

TO DO: Hockey, arts, Amazing Race programs offered vacationing students

March breakers can make movies, Glee show

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A pair of popular TV shows have become the basis of local March break camps.

Stouffville Academy of Music and Dance has put a call out to all Gleeks aged eight and up.

The studio is holding a five-day camp filled with singing and dancing based on numbers from the show Glee. At the end of the week, campers will perform for friends and family.

The cost of the camp is \$99. For more information, go to www.stouffvilleacademy.com

If The Amazing Race is more your style, the town is offering Amazing Race Stouffville Edition. Teens aged 13 to 18 will form teams of two and face challenges throughout downtown, including at the Red Bulb Espresso Bar, the Care and Share, Ann's Fabrics and Stouffville Florist.

The race takes place March 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The first team back wins a pool party at the Lebovic Leisure Centre.

"It's to get them off the couch, get them off the computer, get them active," said Mico Ongman, manager of recreation for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

If deciphering clues and following directions cause you to go around in circles, the team who takes the most steps will also receive a prize. Pedometers will be provided.

Participants are encouraged to come up with a team name and wear a costume or uniform. There is a prize for best team spirit.

The cost is \$10 per team and money raised from the event will go towards developing future youth programs.

Registration can be done at the Lebovic Leisure Centre until 11 a.m. of race day.

If being behind the camera interests you, the town, in conjunction with The Director's Cut, a mobile film and imaging studio dedicated to children, are hosting a stop-motion animation camp for kids aged six to 14.

"It just seems like such an interesting camp idea that has an applied component to it," said Steven Foster, cultural facility and programming co-ordinator for the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park, where the camp will take place.

Even if you don't fancy yourself as the next Steven Spielberg, James

Cameron or Coen brother, the camp still offers a lot of fun.

"Film is a very accessible medium for them because film is entertainment," Mr. Foster said.

The camp is divided into two age groups. The six- to nine-year-olds will learn how to make a stop-motion film with crayons, paper and scissors, while the older kids — 10 to 14, will work with clay.

At the end of the week, kids will have a movie, complete with sound and special effects as well as voice overs, they can show to all of their friends.

All supplies are provided.

The cost is \$245 per child.

The camp runs March 14 to 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register, contact the Lebovic Leisure Centre at 905-642-7529.

Painting, drawing classes

If you like art, but not filmmaking, the Latcham Gallery is holding a variety of camps throughout the week, on painting, drawing and collage making.

The camps are for kids aged five to 12.

Artist educator Ana Jurpik, who led the December camps, will lead these ones.

The cost is \$35/day for gallery members and \$40/day for non-members.

All materials are included.

To register, call 905-640-8954 or go to www.latchamgallery.ca

The Workshop on Ringwood Drive is providing three days of scrapbooking, painting and crafting.

Each day costs \$35 and the camp runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, go to www.sandysworkshop.ca

Library has movies, music

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is hosting its annual variety of programs for kids of all ages.

Children's musical entertainer Paul Behnke will perform at Latcham Hall, 8 Park Dr. March 15 from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

At 1:30 p.m. the same day at the Lebovic Leisure Centre, *Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader* will be screened.

Magician Ian Crawford will dazzle you during an 11:30 a.m. performance March 16.

On March 17 at 1:30 p.m., *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part*



Magician Ian Crawford will perform during the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library's March break program, March 16. The library is also screening movies and hosting a children's entertainer.

I will be screened at the leisure centre.

All library events are free, thanks to the Stouffville Lions Club, however, tickets are required. Call the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library at 905-642-7323.

Free skates, swims

When it comes to sports camps, there is no shortage.

Atlas Fitness for Youth, in partnership with the town, is offering daily activities of basketball, hockey, volleyball, soccer, handball and badminton for seven to 14 year olds.

The camp runs all week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church gymnasium, 12485 Tenth Line.

The cost is \$185 for one child, \$300 for two siblings and \$425 for three siblings. Extended care is also available.

Campers are asked to bring indoor sportswear, lunch, water and two healthy, peanut-free snacks.

For more information, go to www.townofws.com/camps.asp or www.atlasfitnessforyouth.com/pages/program_marchbreak.htm

The town is hosting a hockey camp for six to 12 year olds at the Stouffville Arena.

Players will participate in on-ice powerskating and hockey drills. Off-ice activities include movies and games. Full hockey equipment, including a CSA-approved hockey helmet and stick are required.

Half (\$165) and full day (\$265) camps are available.

For more information or to register, go to www.townofws.com/camps.asp

Junior powerskating clinics are also taking place at the Stouffville Arena for five to 10 year olds.

The program helps develop strong hockey skills with a focus on power, co-ordination and endurance. This is not a learn to skate program.

Full equipment, including a CSA-approved hockey helmet is required.

The four-day clinic costs \$85.50.

For more information, go to www.townofws.com/camps.asp

The Lebovic Leisure Centre will be open for leisure swims all week from 1:05 to 2:30 p.m.

The swims will be free March 14

and 16 thanks to Tim Hortons.

Leisure skating will take place all week at the Stouffville Arena from 2 to 5 p.m. Skating is free March 15 courtesy of Paul Calandra, MP for Oak Ridges-Markham. Skating will also be free March 16 thanks to Boston Pizza.

Get outside at Willowgrove

Snowshoeing, cross country skiing and Quinzhee building are just some of the activities taking place during Willowgrove's March Break camp.

There will also be maple syrup lessons, wall climbing, outdoor sports, farm lessons, crafts and wagon rides.

The full-week program is for six to 12 year olds and runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Before and after care is also available.

The camp is \$230 per child. Before care is \$40 per family and after care is also \$40 per family.

Willowgrove is located at 11737 McCowan Rd., about 1 km south of Stouffville Road.

For more information, go to www.townofws.com/camps.asp

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