



UNICAMP'S 2011 SEASON

COME TO UNICAMP THIS SUMMER

Summer will soon be upon us and we simply couldn't be more excited. Children's camps, Jouth, family camps, retreats and so much more have got all of us at Unicamp eager to get the season started. Jessica Fleguel, a Unicamp Board Member, has put together a diverse offering for campers of all ages, with programs celebrating the arts, the body's movement and the natural world.

Some of the many programs we're most looking forward to are the second annual *Survivor* weekend, *The Magic of Music*, *Sacred Circle Dancing*, and the *Time to Write* retreat. Each week also brings lots of the activities that make a Unicamp summer with dances, drum circles, firepits and much more.

We are also really excited about the programs being offered by the many other groups at camp this summer. *Aleila*, *Wild Ginger* and the *Big Heart Dance Camp* all return in June to nurture the spirit in movement, fellowship and ritual. *Nia* returns with their special blend of sound and dance, a new Yoga Workshop, and Nancy Reeve offers *Making Decisions for Our Greatest Good*.

The heart of our summer schedule though is always Family and Children's Camps.

FAMILY CAMPS are a time to visit Unicamp and enjoy campfires, hikes, cave tours, talent night, swimming, our famous Wednesday candlelight dinners and much more. There's programming available for kids each morning so parents can get a little bit of relaxation in. Each week of family camp has a different theme and this year we'll be enjoying **Music** from August 1st to 5th, **Drama** from August 7th to 12th and **Dance** from August 14th to 19th. Find more details in the 2011 program brochure.

CHILDREN'S CAMPS this year are focused on stories. Each week will focus on a different adventure! It will be an amazing summer of Children's Camps as we go *Around the World in 80 Days*, visit *Treasure Island*, and find ourselves in the land of quidditch and spells for *Harry Potter* week! Of course, each week will also have the traditional Unicamp favourites as we sing around the campfire, play capture-the-flag, and groove at the dance.

We're also introducing a new program this year of Children's Mini-Camp on July 3rd and 4th. This two-night camp is especially for kids who are six and seven years old and will give younger campers the opportunity to experience overnight camp life, participate in fun programs, and meet new friends their own age.

GET THE 2011 PROGRAM BROCHURE

Board member Kendrew Pape did a fantastic job with this year's brochure, which you can download from the Unicamp website, unicampofontario.ca. The program brochure has all the details on what's coming up in the 2011 season at Unicamp.

Make it a summer to remember at Unicamp!



ENJOY UNICAMP ALL SEASON LONG!

Unicamp has three seasonal sites available this summer. Seasonal campers form a tight web at Unicamp year after year and are an important part of the spirit of camp, often offering their own passions for nature, art and community to others. They also get to provide an extraordinary experience for children, to spend time outdoors and in loving community.

To rent a seasonal site, you need to be a member of a UU congregation or a private member of the CUC or the Church of the Larger Fellowship and you need to have attended Unicamp at least once before.

Cost for a site is \$1045 plus \$220 for each adult seasonal camper. Sites that have access to power are charged an additional \$110 to cover hydro costs.

Seasonal campers have exclusive use of their site from early May when we turn the water on until Thanksgiving when we close camp. They can also be on the property during children's camps when Unicamp is closed to outsiders. For more information contact Administrative Manager Wanda Gordon at admin@unicampofontario.ca

THE NATURAL WORLD AT UNICAMP

FROM THE GROUND THEY CAME

Labour Day last season saw a rather spectacular showing of nature on the beach at Unicamp. On Monday afternoon kids and adults alike watched for hours as more than a dozen turtles emerged from a couple of spots on the clothing required beach. They were quite hilarious, climbing over one another in their efforts, frequently sliding back down the chute. But one by one they found their way, and for the most part made it to the water. One needed some help after getting disoriented and winding up on the toe of Administrative Manager Wanda Gordon's shoe. If you listened

MAY 14 IS SPRING CELEBRATION!

Unicamp used to have dances in winter months, something to remind people that summer was not far away and to raise some money for camperships. So some Unicamp folks who clearly think there are simply not enough dances in this world decided to have a dance on Saturday, May 14th. Enjoy an opportunity to be at Unicamp for a rollicking good time, audition the 2011 Summer Dance Mix and be the first to visit Unicamp in 2011.

There will be people there on Friday so come for the whole weekend! Cost for the weekend, if people want meals, is \$35.00. We will have just opened camp, so help with cleaning will be needed! Available dining, heated dorms, a new common woodstove and fun aplenty! To register contact Wanda at admin@unicampofontario.ca or 519-822-6353.



LITTLE MORSELS TO CHEW ON

Unicamp has a Cider Press

It was Unicamp's great fortune that Aden Seaman attended the Young Adult Retreat this past year. While the young adults were pondering what to do with all of the apples collected, having already made as much apple sauce as we could eat, Aden was reminded that his family had a cider press that hadn't been used in years. Two quick phone calls and a short road trip later and Unicamp now has a functioning cider press courtesy of the Seaman family of Owen Sound. We tested it out on the weekend before Thanksgiving to make sure all the parts were in working order, then the Daly, Fleguel, Johnman, Pape and Jamieson families collected hundreds of apples from the camp trees and spent much of the beautiful weekend pressing apples for juice. Next step is to learn how to turn juice to cider. Anyone with cherished family recipes is encouraged to submit them to Christopher Wulff at cwulff@patienceandfortitude.com.

New Wood Stoves

Unicamp has two brand new wood stoves to keep campers warm on those chilly spring and autumn nights. Installed in September and enjoyed by the Wild Ginger planning team and a number of other groups prior to closing up camp, the stove in the dining hall is perfect for taking the edge off those early frosted mornings. The upgraded program center stove arrived just as we were closing camp and will be installed this spring.

We're Expanding Our Web

Unicamp has launched a new website, courtesy of board member Christopher Wulff. There are many changes coming still, including online registration for programs, weekly updates from camp during the summer months and a notice board to help with coordinating rides.

Unicamp is deeply in the debt of Robert Niven, who maintained the site for many years. Thank you Bob!

You can also join the many folks who are fans of Unicamp on Facebook. We also share news and pictures there from our season at camp and encourage you to do the same.

Summer Staff

Applications for summer staff positions came rolling in and it looks like another great year for camp. Many of our seasoned counsellors and operations staff will be returning, as well as Shalom Steinmetz as Camp Director and Rebekah Jamieson as Assistant Director. Unicamp takes great pride in having an exceptional team of young workers as counsellors, kitchen staff and grounds crew, an overwhelming number of whom want to keep coming back year after year for just a little more Unicamp magic.

Unicamp Can Help You With Spring Cleaning

Looking for a place to give some of the precious treasures growing cobwebs in your basement/garage/closet? Unicamp is specifically looking for some items below, but also appreciate you thinking of us when you have things to gift that might benefit camp. Please take a look around your home to see if you might have something on this list to contribute. Send Administrative Manager Wanda Gordon a note at admin@unicampofontario.ca and let her know if you've got something to give.

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| *Bar fridge
(energy efficient) | *Rowboat & oars |
| *Chest freezer
(energy efficient) | *Fly zapper & tray |
| *Large frying pans | *Clip-on lamps |
| *Pie cart | *Solar lights to put outside
buildings or on paths |
| *Industrial mixer | *Wood chipper |
| *Canoe(s) | *Wood splitter |
| *Canoe paddles | *Beekeeping equipment |
| *Glass bottom boat & oars | *Gardening equipment |
| | *Snowshoes |

Work Weekends

We have four work weekends scheduled so far for 2011. They are May 20-23, May 27-28, Sept. 9-11 & Sept. 30-Oct. 2. David Nixon and volunteers will be working on the new admin building in May. Register early for this team! Work weekends are a great way to meet the people who are the heart and soul of Unicamp – a great bonding experience! They're also a great deal with reduced fees for food and accommodation in exchange for just six hours of work on Saturday and three on Sunday.

MORE THINGS YOU MIGHT LIKE

First Aid and Food Handler's Courses

Unicamp is going to offer both Red Cross Emergency First Aid and Safe Food Handling courses during staff training (the week of June 28 – July 1st). While these programs are part of the staff training, there will also be limited space available for campers and community members who would like to participate.

The Red Cross course will cost \$60.00, which includes a manual and a certificate (these courses usually cost \$120–\$150) and the Food Handler's Course will cost \$25.00, which includes a manual and a certificate.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Wanda Gordon at admin@unicampofontario.ca

Civic Holiday Weekend Communal Art Project

Help create a large canvas of our UU chalice in paint. This project will go on all weekend and everybody will get to contribute. The final result will be installed on the outer wall of the Spiritual Centre. This project is facilitated by Unicamp's Artist-in-Residence, Lauren McKinley Renzetti.

Unicamp by Nature – Michael Moon

Michael Moon, a long-time camper and Unicamp supporter, has put together this ode to Unicamp's natural environment featuring his music & photography. A lovely paean, we are so thankful for all of the beauty that Michael brings to the community. [Watch it on YouTube.](#)



A New Board of Directors

At the 2010 Annual General Meeting, the membership of Unicamp elected a new Board of Directors. The Board is now Neal denHollander (President), Anne Bokma (Vice-President), Audrey Johnman (Secretary), Jessica Fleguel (Programming), Nathan Sells (Youth), Joanna Barrington (Treasurer), Eduardo Cordero (Property), Christopher Wulff (Communications) and Kendrew Pape (Green Sanctuary, Long-Range Planning and Seasonal Campers).

SPECIAL CEREMONIES, WEDDINGS, FAMILY REUNIONS, CONGREGATIONAL RETREATS AND MORE

MAKE YOUR EVENT COME ALIVE

Unicamp has always been a special place for many, so it's not at all surprising that for kids who grew up at camp, they can't imagine a better place to get married, celebrate family and share their love of camp with others. Last year we helped numerous groups and families mark significant events in their lives, including former staff stalwarts Katee and Missy Hui who brought family and friends to camp to celebrate Katee's wedding. Unicamp is open to anyone wanting to create a joyous event in a spectacular setting.

We also provided the perfect environment for a number of community groups, congregations and others to come together and forge the bonds that would carry them through another year. Just ask the Guelph Unitarian Congregation who have been sending their board to camp for years to do their annual planning and community building retreat. We can provide everything your group needs to get the year started right, or bring the whole congregation to camp and enjoy community building activities.



SEASON PAST, SPIRIT TO COME

I am proud to tell you that there has been progress in virtually every area of activity within Unicamp since last year's season began. Just to mention a few examples: I would like to acknowledge the hard work done by our programming staff including Jessica Fle-guel, our ever faithful registrar, Wanda Gordon, and of course our wonderful summer staff lead this past year by our Director, Rebekah Jamieson. They oversaw a 10% increase (over that seen in 2009) in the number of children at the three weeks of "Kid's Camp", a 60% increase in the number of junior youth at "Jouth", and a 17.5% increase in attendance over the whole summer (compared again to last year's numbers). We may have to seriously start thinking of buying some adjoining property if this keeps up!

I would also like to acknowledge our Property Manager in 2010, Shawn Springer, and the grounds crew who worked tirelessly on many projects that have seen very significant improvements to the physical dimensions of Unicamp (including the oh so important, but rarely thought about, water and sewer system).

People, may or may not recognize, that Unicamp would not be Unicamp without the hard work and selfless dedication of our Summer Staff and the many, many people who came in to put together a program for a week, a weekend, or sometimes just for a few hours. We all, collectively, owe them each a huge debt of thanks.

Financially Unicamp is on solid footing. We are completely debt free, and have a positive bank balance. Money that is being used to ensure that, like all good stewards, we will leave the year and Unicamp in a better condition than when we came in. We are investing in a new Administration building (being built by volunteers like you - and if you haven't yet signed up, check out the work weekend schedule on page three of the newsletter and 17 of the program brochure) that should be functional by this summer's start. We are also having a system of permanent road-bed culverts installed that should dramatically improve the drive down the hill with little or minimal future damage caused by run-off.

Finally I would like to thank my peers on the Board.

They work tirelessly and, for the most part, in the background. We get together about once a month with many members having to travel several hours (occasionally being forced to stay somewhere overnight-some with small children in tow). This is dedication, no let me rephrase that, this is DEDICATION to Unicamp, writ large (both literally and figuratively). They have collectively demonstrated abundant skills and sensitivity in the many areas required for the successful leadership of Unicamp.

We are eagerly looking forward to this coming season at camp, as Shalom Steinmetz returns as Director and we initiate numerous new projects and programs. Plans are underway for a treehouse, for more garden spaces, a redesigned firepit and much, much more. August will see the inaugural gamers weekend with a Dungeons and Dragons marathon, live action role playing games and other flights of fancy led by volunteers. An unexpected addition to the schedule, I for one am excited to bring these stories to life in the great outdoors. We also celebrate the contributions of our artist, poet and astronomer in residence and are seeking to expand opportunities for community learning and experiential education.

While the excitement of another season at camp occupies much of our attention, the threat of the Quarry continues to loom large as their application has been submitted. We remain involved in the campaign to prevent the Quarry's coming into being and will be reaching out to you in the coming months for your help in raising awareness of the environmental and health repercussions this monstrosity will bring.

I believe that the future for Unicamp is bright. The broad participation of so many of you, at whatever level, ensures that we move forward with continuous and robust advancements in all areas that make up the holistic concept of Unicamp.

Sincerely and in faith,
Neal denHollander
President
Unicamp Board of Directors

