

OUR COUNSELLORS

Our fun, energetic and mature staff ensures your child has a fun and safe summer. Our counsellors have distinct backgrounds in education, mostly from McGill & Concordia University. Beyond their ability to make activities exciting and engaging, our staff members have been selected because of their mentoring capabilities and are here not only to create a great camp experience, but also to mentor your child and help them achieve their goals.



Our number one priority is **creating a fun and safe environment for your child**. We are a peanut/ nut free camp and promote sun safety measures. All counsellors are trained in first aid and CPR to ensure every bump and scratch is properly attended to.



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MORE THAN LEADERS, OUR COUNSELLORS ARE MENTORS







AGES 3 & 4

Tailored to their needs, the Laurus Juniors
Program caters to preschool children. The
program provides them with a personal, and
hands on experience, as our counsellor to
camper ratio is a one (1) to three (3). Our
campers receive an enriched learning
experience that will provide them with the
opportunity to advance their cognitive,
physical, social, and emotional development.
Through various channels of exploration and
discovery, our Juniors will be able to learn
about themselves, and the world that
surrounds them on a day to day basis!





LEARNING SKILLS

Every morning our juniors will spend time with their counsellors exploring a daily lesson. The lesson will follow the weekly theme and will incorporate play based learning. These lessons help prepare our juniors for school life.



CREATIVE SKILLS

Once a day, juniors will geta chance to unleash their creativity. They will have a chance to explore Science and Art in a way that is both fun and educational. The creative themes are the main weekly theme and are carried out throughout the entire week.



PHYSICAL SKILLS

One of the most essential skill to help preschool children develop is body awareness. Time slots are therefore dedicated di erent physical activities. The children will play team sports and games, dance, do yoga, and explore movement to develop agility and coordination.



REGULAR

AGES 5-11

Our Regular Program at Laurus is far from "regular," this program is heavy on the Specific Training Areas, guest speakers, and for fostering lifelong friendships! Children will learn something from each area of expertise every day - the arts, sports, and academics!



One of Laurus' main assets are our STAs.

Specific Training Areas let your child learn or develop a skill in the areas of arts, sciences, sports & academics by spending 75 minutes each day working with a specialist.

REGULAR AGES 5-11

ARTS

At Laurus, the Arts, are just as important as the Academics. The ability to engage a child's mind creatively, to think outside the box, to listen to the rhythm, understand the beat, discover the movements of their body through dance, the steadiness of their hand through sketching, the chemistry of cooking, and the confidence building in drama. The skills you learn in the Arts is what you usually share as a strength in future job interviews!



Every week we have a different theme (i.e. architecture, water colour, profiles, etc.) and we work with the kids every day on a daily project as well as a weekly project. Constantly engaging in the technique, style, and history of the art they are learning!



Mainly a mix between Hip Hop and Jazz, our dancers pick a song for the week, learn to warm up, move to the beat, help in choreography, and then perform on Friday, for the entire camp!









Now, this one is a fan favourite. The kids pick a play, learn their lines, work on stage presence, set design, articulating, expressing, and on Friday, man do they put on a great show!



COOKING

Let's get back into the kitchen! It's time! At Laurus we want to inspire kids to engage with the food they eat, understand what they eat, the process and science behind cooking, and the way food influences and interacts with our body!

ACADEMICS



Many of our campers come to Laurus to learn English, a majority of our counsellers are billingual and can communicate with kids in both French and English. However, during English STA time, we assess each child's level and then work to improve on their writing, reading, and oral skills through games, books, creative writing activities, improve, and more.





Our French STA is structured much like the English STA, where we assess each child's level and then work to improve on their writing, reading, and oral skills through games, books, creating writing activities, improve, and more.

NOTE: The best way to truly grasp a new language is to immerse in it socially. At Laurus we work hard to communicate with those in the English and French STA's in the language they are learning to give them more of an opportunity to engage in the language.



ACADEMICS



What ever happened to the saying "Science is Cool?" Well, Bill Nye may have stopped making TV shows, but we still very much so think that science is cool. Every week we have a different theme in Science STA that plays off a bigger theme of Biology, Chemistry, or Physics – from learning about the different biodomes, to learning about the pH Scale, to finally understanding that "what goes up, must come down" – we work hard to engage our campers in learning these topics through experiments, hands on activities, and weekly projects!





MATH

The thing with math is that we all remember that moment where we just...got it. Where isolating the x-variable became natural, no longer having to recite in our heads "brackets, exponents, division, multiplication, additions, and subtraction" - where the equal sign and manipulating the numbers on either side, made sense. So, why not engage our campers in working towards that "I got it" feeling through engaging scavenger hunts that revolve around learning the area and perimeter, learning to add and subtract through playing hop scotch and drawings or isolating the x through pretending you're at a grocery store. Math is all around us, and we use it more often than we think, so let's work together during the Math STA to ensure our kid's understand that and understand that there are multiple ways of looking at a problem, so there are multiple solutions as well!

SPORTS

Ah yes, the sports! Now, sure it's important to learn the rules in a game and be able to watch a football game and analyze the play, but what about learning the actual skills needed to play sports? That is what we intend to do with each sports STA, we will go over basics of the game and engage in the analyzing of plays and strategies, but we will focus on the footwork and agility of soccer, the tactic and style of football, the stamina and vertical needed in basketball, and the different training methods and styles in fitness!

SPORTS STA's:

SOCCER

BASKETBALL

FITNESS









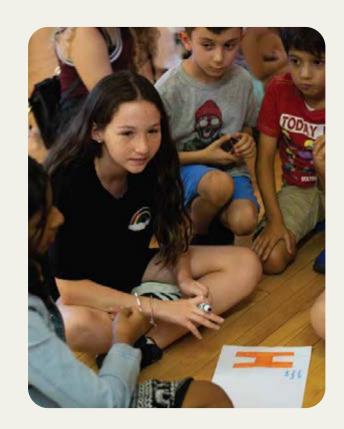




LEADERSHIP

AGES 12-15

The Laurus Leadership Program is geared to providing our young adults with the tools to be confident in themselves, to learn how to lead and impact those around them, and what their future roles may require of them. Most notably, the leadership program provides unique opportunities to learn through entrepreneurship, taking initiative around camp, and learning the power of empathy to give back to the community!



PROGRAM THEMES

Our new Leadership Program for teens has been modelled to help our campers acquire promising skills while having a blast! We have completely restructured the program into 5 categories:



Every week, the leadership team will explore a new theme. The summer will be split into 3 theme blocks: **Entrepreneurship**, **#KIDSCAN** and **Growing Up**. Kids will learn from di erent guest speakers, participate to workshops and create projects related to the theme of the week.



These activities are designed to help the campers improve their social and communication skills in team work. They will also have the chance to develop friendships and learn the importance of collaboration.



Physical activity becomes more and more important as kids get older. Once teens finish school, they need to know how to be active on their own. Our sports and exercise activities will give kids insight into how the body works and how to keep it healthy.



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A healthy lifestyle goes beyond physical activity, and learning happens beyond the classroom. That's why we help teens learn essential skills to a balanced lifestyle such as cooking, applying for a part-time job or choosing a course of study. We guide our campers towards balance and responsibility, helping them figure out what we have struggled with ourselves at their age.



Many kids grow less interested in expressing creativity as they grow older. We believe that if you cater these forms of expression to teens, they'll show more interest. Instead of forcing the kids to do the same arts and crafts as the little kids, we want to show them cool ways to express themselves. From photography, to sculpture and even amateur film making, teens will have new forms of expression at their disposal, and who knows, perhaps discover their lifelong passion?







ENTREPRENEURSHIP

AGES 12-15

Laurus Camp has been working in partnership with Startupfest for three years now. This partnership is born from a desire and wish to inspire our youth to take control of their ideas, to engage in their creativity and to think outside the box. Every summer, the Leadership crew (Ages 12- 15) gets to meet local and international entrepreneurs during the first three weeks of camp, who will share their stories, inspire our kids, and guide them through the development of their own ideas! This program has seen campers grow and mature into young entrepreneurs who not only share their ideas, but who also believe in their ideas.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP AGES 12-15

WEEK ONE



BRAIN-STORMING / CREATIVE

Campers will work with mentors to find an idea, so we ask our mentors to come with one or two ideas on how to inspire our campers to be creative and help them find confidence in their own thoughts!

WEEK THREE



PITCHES / PRESENTATION

Throughout the three weeks our kids will work to develop a pitch to present to Laurus Camp, we ask our mentors who participate in this phase to listen to their pitches, provide their feedback on not only the content, but their overall confidence and presentation. Give them tips on how to sell their product to investors who don't know the first thing about them.

WEEK TWO



DEVELOPING / REFINING

Campers will already have their own (or group) idea and they will work with the mentors to determine the obstacles they may face, help them with the logistics of their idea, how to "start" and determine their financial needs. We ask our mentors to help our campers refine their ideas, actually help them determine the first steps in putting their ideas into motion.

Every week the leadership crew will meet with two or three mentors – we end our Entrepreneurship Program by taking the kids to the **Startupfest in Old Port Montreal.** They get to meet so many other entrepreneurs, listen to live pitches on stage, and they even get to award a Kid's Choice Award on the best pitch!

It has been amazing to watch our leadership crew participate in this program, not only does it help them understand the world of entrepreneurship, but it gives them confidence in their own thinking and potential to build their own future.



GIT (COUNSELLOR-in-TRAINING)

AGES 15

Our newly launched Counsellor In Training program is designed to teach teens aged 15 all the necessary skills and aptitudes to be a great summer camp counsellor! Three 3-week sessions are available throughout the summer, of which teens only need to attend one.

FIRST SESSION:

June 24 to July 12

SECOND SESSION:

June 24 to July 12

THIRD SESSION:

August 5 to August 23





Included in the cost for the programming is a first aid and CPR training course. We will be having the Red Cross visit once per session to administer the course. Teens will finish their CIT training with a First Aid & CPR certification card issued by the Red Cross.



The CIT program offers plenty of hands on experience. As a part of the mentorship program with our experienced counsellors, CIT participants will be guided in running activities. The teens will begin by shadowing and will progressively take on the roles of a counsellor. By the end of their session, they will be able to run an entire activity block, from the planning through to the execution.

CHILD CARE TRAINING

CIT participants will receive both formal and hands on child care training. They will take a babysitting course at the beginning of the session to introduce them to child care basics. In addition to this, they will be trained by our very own staff about camp basics. From here, each teen will be paired with an experienced counsellor to shadow. This counsellor will serve as their mentor and will offer them constant feedback.





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