

## **MONTREAL: Ville de Sciences et Communication!**

**5-Day Summer FRENCH CAMP in MONTREAL**

**Departing from Toronto AUGUST 9-13, 2010**

**For French speaking and French Immersion children ages 9 to 13**

**Planned and organized by Camp Baby Point En Français**

### **Vision for the Camp**

Explore in FRENCH, with a child-focused approach, what life in space is all about and its impact on our daily life. Discover the worlds of movie, radio and TV production. Understand how the technologies we take for granted in our daily life work. Take advantage of top notch cultural and educational facilities available in Montréal, to wake up the passion for sciences and communication in the eyes of young ones. Campers engage and interact with francophone Montréalers from diverse backgrounds through various workshops and the sharing of daily routines while being physically active. Have fun within the comfort of a small peer group. Feel safe under the caring supervision of counselors as you expand your own cultural world. Immerse yourself in this unique francophone culture and city like a Montréal child would!

### **What is it?**

- A 5-day Monday to Friday overnight camp experience in Montréal sponsored and accredited by Canadian Parents for French (Ontario).

- The campers will travel to Montreal by VIA Rail from Toronto.

Departure: Monday, August 9, at 8.30AM from Union Station

Returning: Friday, August 13, at 8.30PM to Union Station

Public transit will be used in Montreal.

This camp is organized by Evelyne Dufau, the Camp Director for Camp Baby Point en Français day camp, which has run for 7 years in the west-end of Toronto. The campers will be joined by multiple local hosts who will further reinforce the counselor to camper ratio.

### **Home Base & Meals**

- overnight stay on day 1 at the Cosmodôme in Laval in modules similar to those found in the Space Station ( 8 children of the same gender by module, counselors in adjoining modules on the same floor)

- Home base on nights 2, 3 & 4: Collège Brébeuf is a 10 minute subway ride from downtown Montréal and a short walk from Mont Royal.

- Accommodation: a self-contained and dedicated residence floor with 2 campers of the same gender per bedroom ( in some cases private room) and boys and girls washrooms on the floor.

- Dedicated lounge area and comprehensive on-site sport facilities, both indoors and outdoors, and access to a nearby outdoor public swimming pool (with lifeguards).

- Daily meals: hot buffet breakfast and one 3-course buffet-style hot meal with salad bar every

day in addition to a cold meal assembled daily in picnic bags. On day 1 campers travel with their own lunch brought from home. Food allergies can be accommodated but need to be detailed in advance on the Registration Form.

- Ste Justine Children's Hospital is conveniently located across the street for any emergencies.

### **Our Campers**

- A maximum of thirty 9 to 13 year old campers schooled in French (Immersion or Francophone) or with strong fluency gained in the home. Priority is given to alumni as well as to 10-13 year old campers. Keep in mind that Camp Baby Point En Français is also offered as a Toronto day camp for 5 to 10 year olds for two weeks in late August.

- Campers need to:

a) be mature enough to happily spend 5 days away from their family;

b) be willing to live by the camp code of conduct that will be communicated to families prior to departure;

c) demonstrate a good sense of responsibility to ensure a quality camp experience for each person in the group;

d) be physically active and in good health in order to take full advantage of a content-filled week and to fit in well within the group.

No more than 5 children per counselor (Junior or Senior) during the day with one senior counselor per 10 children. Around the clock supervision.

### **Our Counselors**

Bilingual francophone counselors speak French at all times (unless a health or safety concern needs to be best addressed in English with the camper). Assuming the camp operates at full capacity, i.e. 30 campers, the camp will be staffed by 3 senior counselors (adults) and 3 junior counselors. Evelyne Dufau, as Camp Director, is one of the senior counselors. Numerous local hosts will join us to lead our group through the various activities, all in French of course!

### **The Program**

- 2 workshops and an overnight stay at the Cosmodôme ([www.cosmodome.org](http://www.cosmodome.org)) : 1) introduction to the history of the discovery of space and its repercussions in everyday life 2) introduction to life as an astronaut, using simulator trials and discovering physical properties applicable to people and objects in space 3) overnight in modules similar to those found in the space station.
- 2 workshops at the Cinérobotique de Montréal, National Film Board of Canada (<http://www.onf-nfb.gc.ca/eng/cinerobotique>) : 1) Campers solve scientific quizzes in teams with the help of fun video clips about common scientific phenomena 2) campers gain comfort handling a camera to produce videos through fun step-by-step exercises.
- Various interactive & instructor-led activities in three exhibit halls of Montréal Centre des Sciences et Technologies: *Science 26, IdTV, and Ciné-Jeu*

- A guided, child focused, biking tour along the dedicated bike paths (away from car traffic) to explore the banks of Canal Lachine, an historical means of communication in Montreal.
- Improvisation workshop led by drama specialist
- Friday AM grand finale at Radio Canada to visit both TV & radio studios followed by an authentic radio workshop: our group gets to produce its own radio show with a role for each camper.
- The evenings at Collège Brébeuf will include daily team debriefs for campers to share their impressions of the day's activities, a chance to write a few notes in personal travel logs, a movie night, an opportunity to practice sports with many on-site facilities to choose from, cards or board games, reading, a swim on hot days, and a possible visit by a guest artist. Bedtime is at 9.30-10PM and wake up is 7.30AM.

### **Fees**

\$790 + 5% GST based on 30 campers. This fee includes all accommodations and meals from Monday evening until Friday night (campers bring a lunch on Monday for the train ride), entrance fees to all site visits, fees for all guided activities and public transportation within Montréal. The fee does not include additional medical insurance or personal expenses.

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VIA RAIL train group transportation cost (\$91 for children up to 11 years old and \$139 for 12 year olds & up) based on 30 people traveling together

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A one-time \$25 one-year membership fee per family payable to Canadian Parents for French. If already a CPF member, one year will be added to your current CPF membership. If your membership expires after December 31, 2010, you are exempt from the \$25 fee.

### **Payment Schedule**

- Upon registration a non-refundable deposit of \$400 is required dated March 8 and is to be mailed with the Registration Form.
- May 15: \$390 balance of the fee + \$39.50 of GST (5% on the full tuition amount) + cost of VIA Rail ticket + \$25 CPF membership fee/family are due. Please enclose all of those payments with your registration form using May 15 post-dated cheques.
- Registration forms are available online on Expérience Authentique web site at [www.experienceauthentique.com/summercamps.asp](http://www.experienceauthentique.com/summercamps.asp) or at [www.cpfont.on.ca](http://www.cpfont.on.ca) under *CPF Summer Camps*.

### **Q &A Information Session**

Meet with Evelyne Dufau, the Camp Director, on March 6 between 10.30 & 11.30AM in Toronto's West end ( address confirmed upon RSVP). You can contact Evelyne at 416-760-9849 or at [evelyne@experienceauthentique.com](mailto:evelyne@experienceauthentique.com). You can express an interest and pre-reserve a spot in the camp via e-mail, prior to the March 6 information session, as the camp might fill up quickly. Note that the Registration Form is required by March 8 to secure a confirmed spot. A full Parent

Information Package, including details of transportation, packing list, day-by-day outline of activities and Code of Conduct, is sent by June 30 to all confirmed campers.

**Our Goal in Organizing this Camp**

Our campers come back motivated to pursue their commitment to both the French language and culture as they experience the full wealth of being bilingual and are comfortable in a French-speaking environment.