

General Camp Information
SECONDARY SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY MUSIC STUDENTS

MUSIC BY THE LAKE
June 3 – June 10, 2017

This is a co-operative program of the Toronto District School Board Music Department and Camp Wahanowin. The camp provides a music program for grade 6, 7, 8 vocal students, and grade 6, 7, & 8 band, string, steel pan and guitar students. The camp is staffed by teaching faculty made up of TDSB teachers, instructors and professional musicians; staff assistants (TDSB secondary school students or university students) and conductor's apprentices (university students); and Wahanowin recreation staff.

THE CONCEPT

This unique program provides a blend of music education and camping by taking music instruction from the school classroom to a resident camp setting. It provides an opportunity for additional intensive musical training plus valuable social and recreational activity.

THE CAMP

Camp Wahanowin is situated on a 200 acre site on the shore of beautiful Lake Couchiching, approximately 10 kilometres from Orillia, Ontario. Camper cabins have indoor washroom and shower facilities and the dining hall overlooks the lake. The recreational facilities include many land and water sports. You may visit our website at www.mbtl.ca for further information.

THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Campers will enjoy experiences in band, guitar, choir, strings or orchestra, as well as having the opportunity for individual growth through small ensembles and master classes. Faculty, conductor apprentices, staff assistant ensembles, and guest soloists perform in concert settings throughout the program. At the end of the camp session, all camper performance groups (with staff assistants) perform in an **Open House** program to which parents/guardians and friends are invited. The Open House concludes the camp and takes place **Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.**

RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These range from land and water sports to evening campfires, games, and dances. Experienced camp staff and counsellors who are fun to be with, but who are also fully aware of their responsibilities to their campers, supervise the camp program. The waterfront is directed and supervised by qualified Red Cross/Royal Life Saving Society of Canada instructors who see that safety rules are strictly observed. **For a staff assistant to take part in any water activity, the permission section (if under 18 yrs.) on the online application form must be checked.**

THE MUSIC FACULTY

The faculty will be made up of outstanding teachers and specialists in choral artistry, strings, guitar, steel pan and band. They are selected from the Toronto District School Board elementary and secondary school staffs, as well as from university faculties of music and symphony orchestras. Each is not only a specialist on his/her own instrument, but is also particularly skilled in teaching the age group represented at camp. The informality of a camp setting encourages an especially meaningful relationship to develop between teacher and students, thereby adding still another significant dimension to each camper's music experience.

THE STAFF ASSISTANT / CONDUCTOR'S APPRENTICE

TDSB secondary school and university level music students will assist the music faculty through their involvement in the performance groups and by leading small ensembles (see "Responsibilities" page).

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

A variety of criteria is used in order to determine who is selected as a staff assistant. For example, some of the criteria used include; the total camper enrolment numbers of the camp, the instrumentation of the campers, the ratio of male and female campers, and the recommendations from teachers and principals. Often, we have more applicants than spaces available.

DURATION OF THE CAMP

Successful applicants are expected to attend the camp everyday for the entire duration. Students should check their school, work and personal calendars to ensure that they are present everyday at Music by the Lake. Staff assistants and conductor's apprentices arrive to MBTL on Friday June 2 at 7:00 pm. This is the evening before the campers arrive.