

Camps Descriptions

Games Camp (indoor & outdoor)

This camp is all about games from indoor board and dice games to outdoor chalk and rope games. While children are engaged with the games and have fun, they will develop thinking skills such as problem-solving and creative thinking as well as social skills such as communication and cooperation.

Art/Painting Camp

"If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced." ~ Van Gogh

This camp is designed for children who can't get enough art and painting. The focus of the art/painting camp is not on talent or skill but on creating in an atmosphere of exploration and enjoyment while sitting together, imagining, painting/creating art together, and becoming (more) friends. No experience required. All material and guidance provided.

Mixed Media/Collage Camp

Making a collage needs imagination. Children are great at imagining and creating. Having known the importance of imagination, especially in coming up with new ideas and inventing, this camp focuses on imagination and imaginative inquiry (asking "what if" questions). In this camp, we choose a topic—topics that are relevant to children's lives (e.g. emotions, happiness, friendship, ...), explore it together, and then make a collage. We use the simplest materials such as magazines/newspapers, plain/colored papers, fabric, buttons, yarn, etc. to create a beautiful collage.

Nature/Crafts Camp

Nature is beautiful and full of inspirations. This camp provides an opportunity for children to go to the nature, explore it and make crafts using natural products such as sticks, leaves, stones, seeds and more. Through engaging with different materials from nature, children are able to tap into their creativity for a fun week of creating some unique crafts.

Imaginarium: cultivating imagination

"Imagination is more important than knowledge." ~Einstein

Imagine. Design. Create. This fanciful camp is all about stimulating and cultivating children's imagination to create/build. Imaginarium will engage children's curiosity and let their imagination shine as they explore their creativity with various activities—from making a robot to designing their own park, to crafting and creating a collaborative piece of art.

Storytelling

Children must be taught how to think, not what to think. ~Margaret Mead.

During this camp, children will read storybooks with topics that are meaningful in their lives. Children will be encouraged to explore the story, ask questions, and have a conversation together. Then, they will be invited to do an art activity (drawing, painting, writing, etc.) to express their ideas and emotions. This will help children improve their critical thinking skills, perspective-taking, and sense of empathy to understand their own ideas, thoughts and emotions as well as others’.

Digital Storytelling (Teens Camp)

“We live stories that either give our lives meaning or negate it with meaninglessness. If we change the stories we live by, quite possibly we change our lives.” ~Thomas King, The Truth about Stories

We usually tell stories to the children and youth. But what about them telling us *their* stories? This camp is about offering the art of storytelling to teenagers for its use of imagination and creativity, as well as its positive effect on their social and emotional competences.

What is interesting about ‘digital’ storytelling is that it combines text, images, and music with narration in teenagers’ own voice to create their story in a digital movie format. Throughout the digital storytelling camp, teenagers have the opportunity to work with peers, share and explore ideas, and learn from each other in so many ways. The technology involved is an online (free) video editing software which could be run from any computer without any need for software installs. The stories can be published online and (if the storyteller wishes so) watched by others.

Life Skills (Teens Camp)

“The strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It is the one that stands in the open, where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun.” —Napoleon Hill (1883–1970)

This camp is about empowering teenagers to be resilient when they face difficulties in life. The activities are designed to help teenagers develop self-regulation and build the capacity to adapt adversities. Developing self-regulation and cognitive, social and emotional competencies increases well-being and resilience which decreases the risk of developing mental, emotional and behavioural health problems later. Our aim is to make a difference in youth lives through nurturing their resilience.

Critical Thinking (Teens Camp)

“I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.” ~Socrates

The art of thinking has a great impact on the lives of children, youth and adults. Thinking for oneself in today’s society that is changing faster than ever is not easy. It needs our children and youth to think, reflect, and reason better and communicate across differences when exposed to a range of different perspectives. This camp offers different fun activities for teenagers to promote their reasoning, perspective-taking and critical thinking skills.

Art/Painting Camp (Teens Camp)

“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” ~Pablo Picasso

This camp gives the opportunity of creating art through painting, making crafts while working with a variety of materials (e.g. paper, paint, fabric, wood) and using different techniques. Each camp starts with a topic to explore which leads to develop thematically related activities. These fun activities help the teenagers express their feelings and imaginations through arts and crafts.