



SUMMER CAMP

"COMMON" PARENT CAMP QUESTIONS 2018

Camp is from Wednesday, June 27th to Friday, August 10th

("6 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks available. You can always sign up for more weeks during the summer!")

Camp office/YLC: 514-648-6421 (ask for Anna) ylcanna@hotmail.com

YLC team: Theo Vecera / Anna Tafuto / Fr. Richard Authier

Please read!!!

New for 2018

- For Smiley Bunch kindergarten camp and Grades 1, the center will be at Michelangelo School. Leonardo Da Vinci school is renovating their gymnasium hall this summer. Because of this, we are limited in the spaces we can use (bathrooms in particular). We cannot put all the grade levels at the YLC because of space restrictions).
- Every Friday, Smiley Bunch and grades 1 will be at the YLC. So, the drop off and pick up (7am to 6pm including those in daycare, will be done at the YLC).

COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED BY PARENTS!

Parents, don't see your question? Please contact us at 514-648-6421 (please leave a message)
Please note that on the first day of camp, you will receive a parent information booklet that has the program calendar and other information. Your child's camp T-shirt will be given out during the first week and should be worn only on outings or special events.

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE (UPDATED: April 16th, 2018)

Question 1: Where does my child go?

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- For Smiley Bunch kindergarten camp, the center will be at Michelangelo School.
- **For grades 1, it will also be at Michelangelo school (Leonardo Da Vinci school is renovating their gymnasium hall this summer. Because of this, our bathroom access is limited. We cannot put all the grade levels at the YLC because of space restrictions).**
- For grades 2 and 3, it will be at the YLC's 2nd floor.
- For grades 4, 5 and 6 it will be at the YLC's 3rd floor.
- For Teen Spirit (Secondary 1 and 2) and the Animator in Training program (secondary 3 and 4), it will be held at Leonardo Da Vinci school (the teens will be fine with the limited bathroom stalls).
- Please note that entrance to the YLC's camp centers is by the parking lot.
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Question 2: How does Daycare work?

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- Daycare is from 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm.
- It is supervised by the animators of your child's center. You can sign up for daycare anytime during the summer.
- Consistent lateness or not respecting the daycare hours registered, results in a higher daycare rate. You must sign-in and out your child at the "daycare desk".
- Daycare will be at your child's center.
- **Those daycare children from Smiley Bunch and grade 1, the morning and afternoon daycare on Friday's will be at the YLC 2nd floor. The reason being is that on Fridays, all campers are at the YLC for our "universal" special events.**

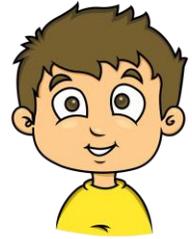
Question 3: What should my child bring every day?

It is important that your child brings the following items on a daily basis in a good solid school/backpack.

- Sun block lotion (30+). You must apply the cream before coming to camp. We will reapply during the day for the younger levels. Older children are expected to put it on themselves (with our assistance if needed).
- A healthy lunch and snacks. **NO PRODUCTS WITH NUTS.** We do not use microwaves. Please make sure your child(ren) lunches are tightly sealed and kept fresh (put an ice pack in the lunch bag if necessary).
- A lock for bike and the public pool (grades 3 and up) when it's a bike outing.
- Bathing suit and towel.
- Water bottle.
- Baseball cap and running shoes WITH socks.
- **2 bus tickets (for long walks) that will be left with the animator. Please note there can be an approximate charge of 20\$ for the camp year for the grades 3, 4, 5, 6, Teen Spirit who may frequent a bigger swimming pool in Pointes aux Trembles or other events. Speak to Anna.**
- Please keep in mind that we are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
- The majority of the day will be spent outside with activities ranging from quiet to active geared towards that age group. They will take breaks throughout the day and where possible, in the shade.

Question 4: Can parents volunteer on outings?

- Yes! Providing there is a need or space for extra supervision. Give your name to your child's coordinator. If there is a need we will contact you.
- Please keep in mind that parents will NOT be put in the same group as their child. This is based on experience that we sometimes must "supervise" the parent. No snacks can be purchased by the parent on outings.
- Please notify your child's coordinator if you are interested.



Question 5: Where will the campers go swimming?

- "Smiley Bunch" K-camp, grades 1 and 2 will go swimming at the indoor Centre Aquatique of R.D.P (at Jean Grou High school)
- **OR** the Alexis Carrel outside **kiddie pool** providing we have the proper supervision (ratio 1:4). The water will never be higher than the hips of a standing child.
- If the pools are not available or we can't reach our ratio, water activities will be planned at Michelangelo school park, Samuel Morse (LDV) Park or other local parks. From our experience, children of this age group just enjoy "getting wet".
- The older levels (grades 3 and up) will for the majority of the time, go to Alexis Carrel outdoor pool or the pool at Pointes aux Trembles or the indoor pool at Jean Grou high school.
- If you can help with supervision, please give your name to the animator or coordinator.

Question 6: How is the day / week structured?

- The day will range from quiet to semi-active to active activities according to the physical and social development of the particular age group.
- **The week is comprised of theme days, sports, outings, games, songs, FaithSpace (optional), center events, "Universal special events", special animation programming, swimming and sport activities.**
- Most of the activities will take place at your child's respective center and immediate surroundings. Activities range from social, educational, moral, and cultural to recreational programming.
- Animators will follow an approved daily plan from the coordinator for the day.
- You will receive a Parent Information booklet with the camp calendar and other important information describing your child's summer experience and expectations on the first day of camp. Please see online at dbylc.com for last year's programs.

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Question 7: How do outings work?

- There will be 4 outings during the camp program (2 universal outings which means all the centers go to that particular outing and 2 center major outing.)
- All the outings are incorporated into the registration fee (that means they are free). "Major-outings" are by yellow bus and Mini-outings are by city transportation if available.
- Some outings (mini and major) may be done at the respective center.
- You will receive the outing form on the first day of camp. Please check off which outings you would like your child to attend. If anything changes, let us know the latest **TWO DAYS BEFORE THE OUTING.**
- No permission slips for major outings will be accepted on the day of the outing. It is not meant to exclude campers but rather to ensure proper supervision and space in the yellow buses.
- Please follow the procedures on that particular form.
- Parents who choose not to send their child on an outing have the option of leaving their child at camp for the day. If there is less than 20% of the campers at a center staying back on a major outing, they will then be put at another center for the day.
- No campers will be allowed to stay back on our "**UNIVERSAL OUTINGS**". If you choose not to send your child, they will have to stay home as the whole staff will be on these outings. Universal outings are outings that the **WHOLE** camps go to (from Smiley Bunch to Teen Spirit).
- Strict rules are applied by the animators and reinforced by the coordinators for all outings and public transportation. A review of safety procedures is also done with the campers.

Question 8: How does early dismissal and absence procedure work?

- A note is required by the parent (in advance) to be given DIRECTLY to the animator who then discusses it with the coordinator. Campers will only be dismissed at the respective center.
- In particular situations, campers can be dismissed at a different site (park, pool, outing, other center...) providing the coordinator speaks to the person who is picking up the child and approves it. No exceptions.
- Please share all personal matters (divorce, custody, other) pertaining to your child's safety and well-being with the respective coordinator and / or with Theo Vecera and Anna Tafuto.
- If you are aware that your child will be absent for the day, please send in a note or contact the animator/coordinator. **We only make phone calls to the camper's home if they are absent for 2 days or more without prior knowledge.**

Question 9: Is camp from 9am to 4pm?

- Yes. Dismissal is at 4pm. We ask all parents to be present five minutes earlier to notice your child as they leave the centers.
- **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK! THIS SELFISH ACT IS VERY DANGEROUS!** The police will be doing check-ups and giving tickets on a regular basis. Blatant and repetitive parents who double park will annul their child's camp registration with no refunds given.
- Some animators will be with the dismissed campers outside as they wait for the child to be picked up. However, please keep in mind that the animators have other duties to attend to after camp and they cannot continue to animate after 4pm.
- If you won't be able to make it for 4pm, please contact the coordinator. If need be, please pick up your younger child before the older one.
- Please call if you will be late. Consistent lateness will result in a "supervision/daycare" fee to be paid directly to the coordinator. And a recommendation to register for daycare.
- **If the parent is late, we will bring the child back into the center (around 4:15pm). Late fees will eventually be applied if it is consistent.**



Question 10: Does my child have to wear the camp t-shirt every day?

- No. Not necessary. Camp T-shirts MUST be worn on all outings. This is to enhance identification, safety and supervision during an outing.
- In some cases, we ask the campers to wear their camp T-shirt on special events (e.g. Walk-a-thon, last day of camp, etc...)
- A t-shirt of the same color may be worn (or one of previous years) if the camp T-shirt of this year is dirty or for other reasons. A replacement fee for a lost t-shirt during the camp season is 20\$.

Question 11: What is SAFEFUN?

- This is the philosophy of our camp. Our objective is to make sure that the safety of our campers will never be compromised for the sake of fun.
- We take constructive and loving steps to curtail certain behavioural or social problems with our campers. However, we are not obliged to keep any child we feel we are not equipped to handle. This is to ensure the safety of other campers and the staff as a whole and to not diminish the opportunity for your child's specific needs. The more we know, the more we can help!
- This is why we stress an open and honest communication between parents and staff. Let's make the camp enjoyable for all. There are possibilities of "shadows" if need be.
- All our animators go through a 2 month city certified training, participate and agree to our "Safe Environment" protocols. All are first aid certified and the majority are known to us through our programming and go through a police check (18 years and over). We are also accredited from the Quebec Camp Association.

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➤ **Note: The receipt given at registration is a general receipt for services rendered. It can be used for income tax purposes. Replacement receipts result in a 5\$ processing fee (which will go to the YLC's after school programming). The YLC business number is (NEQ) 116 020 2231**

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YLC hours: Monday to Thursday 3pm to 9pm and Saturday morning from 9am to Noon.
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WHAT IS THE YLC?



The Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre was founded in 1997.

It is a non-profit youth centre that reaches out annually to over 1000 children, youth and families in the East end of Montreal. Named after Saint John Bosco, a universally recognized educator and evangelizer of the young, the DBYLC strives to follow in his footsteps. The mission of the DBYLC is to foster the development of honest citizens, good and kind youth and positive leaders. This mission is carried out through a variety of youth activities that have as their finality education, prevention, and leadership training.

Don Bosco used to say: "Give the most to those who have the least." The DBYLC is particularly attentive to needier youth: those from poorer families, in dysfunctional family settings, or influenced by negative and harmful peer influences. We welcome all languages and cultures in our programming.

The DBYLC receives some financial support from the Municipal, Provincial & Federal Governments and benefits from free rent in its locale. But the DBYLC is not sufficiently financed to cover its annual operating costs. In the name of the young we thank you for any financial help you can offer us. Please speak to Theo Vecera at ylctheo@hotmail.com for how you can help and information on charity tax receipts (100\$ and more).



Who is Theo "The Big Cheese" Vecera?

Theo has been actively involved in the community since 1990 and is the co-founder and Program Coordinator of the Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre (YLC). Theo has been working every summer at camp since 1990 and has been responsible for the coordination since 1994.

Theo is a resident of RDP since 1980. He's been happily married for the last 14 years and has four beautiful children (ages 8 to 13). All of his children will be at camp this year.

Theo's passion is with youth; offering them different types of activities, developing their leadership skills and helping them to express their skills and talents. His personal philosophy is that "No young person is invisible. Everyone is someone."



He also enjoys providing opportunities for adults to give back to the community. Theo accomplishes this objective by addressing their social and recreational needs and in turn, challenging them to have a social responsibility and accountability to their community. **He is an active promoter of the community and is working with politicians and city officials to construct new facilities for youth and the community and to make sure the City remains accountable to its citizens. His challenge remains to highlight the east-end district of Montreal as a valuable and healthy environment to raise a family and for its business investment potential.**

His dreams continue to evolve as Theo is constantly looking at how we as a community, can reach out to more youth, adults and families. Not only in program planning but in creating awareness that all of us can make a positive impact by sharing our resources, skills and talents. Please join our Facebook groups "Sanimax SOS", "RDP Neighborhood watch by Theo", "Don Bosco YLC".

Theo Vecera also received from the Parliament of Quebec, a medal of recognition and merit for his 25 years of community service and was also featured in the Panoram Italia magazine.

