

Explore, get inspired by, and learn to respect and protect nature!

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LEIGHTON  
ART CENTRE

# ART & NATURE SUMMER CAMPS FAQs + INFO

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 1st to attend camp (no exceptions).



# 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 pages of FAQs. If you have any other inquiries, feel free to contact us!

**Email:**  
education@leightoncentre.org

**Phone:**  
403-931-3636



## **What does a week at camp look like?**

Your child will be immersed in Art & Nature! They will spend the week as an artist, working with a variety of media (i.e., 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. If your child has turned 6 by July 1<sup>st</sup>, they are able to attend.

## **Can my child be in the same group as their friend/sibling(s)?**

We do our best to accommodate requests for friends or siblings in the same group but encourage children to go in their 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. Group placement decisions are at the discretion of the Public Programming Manager. 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?**

Summer camp starts at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM, Monday to Friday (no camp on Canada Day or Heritage Day). We ask that you contact us 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 9:20 am and your child must be picked up no later than 3:30 pm.

## **Where are you located?**

The Leighton Art Centre is approximately 20 minutes southwest of Calgary, at 282027 144 Street West, Foothills AB. More information is available at [leightoncentre.org](http://leightoncentre.org).

## **What if I need transportation for my child?**

Busing from Calgary 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**

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Cancellations made 4 weeks prior to the start of your booked camp will receive a full refund. 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 transfer fee may 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. Children should wear play clothes that they can get messy in. Please do not send them in anything nice, it most won't stay clean for long! Please ensure that your child has all the layers and possible changes of clothes they will need for the day. The Leighton Art Centre takes no responsibility for damaged clothing.

## **What should my child bring to camp?**

- Lunch, snacks and plenty of fluids!
- Any medicine that they may require through-out the day (i.e. asthma inhalers, antihistamines)
- 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).

## **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. 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). 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, families are welcome to attend our drop-in Open House and Art Show on Friday afternoons, anytime between 3:00 - 3:30 PM. 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 for the afternoon and some special attention.

## Camp Hours & Parking Info

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**Summer camp begins each day at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM.**

Leighton Art Centre is unable to provide pre- or post-camp childcare.

Please try not to arrive before 9:20 AM or after 3:30 PM.

For safety reasons, please do not park on the main road.



**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 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesday – Sunday during the summer, but you are also welcome to walk the property 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.

**What if my child is 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.

**How will you handle difficult behaviour?**

Our summer camp staff is well-trained to handle challenging behaviors. We strictly enforce a 3-strike policy: if your child repeatedly breaks rules, disrespects personal space, or exhibits risky or disruptive behaviour, you will be contacted to pick them up. They may return the next day if they follow the rules. However, if the behaviour persists, we may ask you to keep them at home to prioritize the safety of all campers and staff.

**What if my child has accessibility needs?**

To ask about any special support or accommodations needed, please contact our Public Programming Manager.

**When is payment required by?**

Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

**What are the benefits of becoming a Leighton Art Centre member?**

For summer camp, members receive **10% off registration fees**, and the opportunity for **early registration** (before the general public). Members also receive 10% off our Art & Nature workshops and purchases in our Gallery Shop, year-round. Membership cost is \$50/year.