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The Latcham Gallery is one of several Stouffville institutions offering summer camps to vacationing students this year.

Museum new to summer camp game **BY SANDRA BOLAN** Draw, paint and sculpt with the guidance of other is for nine to 15 year olds. professional artists/educators at the Latsholan@yrmg.com

Create some zany vehicles, plant your own rainforest, create an exhibit and learn some etiquette.

Those are just some of the activities campers will get to do during to 16. the first-ever Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum summer camps.

"We're going to make sure everyday is a new adventure for them," said, Krista Rauchenstein, program co-ordinator, museum and town Have you ever wanted to create your own events. "We like that we can provide education for them, but also fun."

The museum is finally able to offer summer camps because of the extra space created by the renova tion, as well as the ability to hire two students to help run the camps, according to Ms Rauchenstein.

A-Muse-Ing Adventures is for eight to 12 year olds and consists of creating an exhibit that will be The town also offers a variety of sportsopen to parents. In camp Wacky Wheels, participants create their own machine and get two free passes to the museum's annual Antique and Classic Car show.

For more information and to register, go to townofws.ca/museum.asp Other local camps include:

cham Gallery's art camps.

As of press time, spots remained in the half-day camps for four to eight year olds running July 15 to 19 and the full day summer art jam for 10 to 16 year olds, Aug. 12

Fees range from \$110 to \$200. For more information and to register, to go www.latchamgallery.ca

superhero figures and insignia? The town has a week-long camp for five to 12 year olds that will help them create a unique superhero name, powers, story and history.

Other week-long camps offered via Camp Stouffville include art, music, science, ancient Egypt, the rainforest and the Olympics. For more information and to register, go totownofws.ca/camps.asp

oriented camps.

Work on power skating and various drills during a camp for six to 12 year olds.

Camps are half or full days in duration and cost between \$165 and \$265.

There is also a junior power skating clinic for five to 10 year olds. This is not a learnto-skate program. Participants must have already taken two sessions of skating lessons. The cost is \$85.50.

For the two-sport athlete aged eight to 15, there are a number of tennis and soccer sessions in Ballantrae. Ground strokes, volleys, serves and game rules will be taught in the tennis portion, while ball control, shooting and passing are part of the soccer section. The cost ranges from \$204 to \$255.

Registering for these camps can be done at www.townofws.com/camps.asp

In a partnership between the town and Atlas Fitness for Youth, campers parbcipate in two sports a day that include basketball, volleyball, hockey, archery, badminton, soccer, dodgeball and European handball. They will also swim twice a week.

Fees range from \$180 to \$225.

Registration for this camp must be done at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder St.

Want to become a camp counsellor? The Leadership in Training program is for you, if you are 13 and older.

Mornings will be spent improving leadership skills, while the afternoons consist of handson work by assisting camp counsellors with programs.

There are two week-long sessions, each with a different focus. One is based on essential leadership skills, the other has more camper interaction. The fee is \$250 per week. Registration can be done at www.townofws. ca/camps.asp

Motus O spearheads two drama camps at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park. One is for thespians six to eight years of age and the

Participants in the inaugural offening of the Junior Stars camp will perform Where The Wild Things Are.

The drama camp for older kids concentrates on creating monologues, acting, stage presence, movement, physical theatre and voice.

The fee for each camp is \$350. For dates, more information and to register, go to www. townofws.ca/camps.asp

A film camp returns to Nineteen on the Park. With the help of filmmakers, young Christopher Nolans will storyboard their concepts, write scripts, scout locations and shoot their films in HD. The cost is \$255 per session. For more information and to register, go to www.townofws.ca/camps:asp

Use creative play and outdoor adventures to unleash the writer within at Willowgrove's new Root Words Literacy Camp.

Participants sharpen their creative writing skills, while learning through hands-on interactive lessons. The camp is for seven to 13 year olds.

Willowgrove also has a two-week outdoor camp, with the second half an overnight camp at Fraser Lake. Leaders in Training, as well as Counsellors in Training sessions are also offered by Willowgrove.

For more information and to register, go to www.willowgrove.ca/home

Want to horse around this summer?

Pause Awhile Equestrian Centre has a number of two-week sessions available. Beginners to advanced show nders welcome.

Mornings will be spent on horsemanship. stable management and a one-hour riding lesson. Afternoon activities include pond canoeing or fishing, swimming in the pool and playing team sports. The cost is \$655. Call 905-640-7232 for more information

Dance Creations has week-long camps for kids three to 10 years of age.

Participants learn a variety of dance styles including ballet, jazz, hip hop, acro and musical theatre. At the end of the week. students put on a performance for their parents. More information at dance-creations.ca

The EastRidge Evangelical Missionary

Church's summer camp is about more than being a great soccer player, working on slam dunks or stopping pucks.

It's about making friends, being a champion in life and learning about Jesus.

Each day consists of playing soccer, ball hockey and basketball as well as dedicated devotion time.

This year's Venture Bible camp theme is Rocky Mountain Rescue.

Participants learn how God is a part of their everyday lives through games, arts and crafts, snacks, music, drama skits and Bible stones.

The camp is for kids five to 11 years of age It is free

To register and for more information, go to http://eastridge.ca/kidscamps.html

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS **PICKERING LANDS** On June 11, 2013, the Government of Canada announced its plan for the responsible use and management of the Pickering Lands. The plan includes: transfering nearly 5,000 acres of the western portion to Parks Canada, towards creating the Rouge National Urban Park in the Rouge Valley: reserving a smaller portion in the southeast quadrant for a future airport; and engaging stakeholders, businesses and local communities on the future of the remaining lands. Transport Canada will hold public information sessions to answer your questions about these decisions and explain upcoming activities. Dates: Monday, June 24, 2013 Thursday, June 27, 2013 Time 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bushwood Golf Club Location 10905 Reesor Road Markham, ON Additional information can be found on Transport Canada's website: www.tc.gc.ca/eng/ontario/pickering-menu-1362.htm