 (July 23-29): UNICAMP SURVIVOR

You can register for children's programs here.

YOUTH

July 2-22: Counsellors-in-Training (CIT)

July 9-29: Leaders in Training (LIT)

July 30-August 4: Jouth

August 7 – 11: Junior Volunteer Week

You can register for Youth programs here.

FAMILY CAMPS

Family Camp Weeks are traditionally classified for geographic regions of our member congregations, but everyone is invited during any of the weeks below!

Aug 6- 12: Family Camp 1 + Dog Friendly. (Kitchener-Waterloo)

Aug. 13-19: Family Camp 2 (Hamilton/Guelph/Peterborough)

Aug. 20-26: Family Camp 3 (GTA)

Music, art, dance, memoir and more

Take your pick from some great adult programs



Writer Anne Bokma and artist Lauren Renzetti are teaming up to offer “Tapping into your Creative Spirit” at Unicamp this June – just one of many adult programs on offer.

Want to take a quick glance at some of the more than two dozen adult programs on offer this summer? You can view them [here](#).

Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment!



A Beautiful Keepsake from Unicamp Artists

It's no secret that Unicamp is a place of inspiration and creativity for so many people who spend time here. Three of those people — artist Lauren Renzetti, poet Helen Iacovino and photographer Jeff Baker — have put their work together in a lovely online publication called Unicamp is Our Muse.

You find this 11-page online publication [here](#).

Help spread the word about Unicamp!

Unicamp staff and friends will be visiting member congregations in the winter and spring to spread the word about Unicamp! If you'd like to set up a visit at your congregation, please contact Yvette at exec.director@unicampofontario.ca

Upcoming Unicamp Sundays:

February 19th: Hamilton First (Yvette)

March 5th: Grand River Unitarian (Joanna)

April 30th: Unitarian Fellowship of Peterborough (Yvette)



Lunar New Year — a poem by Helen Iacovino

from present & past lives,
from inner lives & second chances
the music drifts like snowfall
through a cat's closed eyes & nine lives,
going into everything, going deep, exploring –

there's something the cat sees or senses,
a crescendo building in the world –

now the time is ripe for waiting –
the new moon a sliver in the evening sky,
as from the west a new year approaches

carried on the moon's back
where Coyote's eyes shine through it –

there is something the cat
knows but will not tell us.

incubating, holding back,
the waiting boat
drifts on the river,
gathering its energies,
seeking the right currents,
for the sleeping cat at daybreak,
for Coyote's signal to the world.

something stirs in the west, a river, a cloudbreak,
something settles, a door
closes while nobody sees it,
as the old leaves of last autumn
swirl in a final eddy
across the day's fresh snow.

It's a new day & a new season at Unicamp

We can't wait to welcome you this spring, summer and fall!



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"When you leave a beautiful place, you carry it with you wherever you go." —Alexandra Stoddard, author & philosopher



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