



## June 2023 newsletter

We gather together: Have you booked your time at Unicamp?

Now's the time to sign up for family camps, adult programs and more

# Wear a swimsuit please

## *Bob's Beach will no longer be clothing optional*

The Unicamp board has decided that, due to insurance liability reasons, Bob's Beach will no longer be clothing optional, effective immediately. We know this comes as difficult news for many who have enjoyed the freedom of swimming in the buff over many years at Unicamp. We understand your disappointment.

Our long-time insurer notified Unicamp last month that it would no longer provide abuse liability coverage if the beach remained clothing optional. Without this coverage Unicamp cannot protect its guests, staff or others on the property in any instances of abuse claims. This creates the risk of significant legal fees and litigation expenses defending against the claims, which could potentially put the future of Unicamp at risk. Due to increasing awareness of abuse risk and liability concerns, it would be difficult to find any insurer who would provide this type of coverage in the current environment if Bob's Beach remained clothing optional.

The board understands that the privilege of having a clothing optional beach has been a unique and welcome aspect of camp that many have appreciated over the years.

The decision was made with deep regret but is considered absolutely necessary as this type of insurance is essential to protect the future of camp. If we lose this insurance, there is a real risk that our beloved Unicamp would no longer be able to operate.

We ask that everyone who attends camp respects this new rule and wears a bathing suit at both beaches at all times. While it may be tempting to flout this new guideline, doing so could do grave harm to camp.

We thank you for your cooperation.



How high's the water, mama?

And now for some good news! It was upsetting to see the pond sink to historic low levels at the end of last summer after the boards in the water tower broke. Now, thanks to the diligent efforts of Unicamp staff, and especially senior property manager Luc Lepage, the water tower has been fully repaired and the pond levels have risen to their former levels



The kids are alright — especially when they're at camp!

Children's Camp (for ages 7-13) is a truly magical time filled with fun, friends, learning and growth.

Days at camp are full of activities, including morning polar bear swims in the pond, campwide games, talent shows, dances, campfires, tie dye and so much more!

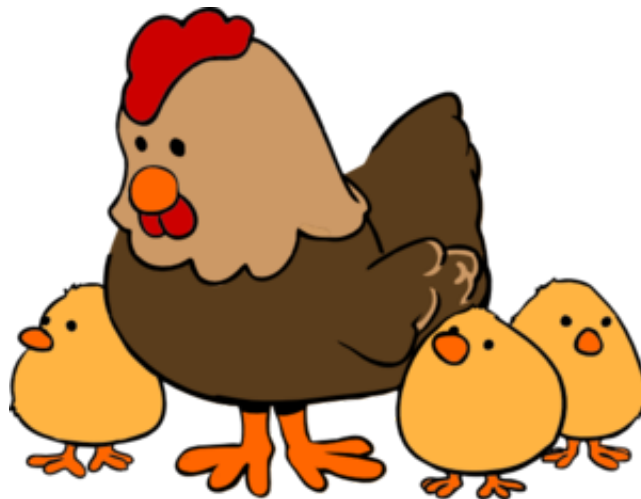
Week 1 (July 2-8) and Week 3 (July 16-22) still have a number of openings available.

Week 2 (July 9-15) and Week 4 (July 23-29)) are almost sold out.

For youth, there are a few spots open in the Leaders-in-Training (July 9-29) program and in Jouth (July 30-Aug. 4).

Counsellors-in-Training (July 2-22 ) is sold out.

Contact Unicamp to register.



## Bring the whole family to camp!

Family camp offers a wonderful way to bond with your kin over the summer. Enjoy campfires, hikes, talent night, games on the commonWednesday Candlelight dinners and more. Daily arts and crafts offerings plus childcare is available from 9:30 a.m.-12

noon for kids ages 3-12 (must be booked in advance.) Enjoy the Saturday night dance and come for the Sunday service.

See the Unicamp brochure for more information:

<https://unicampofontario.ca/brochure/>



## Help take care of the fairy doors!

Last year there were 50 fairy doors painted and placed around camp by folks at Unicamp. If those who crafted these delightful doors could kindly take care of them this season by ensuring the area around the doors is tidy, this would be much appreciated. Stewardship of the land at Unicamp is the responsibility of each and every one of us.

Artist-in-residence Lauren McKinley Renzetti will be offering fairy door painting again in August this year for those who have not had the opportunity to create a door of their own. In the meantime see if you can spot these beauties around camp!









## 3 Spots Open for Art + Words June 9-11 Weekend retreat

Unicamp artist-in-residence Lauren McKinley Renzetti and award-winning author and writing coach Anne Bokma will co-facilitate a weekend retreat designed to help you nurture and explore your creativity with the intention of connecting more deeply with yourself, with others and with nature.

No experience necessary.

Maximum participants: 15. Retreat fee: \$175. Contact [Bookings@unicampofontario.ca](mailto:Bookings@unicampofontario.ca) to register



## Honouring our dearly departed

On Sunday, August 6 around 9:30 p.m. we will repeat the special ritual of gathering to light candles and place them on the pond as a way to honour loved ones we have lost this past year. Be sure to mark your calendars for this meaningful event.



## Congrats x 2!

Assistant camp director Eli Campbell-Weiner and his wife Michelle recently welcomed twins Archer and Frederick (on Eli's birthday no less!) and he looks forward to sharing Unicamp with his newborns this summer.

"I met my wife Michelle at camp, proposed to her on the bridge behind Summerhill, and got married in the pine forest. To share

the magic of Unicamp with my kids will be incredible,” says Eli.

A hearty welcome to the youngest guests at Unicamp!

## August is prime time at camp

This August will be busier than ever at Unicamp. Check out all the amazing things that are planned.

August 4 - 13: Dog Friendly Unicamp & Susanne Maziarz  
Musician in Residence

Aug 4 - 7: Civic Holiday & Unicamp's 54th Anniversary

Aug 6: Art Show 11AM- 4PM

Aug 6 - 12: Family Camp Week 1

Aug 7 - 11: Junior Volunteer week & Music & Memoir: Finding  
Your Voice with Michael Moon & Anne Bokma. \$366.45

Aug 9: Conversation Circle on Anti-Racism 4 PM

Aug 11 - 13: Sacred Circle Dancing with Barb Herring 68.25 &  
The Power of Self Compassion with Aukje Byker. \$25 - \$262.50

Aug 13 - 19 Family Camp Week 2

Aug 13 - 26: Daily Yoga and Meditation with Vivian Chong

Aug 16: Conversation Circle on Anti-Racism 4 PM



Aug 18 - 20: Magic of Music with Michael Moon \$141.25

Aug 18 - 25: Naturalist In Residence Mavis Kerr

Aug 20 - 26: Family Camp Week

Aug 23: Conversation Circle on Anti-Racism 4 PM

Aug 25 - 27: Online Dating Workshop for Women 50+ With  
Anne Bokma & Amit Karia \$99.75

Aug 26: Seasonal Camper Mentorship Day

Aug 27 - Sept 1: Connecting with Nature Art Retreat with Lauren  
Renzetti

Aug 27 - Sept 1: Daily Yoga with Yoga Instructor - In -Residence -  
Lee Horton Carter 8AM



**The Leaf Capital Campaign is back**

## *Enshrine your name on the dining hall wall & help camp raise funds at the same time*

Purchase a wooden leaf painted with your name or your family members' names and they will be affixed to the "tree" on the dining hall deck for posterity. Funds raised go directly to capital projects for repairs at Unicamp.

Minimum donation of \$100 per leaf and of course any amount above this is awesome. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

Unicamp artist-in-residence Lauren McKinley Renzetti will paint the lettering on the leaves and install them on the tree. If you would like to honour someone who is deceased their leaves will be placed outside of the tree proper – this is a beautiful way to acknowledge someone special to you.

You can also donate funds without a leaf if you wish to remain anonymous.

Contact Unicamp executive director Yvette Salinas at [exec.director@unicampofontario.ca](mailto:exec.director@unicampofontario.ca) to place your order. Let her know what name(s) or phrase (maximum of seven short words) you would like on the leaf, your choice of colour or favourite colour combo or "leaf" it up to the leaf campaign to decide. E-transfer your donation to Unicamp of Ontario at



admin@unicampofontario.ca to help camp save on administration costs.

Thank you!



**Saturday nights are special in August at Unicamp.  
Come dance with us!**

“To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful. This is power, it is glory on earth, and it is yours for the taking.”

Agnes de Mille, dancer



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