

LEIGHTON ART CENTRE

ART & NATURE SUMMER CAMPS 2020

At the Leighton Art Centre the landscape is our setting and our inspiration!

Leighton Art Centre Summer Camps - for kids aged 6 to 12 - offer campers a hands-on connection to art, nature and Alberta's heritage. Each week, our camp participants will be inspired to create in a wide variety of art forms while exploring our natural setting through nature hikes and outdoor games and activities.

Our historic education centre is set on 80 acres of breathtaking rural scenery just 20 minutes from south Calgary. After sorting campers into cohorts of 8, our skilled instructors present daily activities that encourage creativity, exploration, learning and friendship.



Do Something New This Summer!

Experience painting, drawing, printmaking, felting, tie-dye and lots more!

Our week-long day camps inspire creativity and discovery through exploration in a variety of art forms.

All camps include an important nature component, organized games and supervised free time to play or work on art projects.

Weekly Camps
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Art & Nature Camp

Campers will explore a rich variety of mediums to find the art form(s) they love best!

Lines & Colours & Doodles, Oh My!

Campers will enjoy all the variety of Art & Nature Camp with an additional focus on drawing and painting!

Art Off the Walls!

Campers will enjoy all the variety of Art & Nature Camp with an additional focus on sculpture and tactile art media such as clay and wire.

Week	Camp
#1 July 6 - 10	Art & Nature
#2 July 13 - 17	Lines & Colours & Doodles, Oh My!
#3 July 20 - 24	Art Off the Walls!
#4 July 27 - 31	Art & Nature
#5 August 4 - 7 *	Art & Nature
#6 August 10 - 14	Art & Nature
#7 August 17 - 21	Lines & Colours & Doodles, Oh My!
#8 August 24 - 28	Art Off the Walls!

Cost

\$210 per camper/week

\$175 per camper for the short week*

*Week 5 (August 4-7)

Each Camp Registration includes:

- Placement for one camper.
- Dedicated art instructor for the week.
- Guided visit to the Leighton Art Centre Museum and Gallery.
- Supervised Nature Walk.
- T-shirt to take home - after you personalize it, of course!

** **Discounts:** LAC Members in good standing, kids registering for 3+ weeks and families registering 3+ children in the same week are eligible for a 10% discount off registration cost. **Please contact us before you register so we can provide you with a discount code to use during online registration.**

Discounts available for LAC Members, multi-week registration and families with 3+ kids!***



Weekly Camps

Art & Nature

This is the week for campers who love variety!

This is the best week for artist-adventurers who love variety! Our young campers will explore many different art techniques through a variety of mediums such as drawing, painting, tie-dye, printmaking, felting and many others! Teamed with a dedicated art instructor, they'll be inspired in their creations by the natural beauty of our rural setting. Art & Nature Camps offer days full of creativity and outdoor fun, including games, nature hikes and outdoor art making.

Offered Weeks 1, 4, 5 & 6

Lines & Colours & Doodles, Oh My!

Art & Nature Camp with a special focus on drawing and painting.

Young artists will get the variety of the Art & Nature Camp with a special focus on drawing and painting. In addition to tie dye, paper making, and weaving students will be led through extra drawing activities, plus watercolour, acrylic and mixed media painting. Our enthusiastic art instructors will help campers find inspiration for their art in the footsteps of Leightons and they will enjoy creating art in the breathtaking natural landscape.

Offered Weeks 2 & 7

Art Off the Walls!

Art & Nature Camp with a special focus on sculpture and tactile art media.

This week offers campers the chance to experiment with the many media we use during our Art & Nature weeks, with additional projects themed around sculpture and tactile art media such as clay and wire. Our dedicated artist-instructors will lead campers through a variety of projects and encourage them to think about their art from all sides and explore new ways to create!

Offered Weeks 3 & 8

Friday Art Show - cancelled for 2020

We have had to cancel our Friday art show for this year but we would love to see your photos of the art brought home by your campers! Tag us on social media or email us your pictures for the chance to be featured on our social media streams!



Bus Info

Busing is *free* for summer camp participants!

Pick-up and drop-off locations vary from week to week. Please check the schedules carefully to ensure your preferred route coincides with your desired week of summer camp.

Scheduled pick up times indicate strict bus departures; **please be at your stop 5 minutes early!**

We regret that we cannot hold the bus for late riders.

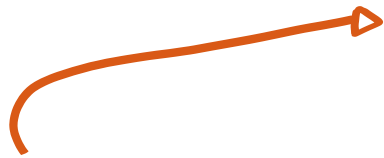
Please note: a \$25 transfer fee will apply to any child transferring to a different week of camp, following their initial registration.

We have had to cancel bus service for this year but are looking forward to reinstating it next summer!

It's a great idea to send your child with a book or another quiet activity to keep them occupied on the bus ride out to the Leighton Art Centre.

Please - no electronics or cell phones.





Here are some of the most common questions we get from parents. We have updated this list for 2020, to address concerns about COVID-19. Please see all three pages of FAQs.

If you have any other inquiries feel free to contact us!

E-Mail:
education@leightoncentre.org

Phone:
403-931-3636

- **What will my child be doing during the week at summer camp?** Your child will be immersed in Art & Nature! They will spend the week as an artist, working with a variety of media (ie. watercolour, acrylic, clay etc.) and exploring the beautiful rural landscape! Our summer camp is a fun, arts immersion program designed to build your child's talents and skills as an artist.

- **What is the age range of children who attend summer camp at Leighton Art Centre?** Our summer camp is open to children and youth 6-12 years old. If your child is completing kindergarten this year and has turned 6 by June 1st 2020, they are able to attend. Each week, the children are divided into smaller age groups and will be in the same group of kids throughout the week. These groupings are arranged based on the ages of our campers registered each week and instruction is tailored to the age level of campers.

- **What are the hours for summer camp?** Summer camp starts at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM, Monday to Friday (no camp on August 3rd, due to the statutory holiday). We ask that you call (403-931-3636) or e-mail (education@leightoncentre.org) our office if your child will miss any days of camp. We are unable to offer a discount for any missed days of camp. Please note that there is no before or after care available. Drop off will be available no earlier than 9:15 am and your child must be picked up no later than 3:45 pm.

- **Where are you located?** The Leighton Art Centre is approximately 20 minutes southwest of Calgary. [Driving directions and a map are available on our website.](#) Please note that there have been changes to the intersection at 37th Street SW and Hwy 22x since last summer!

- **What should my child wear to summer camp?**

Children should wear play clothes that they can get messy in. Please do not send them in anything nice because it most likely won't stay clean for long! The Leighton Art Centre takes no responsibility for damaged clothing. Please ensure that your child has all the layers and possible changes of clothes they will need for the day. Camp is messy and the weather can change quickly and unfortunately, this year we are not able to lend out extra clothing.

- **What should my child bring to summer camp?**

- Lunch, snacks and plenty of fluids!
- Apply sunscreen and bug spray before camp then pack them to be reapplied later in the day.
- Send your child with a hat, rain gear, and dress your child in layers. They will be outside in nature each day (sometimes in the rain) and often the morning is cool and the afternoon heats up!
- We are a rural centre. Your child will be hiking on unpaved pathways and must wear appropriate footwear and clothing (no flip flops or crocs).
- **We are a nut aware site;** please avoid sending your child with any food that contains nuts. We thank you in advance for helping keep all our campers safe.

Cancellation & Transfer Policy

If you need to cancel after registration we will issue a full refund (minus a \$25 administration fee) provided you cancel at least 4 weeks prior to the start of the booked camp.

No refunds after 30 days prior to camp start date. Transfer of your child's registration to another week of camp can be discussed at the discretion of the Education Director. A \$25 transfer fee will apply to any child transferring to a different week of camp. We are unable to pro-rate the cost of camp if your child needs to miss any day(s).

Behaviour Policy

Summer camp attendees are expected to show respect to others, the Leighton Art Centre and its natural surroundings. Children are expected to follow the rules set out by the Leighton Art Centre. Please note, the administration of the Leighton Art Centre reserves the right to remove a child from camp for behaviour that is not in keeping with the above expectations or if the child is unable to cope with the challenges of camp. - Please note that due the extra challenges of running summer camp this year we will be strictly enforcing our 3-strike policy.

- **Can my child bring electronics/cell phones to summer camp?** We ask that your child does not bring any electronics or cell phones; they are not to be used at camp and they could get damaged. The Leighton Art Centre is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- **What if my child loses something?** Please label ALL items sent to camp (clothing, lunch bags, water bottles etc.) and make a note of the personal items your child brings to camp. If you notice something missing, encourage your child to look through our Lost & Found (located in the Education Centre Office). The Friday Open House is a good opportunity for parents to check too. Items in the Lost & Found are kept until Labour Day.
- **Is there a time when I can visit my child at summer camp and share in what they are doing? Unfortunately, not this year.** In order to respect capacity restrictions and keep everyone safe we cannot offer site visits at the Education Centre for any reason. Your child will come home at the end of the week with all their art work to share with you at home!
- **Can I visit the museum and gallery when I drop my child off? Can I walk the property?** Yes, but please bring your patience! Our museum and gallery will be open Wednesday through Sunday (10 am - 4 pm) at a limited capacity and you may need to wait outside if it is busy. You are welcome to take advantage of our walking paths and enjoy our mountain views! Please remember to respect social distancing practices while you are onsite and keep in mind that we are not allowed to have parents visiting our studios this year. If you have particular concerns or you need to pick up or drop off your child outside out the usual times please contact the Director of Education at education@leightoncentre.org or by phone at 403-931-3636. Due to staffing limitations, it may take longer than usual to answer phone messages.
- **How will drop off and pick up work?** Each group will have a separate drop off/pick up location to help ensure that we do not mix our cohorts. One will be at the Museum parking lot and one will be at the Education Centre. We will email you to let you know where to drop your child off once we have created the cohorts for your week! If your drop off location is at the Education Centre and you would like to visit the museum or walk our property we ask that you drive over to the museum parking lot after you have dropped off your child; we will need to close the gates once all our campers have arrived. There will be a staff member at each location to greet you and sign in your child!

- **Does my child need to wear a mask?** This is a choice for you and your child to make together. We are encouraging masks for many of our visitors but recognize that it will be difficult to have children and instructors wearing masks all day, especially as the weather gets warmer. Instead of requiring masks, we will be encouraging campers to maintain social distancing practices, to spend lots of time outside, to wash their hands regularly, and to not touch their faces or share art supplies, personal belongings or food.
- **How will you be handling cleaning, hand washing, and shared supplies?** Each camper will have their own kit and storage shelf or cubby for supplies for the week so they will not be sharing communal scissors or pencils. Each kit will be sanitized by the instructor at the end of the day just in case! Each of our studios is equipped with running water and soap and we will also have hand sanitizer available for outside hand cleaning. Instructors will monitor hand washing when children arrive, before they eat, and before they get picked up at the end of the day. All shared surfaces such as tables and benches will be sanitized at the end of each day and throughout the day as we find necessary.
- **What if my child or another camper or staff member gets sick?** The first - and most important - rule is if your child is showing any symptoms, even the appearance of a mild cold, or has come into contact with someone with symptoms of COVID-19, you may not send them to camp. If symptoms appear prior to the start of your camp week please contact the Director of Education and we will provide you with a refund for your camp spot. If your child begins to show symptoms during the camp week or while they are at summer camp we are required to shut down for at least 3 days to allow for contact tracing and testing under the direction of Alberta Health Services (AHS). If that were to happen, we would contact all affected families and provide a partial refund for the missed days of camp. Staff who show symptoms or have come into contact with someone with symptoms will also be required to stay home. If there was a risk that they had come into contact with campers we would contact all affected families and proceed under the direction of AHS. Should this situation arise we would do our best to ensure timely and clear communication.
- **How will you handle difficult behaviour?** We always do our best to ensure that our summer camp staff has good training and experience with handling challenging behaviours in a group setting. Due to the need for social distancing and keeping our campers and staff safe, we will be strictly enforcing a 3-strike policy for children who do not follow the rules. If we need to speak repeatedly to your child about following camp rules, respecting other campers' or staff's personal space, or any kind of risky or disruptive behaviour, we will contact you to come and pick up your child. If your child is ready to return the next day while following the rules, we will be happy to have them! If the problematic behaviour is developing into a pattern we will ask you keep your child at home; the safety of our campers and staff needs to be our top priority.
- **Accessibility Needs:** To ask about special support or accommodations, please call 403-931-3636.
- **When do you require payment?** Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

Camp Hours and Parking Info

Camp begins at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM. Please note there is no before or after childcare.

Please park at your designated drop off and pick up location; there will be a camp counselor at each one to greet and direct you as you sign your camper in and out. Our Education Centre does not have room for vehicles outside of drop off and pick up hours.

Please do not park on the road, also for safety reasons.

REGISTRATION AND CONTACT

We are currently *sold out* but parents can add their campers to our waitlists through the registration page **on our website**.

To access one of our discount programs - for siblings (3 or more), Leighton Art Centre Members, or multiple-week registrations - please contact us directly before registering. We will provide you with a promo code that will give you the appropriate discount during online registration.

For further information, call our Education Centre Office at **403-931-3636** or e-mail **education@leightoncentre.org**.



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