

Cosmic Camp For Kids!

August 16-20, 2010

Hey kids! Want to explore the universe this summer?
Join us at Community-Shared **Cosmic Camp for Kids!**

What is Cosmic Camp? Now in its twelfth year, *Cosmic Camp for Kids* is a unique week-long ecology camp for kids that nurtures kinship with nature through science, story and art, and has earned rave reviews from kids, parents and educators.

Again this year we are having a home-school style “community shared” cosmic camp where parents and caregivers participate with their children.

What Happens at Camp? We go on hikes, tell stories, sing songs, perform cool science experiments, create arts and crafts, experience guided meditations and teachings, swim, and much more. Each day is filled with lots of fun outdoor activities that foster reverence and awe for the wonderful world in which we live.

Who is Invited? Children ages 4 to 12, who must be accompanied each day by a parent or adult caregiver.

When is It? A five-day camp, from Monday, August 16 to Friday, August 20, 2010, 9 am–4 pm daily. (Optional sleep-over at camp on Wednesday Aug 18th!)

Where is it Located? Cosmic Camp is held at Ignatius Jesuit Centre (5420 Highway 6, Guelph – just north of Woodlawn and Woolwich intersection). We enjoy forests, trails, a 600 acre farm, an organic apple orchard, creeks and streams and a swimming pool!



Photo courtesy of Richard Wheelhouse

Who is Organizing It? This year’s camp is organized by Susan Watson (Trillium Waldorf School parent) with curriculum planning by Marianne Karsh (Ecology Project of the Ignatius Centre of Guelph).

Why should your kids go? *Cosmic Camp For Kids* gives children a foundational knowledge of ecology, teaches them important values about the Earth, imparts practical outdoor skills they can use for the rest of their lives – and it’s a whole lot of fun!

What does it cost? Camp fee is \$100 for first child, and reduced for each additional child. Parents and caregivers come for free. Bursaries may be available – please ask!

How to Register? To reserve a space, contact Susan Watson (email/phone below) **by June 30** and you will be sent a registration package. There are only thirty camper spaces so register early!

History: Arborvitae’s *Cosmic Camp For Kids*, has been offered at Morrow Park, Toronto, on Toronto Island, and at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering. Arborvitae, an organization that nourishes spirituality through nature, was founded by forester and scientist Marianne Karsh. See www.arborvitae.org.

For Cosmic Camp Information, and to register by June 30: Susan Watson at susanejwatson@sympatico.ca or phone 519.829.4099.



**The Ecology Project of the
Ignatius Jesuit Centre of Guelph**

For information on the Ecology Project visit
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