

# LEIGHTON ART CENTRE

## ART & NATURE SUMMER CAMPS 2025

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

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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, 2025 to attend Summer of 2025 (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

Below are this year's awesome weekly themes, with complete descriptions on the next page:

- **Flower Power!**
- **North Star Navigators!**
- **Monster Mash!**
- **Wild at Heart!**

Week	Camp Theme
#1 July 2-4*	Wild at Heart!
#2 July 7-11	Flower Power!
#3 July 14-18	Monster Mash!
#4 July 21-25	North Star Navigators!
#5 July 28 - August 1	Flower Power!
#6 August 5-8*	Wild at Heart!
#7 August 11-15	Monster Mash!
#8 August 18-22	North Star Navigators!

## Early Bird Pricing - January 6 -31, 2025

**10% Member Discount & Early Registration:** All current Leighton Members will receive an email on January 6th with registration links, plus a coupon code for 10% off. If you join after January 6, look for the links and coupon code in your Welcome Email.

## General Pricing - February 1, 2025 (includes bus transportation)

\$335 per camper/week

\*\$201 per camper for 3-day week (Week 1: July 2-4)

\*\$268 per camper for 4-day week (Week 6: August 5-8)

Note - pricing does not include Eventbrite 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.

## Weekly Camps

Here's a detailed list of all our weekly camps.  
Choose your favourite. Well... that may be more than one!

### Wild at Heart!

Get ready for an adventure into Alberta's wild side! Campers will explore the world of Alberta's canines and felines—like wolves, coyotes, cougars, and bobcats—through art projects, games, and outdoor exploration. Learn about these predators, their habitats, and their role in the ecosystem. Whether you're team canine or feline, this camp promises fun, friendships, and inspiration for a paws-itably unforgettable time!

**Offered Weeks 1 & 6**

### Flower Power!

Join us for a week of fun celebrating Alberta's plants—native and invasive species alike! Explore our 80-acre wild landscape, create "flower power art," and discover the traditional meanings and medicinal uses of local flora. Campers will enjoy flower-inspired projects like natural plant inks, painting, and printmaking. It's a week of hands-on learning, nature connection, and blooming creativity for budding environmentalists and artists!

**Offered Weeks 2 & 5**

### Monster Mash!

Get ready for a thrilling week of artistic fun! Campers will explore mythical creatures, legendary beasts, and imaginative monsters through storytelling, art projects, and outdoor adventures—including a look at local legend Bigfoot. They'll experiment with various art techniques like drawing, painting, printmaking, and tie-dye. It's a week of creativity, curiosity, and spooky fun for campers who love myths, legends, and unleashing their imaginations!

**Offered Weeks 3 & 7**

### North Star Navigators!

This week will celebrate Northern Canada discover all of the beauty, culture, and natural wonders of Canada's north! Did you know that our Founding Member, Barbara Leighton, spent time in Northern Canada where she learned about one of her favourite art forms, Printmaking. Through adventure, play, and creative art projects, your adventurer will have a blast learning more about our northern lights, Arctic wildlife, Northern Canada's Indigenous art, and the rich stories and traditions of the region.

**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 included 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>	<b>Dr. Freda Miller School (Evergreen)</b> 211 Everbrook Dr SW Calgary AB T2Y 0E8	8:50 am	4:00 pm
<b>B</b>	<b>Battalion Park School (Signal Hill)</b> 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 the Leighton Art Centre.

We kindly ask that your children don't bring any electronics or cell phones with them to Summer Camp.



## Frequently Asked Questions?

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](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org)

**Phone**  
403-931-3636



- **What does a week at camp look like:** During the week your child attends, they 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.
- **Who can attend Summer camp:** Our summer camp is open to children and youth 6-14 years old. Campers must turn 6 years old by July 1, 2025 to attend (no exceptions).
- **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 as 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 we do encourage children to go in their own separate groups according to age. Lunch is a great time for friends/siblings to be together and our groups are never too far away from one another if there is ever a concern. The interests of all our campers, as well as parent requests, will be carefully taken into consideration at all times.
- **Summer camp hours:** Camp begins at 9:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. If your child needs to miss a day(s) of camp they are signed up for, please call (403-931-3636) or e-mail our office at [education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org). We are unable to offer a discount for any missed days. Drop off will be available no earlier than 9:20 am and your child must be picked up no later than 3:30 pm, with no child care available before or after these times.
- **Summer camp location:** The Leighton Art Centre is approximately 20 minutes southwest of Calgary, at 282027 144 Street West, Foothills AB. More information is available on our website.
- **Transportation to camp:** Busing is included for summer camp participants. See our bus information included in this package or on our website. It's 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 that is 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**

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If you need to cancel your registration, we will issue a full refund provided you cancel at least 4-weeks prior to the start of the booked camp. **No refunds are issued 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, Leighton Art Centre and its natural surroundings. Children and parents/guardians are expected to follow the rules set out by 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 camp:** Camp is messy and the weather can change quickly and unfortunately, this year we are not able to lend out extra clothing. 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.
- **What should my child bring to summer camp:**
  - Lunch, snacks and plenty of fluids!
  - Apply sunscreen and bug spray before camp and then pack them so they can 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 as they may not be used at camp. 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.
- **Can I visit my child at summer camp to see and share in their activities?** The best day to visit is Friday afternoon on the last day of camp as we hold a drop-in Open House and Art Show for families anytime between 3:00 - 3:30 pm on Fridays. This is an optional art show, but a great opportunity to share in the joy of your child's learning and discoveries! After Parents have toured the camp art exhibit and museum, they can gather their children and head for home after an action and fun filled week. Please note that staff supervision is only available until 3:30 pm and children must be picked up prior to this time. If you're unable to attend the Friday Open House and Art Show, the bus will run as usual and we will provide your child with alternate activities and some special attention after 3:00 pm.

## Camp Hours and Parking Info

**Summer camp begins each day at 9:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm.**

Leighton Art Centre is unable to offer pre or post camp childcare

Please try not to arrive before 9:20 am or after 3:30 pm.

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

- **Can I visit Leighton Art Centre when I drop my child off or before I pick them up?** Leighton Art Centre is open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday – Sunday during the summer months, and you are welcome to walk the property after drop-off on camp days. If you need to pick up or drop off your child outside of the usual time, please contact our summer camp staff via email at [education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org) or by phone 403-931-3636.
- **Illness/sickness?** 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.
- **How will you handle difficult behaviour?** Our summer camp staff is well-trained to handle challenging behaviors. We enforce a 3-strike policy: if your child repeatedly breaks rules, disrespects personal space, or exhibits risky or disruptive behavior, you will be contacted to pick them up. They may return the next day if they follow the rules. However, if the behavior persists, we may ask you to keep them at home to prioritize the safety of all campers and staff.
- **Accessibility needs:** To ask about any special support or accommodations needed, please email at [education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org)
- **Payment policy:** Payment in full is required at the time of registration.
- **Benefits of becoming a Leighton Art Centre member** For summer camp, members receive 10% off registration fees and the opportunity to for early registration (before the general public). 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.**



## Registration and Contact

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**ADVANCE Registration for current Leighton Art Centre Members begins on January 6, 2025.**

On January 6th, all current Members will receive an email with the Eventbrite registration links and the discount code. If you are a current member and don't receive this email and code on January 6th, please check your spam folder and then email [education@leightoncentre.org](mailto:education@leightoncentre.org) for assistance.

**GENERAL Registration begins at 10:00 am on January 13, 2025.**

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

NEW MEMBERS who join after 10:00 am on January 6, 2025: Registration links and your 10% discount code will be included in your welcome email.

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



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