



MUSIC BY THE LAKE
Parent/Student Information Package

Please Read all information carefully before applying.

- A MUSIC PROGRAM FOR -
Grade 6, 7, 8 Vocal, Band, Strings, Guitar and Steel Pan Students

June 3 – June 10, 2017

This is a co-operative program of the Toronto District School Board Music Department and Camp Wahanowin.

Eligibility: All grade 6, 7, and 8 students are welcome to apply to Music By The Lake. Students must be active participants in a TDSB school band, string, guitar, steel pan or vocal program. There is no piano instruction at the camp. **Schools will recommend students who are in good standing with regard to school attendance, learning skills and strong musical interest. Their school music/classroom teacher and/or Principal must recommend students.**

THE CONCEPT

This unique program provides a blend of music education and camping skills by taking music instruction from the school classroom to a residential camp setting. It provides an opportunity for additional enriched 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. The Dining Hall overlooks the lake. The recreational facilities include many land and water sports. **All application materials are available online.** Please visit the Music By The Lake google site at <https://sites.google.com/a/tdsb.on.ca/music-by-the-lake/> for more information.

THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Campers will enjoy experiences in band, choir, strings, steel pan and guitar (acoustic only) as well as have the opportunity for individual growth through small ensembles and master classes. Faculty ensembles and guest soloists perform in a concert setting throughout the program. At the end of the camp session, all groups perform in an **Open House** program to which parents/guardians and friends are invited. (see page 2)

OPEN HOUSE

This culminating event will take place on **Saturday, June 10 beginning at 11:30 a.m.** All students will perform concerts of the repertoire they have learned while at camp. This demonstration of commitment to music is an inspiring experience for performers and audience alike. All parents, guardians and friends are welcome to come and enjoy lunch and the student concert.

RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Recreational activities include canoeing, swimming, land sports, evening campfires, games and dances. Qualified and experienced camp counsellors supervise the camp program. The waterfront is directed and supervised by qualified Red Cross/Royal Life Saving Society of Canada instructors who ensure that safety rules are strictly observed. All students who have parental permission must pass the camp swimming test prior to taking part in waterfront activities. Students are asked to bring **water shoes** for the canoeing and kayaking activities.

THE MUSIC FACULTY

The faculty consists of specially selected teachers and music professionals in vocal, strings, band, guitar and steel pan. They are selected from TDSB Schools, University Faculties of Music and Symphony Orchestras. Each is not only a specialist on his/her own instrument, but is also skilled in teaching the age group represented at camp. The camp setting provides the opportunity for students and teachers to learn from one another in a collaborative environment, thereby adding a significant dimension to each student's music experience.

THE STAFF ASSISTANTS

Secondary and university music students will assist the Music Faculty with the student performance groups and by leading small ensembles. **Secondary Students should not use the camper application form**, but should contact their school music teacher or Rick Humphrey Richard.humphrey@tdsb.on.ca. Applications for Staff Assistants will be available to all secondary school music departments and universities in February, 2017.

THE FEE

The fee for the 2016 Music By The Lake is \$700.00 if registered and deposit made by February 3, 2017, \$725 thereafter. This includes the full music and camping programs, all meals, accommodation, a small contribution to the bursary fund, and 13% H.S.T.

This fee may be paid in two installments:

1. Deposit of \$250.00 **if before Feb. 3** or \$275 if after (dated at time of applying)
2. Post-dated payment of \$450.00 (dated April 30, 2017)
Please include any busing fees to this payment.
3. Applications are due by Thursday, February 16, 2017

Payments may be made with Visa or MasterCard credit cards.

Cheques/money orders should be **payable to: MUSIC BY THE LAKE**

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

If using cheques or money orders,

**BOTH DEPOSIT AND FINAL POST DATED PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CAMP
WAHANOWIN OFFICE**

HOW TO ENROLL:

Please complete the following:

- MBTL 2017 Online Application Form at our MBTL google site: <https://sites.google.com/a/tdsb.on.ca/music-by-the-lake/>
- Return the Medical Form. (both sides, it is essential that all information is filled in) and the Excursion Form (511C) to the TDSB Music Department
- Send payment to the Camp Wahanowin office**

SCHOLARSHIPS

There is financial assistance available for MBTL. Funding is restricted and all recommendation for scholarships must be made by the school Principal.

Knowing there are limited funds available, there will be a maximum amount of scholarship which is indicated on the Scholarship Request form. The maximum scholarship available is \$450.00. If requests exceed the available amount of funds, scholarships will be allocated by lottery. Students not awarded a scholarship will be placed on a scholarship waitlist. Aside from the scholarship fund, other financial assistance may be available through your school or community.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Contact your school principal to request a MBTL Scholarship Form.
2. Return the completed scholarship form to the Principal's office or music teacher to be forwarded to the Music Department.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Until April 1, 2017 a \$50.00 administration fee charged to all campers who withdraw their application. Cancellations between April 2 to May 1 are subject to a \$100.00 administration fee. Cancellations between May 2 to June 2 are subject to a \$150.00 administration fee. June 3 to June 10, 50% of the camp fee (pro-rated) will be withheld.

Deadline for submission of applications and fees is: Thursday February 16, 2017

RESPONSE TO APPLICATIONS

Students will be allotted spaces by the Music Department according to:

- a) The recommendation of a student by the school
- b) A balance of instruments;
- c) A balance between boys and girls (as necessitated by the cabin facilities).

The camp will accept a maximum of 450 elementary school campers. When all places are filled, a waiting list will be created.

Schools will be informed of the status of each of their applicants at the end of April 2017. Applicants will receive one of the following:

- 1) a letter of acceptance with further instructions; or
- 2) a notification of placement on a waiting list.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CAMP

It is suggested that students be driven to and from camp by a parent or designated driver. Charter buses will be hired if there is a need. There will be a fee for bus transportation. (Please see application form)

In the case of students requiring bus transportation, there will be two centrally located pick-up and drop-off places in Toronto. These locations will be announced with the acceptance package.

Students who take buses to and from MBTL will be supervised by TDSB teachers.

Music By The Lake begins the morning of Saturday, June 3, 2017 and ends in the early afternoon of Saturday, June 10, 2017.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN CAMP FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE CAMP

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