

DANCE FOR EVERYBODY CAMP

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Welcome to our very first Dance for EveryBODY Camp. We are looking forward to an exciting and action packed week of dance, arts & fun.

LOCATION:

The program takes place at the Carousel Dance Centre – 550-D7 Parkside Drive, Waterloo at the corner of Parkside Drive and Weber. Our accessible entrance is located at the rear of the building, through the entrance to the Green Studio. There is also parking available at this entrance. Those students who do not require an accessible entrance should use the door at the front of the building.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE:

Upon arrival, all students should report to the orange studio. Lunches, backpacks and all other personal belongings will be left in this studio. Students must be signed in and out each day by their parent/care giver. The sign in/out sheets will be located in the hallway outside the orange studio.

CAROUSEL STAFF:

The program will be team taught by Heidi Churchill, Laura Prada and volunteers.

Heidi has been Director of the Carousel Dance Centre for 13 years. After completing her undergraduate degree in Dance (Waterloo) and her Bachelor of Ed (Queen's), Heidi was excited to join the Carousel Team and combine both her love of teaching and her love of dance. Heidi's teaching experience includes teaching ballet, modern dance, creative dance and jazz to all ages and ability levels with a special focus on the development and teaching of programs for toddlers and pre-school age children. Heidi holds her Teaching Certification with the Royal Academy of Dance and has attended teaching courses & seminars at the National Ballet School, Royal Academy of Dance and daCi International Conferences in Regina and The Netherlands. With a vision that dance can and should be for EveryBODY, Heidi has been instrumental in developing adapted dance programs at Carousel. This knowledge has been shared with University students in her teaching of the dance component of Music 380E at Wilfrid Laurier and is put into practice each year in her role as the Artistic Director of Arts Express Day Camp, an arts camp for children with disabilities.

Laura has been a faculty member of the Carousel Dance Centre for more than 30 years. After completing her Bachelor of Science Degree in dance at the University of Waterloo, Laura became a faculty member in the University's dance program, a position that she held for 14 years. Laura holds her Advanced Teaching Certificate with the Royal Academy of Dance and has entered students for the prestigious solo seal examination. For many years, Laura has had a keen interest in adapted dance programs for children with special needs. In the early 90's Laura developed Carousel's first adapted dance program in collaboration with the Cambridge Rotary Centre (now

KidsAbility). Her early work with adapted dance programs was presented in a paper at the Dance and the Child International conference in Finland in 1996. Laura is looking forward to sharing her knowledge of adapted dance programs at our camp week in August!

ONE ON ONE WORKERS:

Students requiring one on one assistance must provide their own support worker.

LUNCHES:

Students should bring their lunch, a snack and a water bottle to camp each day. There are some special days where we will provide a snack for the students. These snacks are detailed on the weekly calendar. If your child has any dietary restrictions, please let us know as soon as possible. Please note that Carousel is a “nut-free” facility.

PIZZA DAY:

Friday is PIZZA DAY. If you'd like to order pizza, please be sure to complete and return a pizza order form no later than Thursday, August 5th.

ATTIRE:

Students should wear something that is comfortable to move in. Dance clothing or work-out wear is ideal. It is preferable that students have bare feet for the dance classes, but clean/indoor running shoes are acceptable if students require extra support. Students may want to bring a sweater and clean/indoor footwear to put on when they are not dancing. Please review the weekly schedule for event details and make a note of the dates we'll be painting. Please bring a paint smock or wear old clothing on these days. Please also make note of special dress up days.

END OF WEEK SHOWCASE:

The students will work towards an end of week showcase to share their dancing with family and friends. This showcase will take place at 3:30pm on Friday, August 6th. Please mark the date on your calendar.

ACCESS 2010 PERFORMANCE:

The Carousel Dance Company will be performing at Access 2010 on September 13th, 2010 at 3:00pm at the Kitchener Auditorium. Please review and complete the Access 2010 form so that we know who will be participating in this exciting event.