

LEIGHTON ART CENTRE

ART & NATURE SUMMER CAMPS 2024

At Leighton Art Centre we explore, get inspired by, and learn to respect and protect nature!

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, 2024 to attend in 2024 (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*:

- *Woodland Creatures!*
- *Make It Pop!*
- *Bring Back the Bison!*
- *Three-Dimensional Art!*

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Week	Camp Theme
#1 July 2 - 5*	Woodland Creatures!
#2 July 8 - 12	Make It Pop!
#3 July 15 - 19	Bring Back the Bison!
#4 July 22 - 26	Three-Dimensional Art!
#5 July 29 - August 2	Woodland Creatures!
#6 August 6 - 9*	Make It Pop!
#7 August 12 - 16	Bring Back the Bison!
#8 August 19 - 23	Three-Dimensional Art!

Cost

\$329 per camper/week

* \$263 per camper for short weeks (1, 6) (July 2-5, Aug. 6-9, due to stat holidays)

Camp 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 current members will receive an email with links to register, plus a coupon code for 10% off at 10AM on January 12. If you join after 10AM on January 12, look for the links and coupon code in your Welcome Email.

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LAC Members!**



Weekly Camps

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

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

Woodland Creatures!

Explore the hidden wonders of the forest and unleash the artist within. An unforgettable week where imagination flourishes, friendships blossom, and a newfound love for both art and nature takes root in the hearts of our campers. Each art project will encourage self-expression while fostering an intimate connection with our environment. Campers will learn about healthy environments for all our woodland creatures!

Offered Weeks 1 & 5

Make It Pop!

Get ready for an unforgettable journey blending art, history, and nature like never before! Take the creative spark outdoors by immersing in a kaleidoscope of creativity inspired by the iconic Pop Art movement. Explore contemporary and historical artists and dive deep into a fusion of techniques and mediums. It will be a whirlwind of projects bursting with colour, energy, and innovation influenced by the flora and fauna that surrounds Leighton Art Centre.

Offered Weeks 2 & 6

Bring Back the Bison!

A week of creativity meets conservation where we celebrate all things bison. Embark on an exciting journey to explore the magnificent world of the bison and their crucial role in the grassland ecosystem. An exploration of what is being done to help protect these powerful and iconic mammals through storytelling, art, and play. Campers will learn the importance of coexisting with nature. We will discuss our responsibility to protect and restore balance and inspire each other to be good stewards of the land.

Offered Weeks 3 & 7

Three Dimensional Art!

Expect a week filled with laughter, discovery, and the joy of creating art that might defy gravity. All hands on deck for an exploration of thrilling projects, art history, and creativity that encourages individual expression. Our young artists will take their creative spark outdoors by venturing into 80 acres of landscape to harvest naturally found objects and elements for their art ethically. Drawing inspiration from the world of miniatures to iconic sculptures campers will explore a wide variety of mediums and techniques with their hands to help shape their artwork.

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
A	Dr. Freda Miller School (Evergreen) 211 Everbrook Dr SW Calgary AB T2Y 0E8	8:50 am	4:00 pm
B	Battalion Park School (Signal Hill) 369 Sienna Park Dr SW Calgary, AB T3H 4S2	8:30 am	4:25 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!

Email:
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 July 1 or August 5, due to statutory holidays). We ask that you call (403-931-3636) or e-mail our office (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 our bus cell (number provided in the 'welcome to camp' email) 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

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

Summer camp attendees and their families/guardians are expected to show respect to others, 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 during the summer 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) 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.
- **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

Advance registration for current Leighton Art Centre members begins on January 12, 2024. All current members will receive an email with registration links and discount code by 10AM that day. If you are a *current* member and don't receive this email by 10:15AM, please check your spam folder and then email education@leightoncentre.org for assistance.

General registration begins at 10 am on January 16, 2024.

Registration is available online only, through **our website**. No registration by phone.

NEW MEMBERS joining after 10AM on January 12, 2024:
Registration links and your 10% discount code will be included in your welcome email. Please note: the discount is applied on registration fees, not including tax & service charge.

For further information, please contact our Education Centre team by email: education@leightoncentre.org or phone: **403-931-3636**.



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