

# LEIGHTON ART CENTRE

## ART & NATURE SUMMER CAMPS 2023

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

Leighton Art Centre Summer Camps - for kids aged 6\* to 14 - 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. Our skilled instructors present daily activities that encourage creativity, exploration, learning and friendship.

\* campers must turn 6 by July 1, 2023 to attend in 2023 (no exceptions).



# 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

**This year's awesome weekly themes\*:**

*Green Is Our Favourite Colour*

*Rocks, Crystals & Stones, Oh My!!*

*Back To The Basics*

*A Bird's Eye View*

*\* complete descriptions on next page*

Week	Camp Theme
#1 July 3 - 7	Green Is Our Favourite Colour
#2 July 10 - 14	Back To The Basics
#3 July 17 - 21	Rocks, Crystals & Stones, Oh My!!
#4 July 24 - 28	A Bird's Eye View
#5 July 31 - August 4	Back To The Basics
#6 August 8 - 11*	Green Is Our Favourite Colour
#7 August 14 - 18	Rocks, Crystals & Stones, Oh My!!
#8 August 21 - 25	A Bird's Eye View

## Cost

**\$299 per camper/week**

\$249 per camper for Week 6  
(August 8-11; no camp on August 7th)

note: prices include GST & service fees

## Each Camp Registration includes:

- Placement for one camper.
- Dedicated art & nature instructor for the week.
- Guided visit to the Leighton Art Centre Museum and Gallery.
- Supervised nature walk and outdoor play.

**\*\* 10% Member Discount & Early Registration:** All members that are paid up before 9 am on January 12th will receive an email with links to register, plus a coupon code for 10% off. If you join after 9 am on January 12, look for the links and code in your welcome email.

10% discount  
& early registration  
available for  
LAC Members!\*\*



# Weekly Camps

**Here's a detailed list of all our weekly camps.**

Choose your favourite. Well... that may be more than one!

## **Green Is Our Favourite Colour**

Empower your child with a better understanding of environmental issues with this eco-friendly themed summer camp. Reduce, reuse and recycle is the name of the game, as campers learn about the importance of sustainability and how to apply these principles to their artwork by repurposing materials and reducing waste. A fantastic opportunity to teach future generations about the benefits of going green - while enjoying the stunning scenery of the Foothills.

**Offered Weeks 1 & 6**

## **Back To The Basics**

Travel back in time as we return to the roots of the Leighton Art Centre and have fun with fibre art. Campers will have an opportunity to try different textile techniques such as weaving, tie-dye, batik and needle felting, while learning about our talented founder, Barbara Leighton. Children will also be educated about the origins of different fabric materials and how they are processed to become products we use. A one of a kind experience to revisit the old ways and make them new, once again.

**Offered Weeks 2 & 5**

## **Rocks, Crystals & Stones, Oh My!!**

Rock your child's world with this unique summer camp experience. Campers will learn about the different scientific categories, processes and uses of rocks, crystals and other magnificent stone formations. They will be encouraged to explore these materials firsthand by making paint, witnessing chemical reactions and creating rock inspired art. All of the above with a breathtaking view of the most impressive rocks of all - the Rocky Mountains.

**Offered Weeks 3 & 7**

## **A Bird's Eye View**

Help your child's knowledge take flight as they learn all about the local birds. This summer camp focuses on understanding and appreciating the life cycles, behaviour and beauty of our native feathered friends. Campers can observe them in their natural habitat via the birding routes/houses on Leighton Art Centre property. In addition they will make crafts dedicated to these amazing animals by getting creative with feathers, twigs and clay. Come spread your artistic wings with us!

**Offered Weeks 4 & 8**

**Friday Art Show - come and admire the artwork created at camp!**

Each weekly session concludes on Friday afternoon with an Open House & Art Show put together by the campers. Family and friends are invited to view the projects on display between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM.

# Bus Info

**Busing is free for summer camp participants!**

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.**

## BUS ROUTE & SCHEDULE

STOPS	ADDRESS	SIGN IN	SIGN OUT
<b>A</b>	Dr. Freda Miller School (Evergreen) 211 Everbrook Dr SW Calgary AB T2Y 0E8	8:50 am	4:10 pm
<b>B</b>	Battalion Park School (Signal Hill) 369 Sienna Park Dr SW Calgary, AB T3H 4S2	8:30 am	4:30 pm

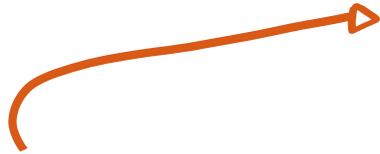
Camp starts at 9:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm.

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 Leighton Art Centre.

Please - no electronics or cell phones.



# FAQs



**These are some of the most common questions we get from parents. Please review all three pages of FAQs.**

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

E-Mail:  
[education@leightoncentre.org](mailto: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. printmaking, 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 6-14 years old. If your child has turned 6 by July 1, 2023, they are able to attend. This year, we plan to have 3 groups of 20 campers each week.
- **Can my child be in the same group as their friend?** You are welcome to send us a request for your child to be in the same group as a friend. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to place them together. Group placement decisions are at the discretion of the Camp Director.
- **Can siblings be in the same group?** We do our best to accommodate requests to have siblings in the same group but encourage children to go in their own separate groups according to age. Lunch is a great time for siblings to be together and our groups are never too far away from one another if there is ever a concern. Group placement decisions are at the discretion of the Camp Director. The interests of all our campers, as well as parent requests, will be carefully taken into consideration at all times.
- **What are the hours for summer camp?** Camp begins at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM, Monday to Friday (no camp on August 7th, due to the statutory holiday). We ask that you call (403-931-3636) or e-mail our office ([education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org)) 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?** Leighton Art Centre is approximately 20 minutes southwest of Calgary, at 282027 144 Street West, Foothills AB. More information is available [on our website](#).
- **What if I need transportation for my child?** Busing is free for summer camp participants! See our bus information, in this package or online. It is very important that you have your child ready at the bus stop for sign-in at least 5 minutes before the actual pick-up time so our bus can stay on schedule!
- **What if I miss meeting the bus to pick up my child!?** Your child will stay on the bus and ride to the next stop. Call Southland Transportation (403-398-2244) to arrange to meet the bus. If you miss the bus in the morning, please drive your child to the next stop on the route (time permitting) OR directly to Leighton Art Centre.

## **Cancellation & Transfer Policy**

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If you need to cancel after registration we will issue a full refund, 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 (per child, per week) 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**

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Summer camp attendees and their families/guardians are expected to show respect to others, the Leighton Art Centre and its natural surroundings. Children and parents/guardians 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. We will be strictly enforcing our 3-strike policy.

- **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! 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.
- **Can my child bring electronics/cell phones to summer camp?** We ask that your child does not bring any electronics or cell phones; they may not be used at camp and they could get damaged. 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). 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?** Yes! Friday afternoon on the last day of camp we hold an Open House and Art Show! The Open House is a drop-in for families, anytime between 3:00 - 3:30 PM on Fridays. This is a great opportunity to share in the joy of your child's learning and discoveries! Parents will take their child home with them after they have toured the camp art exhibit and museum. Please note that staff supervision is only available until 3:30 PM and children must be picked up prior to this time. The Art Show is not mandatory, we understand if you are unable to attend. The bus will run as usual and we will provide your child with alternate activities and some special attention after 3 pm.

## Camp Hours and Parking Info

Camp begins at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM. There is no before or after childcare; please try not to arrive before 9:15 AM or after 3:30 PM.

Sign-in and sign-out for summer camp will be done at the museum parking lot, there will be a camp counselor to greet and direct you as you sign your camper in and out.

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



- **Can I visit the museum and gallery when I drop my child off or before I pick them up? Can I walk the property?** Yes. The house is open 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday – Sunday, but you are also welcome to walk the property immediately after drop-off on camp days. If you have particular concerns or you need to pick up or drop off your child outside the usual times please contact our summer camp staff via email ([education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org)) or by phone (403-931-3636).

- **What if my child or another camper or staff member gets sick?** Please do not send your child to camp with any cold or flu symptoms. If your child becomes sick while at camp, we will contact you to pick them up. We have sufficient staff to cover in the event a staff member is off sick.

- **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. 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 email [education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org).

- **When do you require payment?** Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

- **Why would I want to become a Leighton Art Centre member?** For summer camp, members receive 10% off registration fees and the opportunity to register before the general public (only 1 parent/guardian needs to be a member). Members also receive 10% off our Art & Nature workshops and purchases in our Gallery Shop, year-round. There are further perks for artists. Membership cost is \$50/year. Find out more or sign up today [on our website](#). If you are joining as a member after 9 am on January 12th, check your welcome email for links and a discount code.

## REGISTRATION AND CONTACT

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Advance registration for current Leighton Art Centre members begins on January 12, 2023. All current members (as of 9 am that day) will receive an email containing registration links and a coupon code. If you are a current member and don't receive this email by 10:30 am on January 12th, please check your spam folder and then reach out to us for assistance.

Public registration begins at 10 am on January 17, 2023.

Registration is only available online, through **our website**.

### **New Members joining after 9 am on January 12th...**

Registration links and your 10% discount code will be included in your welcome email. Please note: the discount is applied on registration fee, not including tax & service charge.

For further information, please contact our Education Centre team by e-mail: [education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org) or phone: **403-931-3636**.



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