



MUSIC BY THE LAKE 2010

Parent/Student Information Package

Please read all information carefully before applying.

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

June 5 – June 12, 2010

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

Eligibility: Vocal students should be a member of their school choir, providing the school runs a choir. If there isn't a school choir, any student is welcome in the camp vocal program. Instrumental students must be active participants in a Toronto public school band, string or steel pan music program. There is no piano or guitar instruction at the camp. Schools will recommend students who are in good standing with regard to school attendance, attitude, cooperation, and work ethic. Students must be recommended by their school music teacher and/or Principal.

THE CONCEPT

This unique program provides a blend of music education and camping skills by taking music instruction from the school classroom to a resident 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 kilometers 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. **All application materials are available online.** Please visit the Music By The Lake website at www.mbtl.ca for more information.

THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Camper will enjoy experiences in band, choir, strings, and steel pan as well as having 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)

RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These include canoeing, waterskiing, 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. **For a student to take part in any water activity, the permission section on the application form must be signed. In addition, the TDSB 511C form needs to be completed.** All students who are permitted to take part must also be tested at camp prior to taking part in waterfront activities.

THE MUSIC FACULTY

The faculty is made up of outstanding teachers and specialists in vocal, strings, band and steel pan. They are selected from the Toronto Elementary and Secondary Schools, as well as from University Faculties of Music and Symphony Orchestras. Each is not only a specialist on his/her own instrument, but also is particularly 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 enclosed application form, but should contact their school music teacher or Janice Lewis at janice.lewis@tdsb.on.ca or 416-394-7966. Applications for Staff Assistants will be available to all secondary school music departments and universities before the end of January.

OPEN HOUSE

This culminating event will take place on **Saturday, June 12th 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 concerts.

THE FEE

The fee for the 2010 Music By The Lake is \$625.00. This includes the full music and camping programs, all meals, accommodation, a small contribution to the bursary fund, and 5% G.S.T. of \$31.25 + 3% Ontario Retail Tax of \$18.75. This fee may be paid in two installments:

1. Deposit of \$200.00 (dated at time of applying)
2. Post dated payment of \$425.00 (dated April 30, 2010)

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 WITH THE
APPLICATION FORM.

HOW TO ENROLL:

- a) Complete the application form and have it signed by your parent/guardian.
- b) Complete the Medical Form.
- c) Complete the Parent Permission Form (511C)
- d) Have the Music Teacher and Principal approve your application form with their signatures.
- e) Include a deposit cheque of \$200.00 and post dated cheque dated April 30, 2010 for \$425.00 (the remaining portion of the fees)
- f) Give your completed package to your Music Teacher or Principal who will send it through TDSB courier to:

Paul Sylvester, Music Department
140 Borough Drive, Route "SE"

Note: The school office will submit all applications and deposits.

Deadline for submission of applications and fees is: February 19, 2010

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, 2010. 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. One will be at Kent P.S. in the Bloor/Dufferin area and the other at Fairview Mall in the Don Mills/Sheppard area. Please note that bus supervision to and from Toronto is provided by Camp Wahanowin Staff.

Music By The Lake begins the morning of Saturday, June 5th and ends in the early afternoon of Saturday, June 12th.

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

BURSARIES

Limited assistance is available for students who find the full fee to be a financial burden. Because the funding is restricted, the following criteria are required for applying for a bursary:

1. A combined family income below \$31,000; and
2. Recommendation for bursary by the School Principal; and
3. Verification from the school that the student applicant is in good standing with regards to attendance, attitude, co-operation, and work ethic.

Knowing there are limited funds available, there will be a ceiling on the number of each bursary level, which is indicated on the Bursary Request Form. The maximum bursary available is \$500.00. If requests exceed the available amount of funds, bursaries will be allocated by lottery. Students not awarded a bursary will be placed on a waitlist.

Aside from the bursary fund, other financial assistance may be available through your school or community.

HOW TO APPLY FOR BURSARIES:

1. Contact either Diane Mascherin at 416-396-5038 or Paul Sylvester at 416-396-6188 to request a bursary form. *If leaving a message, please slowly and clearly state your child's full name, school, and home telephone number.* The Bursary form will then be sent to your School Principal.
2. Pick up the Bursary Request Form from the School Principal.
3. Complete the bursary form; make sure the parent/guardian, music teacher and Principal sign it.
4. Return the completed bursary form along with the camp application form, medical form and the deposit to the Principal's office or music teacher to be forwarded to Paul Sylvester at the Music Department.

APPLICATION TO ATTEND CAMP MUST CONTAIN:

- **Application form**
- **Medical form**
- **Parent Permission Form (511C)**
- **Deposit and post-dated cheque/money order or credit card information**
- **Bursary application if applicable**
- **NO CASH**

**Please take the above paperwork to your school office or music teacher to be forwarded to:
Paul Sylvester, 140 Borough Drive - 2nd. Fl., Route SE**

APPLICATION DUE DATE IS FEBRUARY 19, 2010

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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