



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 2 - June 9, 2018

This is a co-curricular 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, stage 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 (swimming, canoeing, flat water kayaking). **All application materials are available on this google site.**

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.

OPEN HOUSE

This culminating event will take place on **the last day of camp 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 counselors 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.

SWIM TESTS

This trip will involve the following water-based activities (swimming, canoeing, kayaking). As safety is always our first priority all students going on the trip are required to take a swim test to determine their ability to participate in these activities. In order to pass the swim test students must demonstrate that they can;

- Conduct a roll entry (backwards or forward) into deep water at 2.75m minimum depth
- Tread water for 1 minute
- Swim 50m continuously using any stroke

Please note that students who do not pass the swim test or do not attempt the swim test may still attend the excursion, however, they will not be allowed to take part in any of the above water-based activities. An alternate activity has been arranged for those students. Also note, a second swim test will be done at the camp as per Ontario Camp Association guidelines. If a child successfully passes the swim test at the school but is unsuccessful performing the swim test at the camp, parents will be immediately informed of the unsuccessful result and the child will not be allowed to participate in any water based activities but will participate in alternative programming. **ALL** students will be required to wear a personal floatation device (PFD) while participating in all waterfront activities including swimming, canoeing and kayaking. Communication regarding TDSB swim test locations and dates will be conveyed to parents when the camper acceptance packages are sent out.

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 the TDSB Music Department. Applications for Staff Assistants will be available to all secondary school music departments and universities in January 2018.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CAMP

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. Cost of transportation is **\$30 each way**.

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

Music By The Lake begins the morning of Saturday, June 2, 2018 and ends in the early afternoon of Saturday, June 9, 2018.

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

THE FEE

The fee for the 2018 Music By The Lake is \$725 if registered and deposit made by February 2nd, and \$750 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 (dated at time of applying)
2. Post-dated payment (dated April 27, 2018) of \$500 (\$475 if registration is made by February 2nd). Please include any busing fees to this payment.
3. Applications are due by Thursday, February 23, 2018

Payments may be made with Visa or MasterCard credit cards. Note: Debit or Visa Debit will not be accepted.

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:

227 Eglinton Avenue West

Toronto, ON

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HOW TO ENROLL:

Please complete the following:

- 1) MBTL 2018 Online Application Form <https://sites.google.com/a/tdsb.on.ca/music-by-the-lake/>
- 2) Return the Medical Form (511E) and the Excursion Form (511C) to the TDSB Music Department
- 3) Send payment to the Camp Wahanowin office.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Please note that the maximum scholarship available is \$450.00. If requests exceed the available amount of funds, scholarships may be allocated by lottery. Students not awarded a scholarship will be placed on a scholarship wait list.

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, 2018 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 1 are subject to a \$150.00 administration fee. June 2 to June 9, 50% of the camp fee (pro-rated) will be withheld.

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 2018. 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.