# TLAC 2027 Program Descriptions

The Trillium Lakelands Arts Camp (TLAC) is set up as a typical high school day with four periods per day. Referring to the program descriptions on the following pages, students can make session choices during their assigned registration window to create a full 4-period schedule.

- Junior programs are available to students in Grades 7 to 8
- Senior programs are available to students in Grades 9 to 12
- A maximum of one (1) Health & Wellness session may be chosen.
- Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are 2-period courses.

Some workshops have a limited number of openings. Space in these courses is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Use this worksheet to help plan your camp week.

| First choices | | | |
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| **Period 1** | **Period 2** | **Period 3** | **Period 4** |
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We do our best to accommodate your first choices, however, courses are also subject to change based on registration numbers. You'll need to select additional programming choices in the event that cancellations and changes occur.

| Second choices | | | |
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| **Period 1** | **Period 2** | **Period 3** | **Period 4** |
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| **General Arts** | | Taste of the Arts - Dance, Music, Visual Arts, Theatre | | |
| **Visual Arts** | Sr. Pottery* | Sr. Pottery* | Jr. Pottery* | Jr. Pottery* |
| | Found Art | Hand-stitched Creatures | Photography | Sr. Advanced Stitching |
| | Scene Painting | Wet Felting | Mechanical Paper | Molds & Makeup |
| | Watercolour | Exploring Indigenous Arts* | Watercolour, Pen & Ink | Exploring Indigenous Arts* |
| | Flying Fantastical Friends* | Flying Fantastical Friends* | Dry Felting | Disco Sculptures |
| | | Ink Drawing | Print Making | Print Making |
| | | | Sr. Landscapes | Mixed Media |
| **Music** | DJ Performance Training | Rock Band* | Campfire Music | Rock Band* |
| | Sr. Concert Band* | | Sr. Concert Band* | Bucket Drumming |
| | Guitar Level 1 | | Pitch Perfect 2.0 | Jazz Improv |
| | Guitar Level 2* | | Guitar Level 2* | |
| | Jr. Concert Band | | Songwriting for Singers | |
| **Dance** | Contemporary Dance | | Dance Around the World | Hip Hop |
| | | | | Jazz Dance |
| **Theatre** | Musical Theatre* | Musical Theatre* | Jr. Improv | Bringing D&D to Life |
| | Sr. Filmmaking* | Sr. Filmmaking* | Creative Writing | Sr. Taste of Broadway |
| | Sketch Comedy | Sr. Behind-the-Scenes | Sr. Acting* | Sr. Acting* |
| | Sr. Shakespeare & Stage Fighting | Clowning | Character Creation/ Podcast | Sr. Improv |
| | Puppeteering | Sr. Devised Theatre | | |
| | | Jr. Taste of Broadway | | |
| **Health & Wellness** | **Student may select a maximum of one (1) Health & Wellness course** | | | |
| | Nature Journalling & Sketching | Sr. Independent Study | | Sr. Independent Study |
| | Ropes | Ropes | | Ropes |
| | | Mountain Biking | Mountain Biking | Mountain Biking |
| | | Waterfront | Waterfront | Waterfront |
| | | Racquet Sports | Racquet Sports | Racquet Sports |
| | | Sports Medley | Sports Medley | Sports Medley |

## Taste of the Arts - Dance, Visual Arts, Theatre, Music

Discover your creative spark in a journey through the arts! Whether you are a curious beginner or a versatile creator, this sampler course offers an introduction to visual arts, music, theatre, and dance. Each day focuses on a different discipline, letting you explore hands-on visual arts techniques, find your rhythm in music, build confidence through expressive theatre games, and energize your movement with dynamic dancing. Guided by passionate instructors, you'll try different mediums, collaborate with peers, and uncover hidden talents.

# Visual Arts

Students taking any visual arts program are encouraged to bring a mixed media sketchbook, photos/media inspiration and a pencil. Students taking classes in pottery, sculpture, and painting are asked to bring old clothing and/or an apron—art can get messy!

## General



**Disco Sculptures:** Bring on the light! Using lightweight air dry clay, build any medium sized object to your heart desires. Whether it's a sea creature, mammal, a boat, you name it! Reduce it to its simplest form in clay then methodically attach mirrored glass to create a disco ball object able to hang and spin. Install near a window and watch the natural light dance around any room.

**Dry Felting:** Explore dry felting techniques to needle together colourful wool fibres. This process is wonderful for creating whimsical, 2D landscapes in a style known as wool painting. We will also explore 3D dry felting, building up wool forms to create fuzzy miniature creatures.

**Exploring Indigenous Arts*:** Learn about Michi Saagig Ojibwe culture with honoured guests from Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and others through traditional art, such as caribou hair tufting, birch bark/porcupine quill work, fish scale art, pine needle baskets, ribbon skirts and shirts, pow wow regalia, and how it can incorporate contemporary resources. Students will create their own beautiful mixed art bundle to proudly show off and talk about-keychains, pins, bags, and who knows what else may be a part of your bundle, made with a combination of materials, perhaps even including those harvested from the land together at camp!

**Flying Fantastical Friends*:** If you like dragons, Pegasus, bugs, magical, fierce, or odd animorphs then this is the class for you. Build your fantastical friend out of clay and hang in pieces to form a creature who appears to fly. After building your clay creature in parts, assemble and paint to reveal your creature's true hovering nature. When fine art sculptures meet mobiles/wind chimes with a fantastical, mythical creature spin. For students who have never touched clay to the expert. Evolve your clay skills to a new level using traditional clay techniques with a new twist.

**Found Art:** Learn how to use natural materials as both printmaking tools and direct collage elements in 2D artwork. In this class, you'll head outdoors to gather items like leaves, bark, pressable flowers, and flat twigs. First, you'll use acrylic paint to stamp and transfer their physical textures onto paper and canvas. Then, you'll glue and layer the actual natural items directly onto your painted backgrounds, combining printed textures with real organic elements on a flat surface. You'll focus on paint control, smooth adhesive application, and overall composition.

**Hand-stitched Creatures:** Learn the step-by-step process of designing, cutting, assembling, and hand-stitching your very own soft felt stuffed creatures. You will be guided through basic embroidery stitches, simple patterning, and stuffing techniques to transform colourful felt into adorable plush keepsakes. No prior sewing skills or experience are needed to participate!

**Ink Drawing:** Step outside and see nature through an artist's eyes! In this creative pen and ink class, you'll discover the magic of plein air drawing while capturing the beauty of trees, plants, and landscapes with just lines, dots, and imagination. Learn how to bring your outdoor sketches to life with shading, hatching, and intricate details that make every drawing unique. From bold lines to delicate textures, every mark tells your story!

**Mechanical Paper:** Step into the world of kinetic paper art! In this beginner-friendly course, students will learn how to transform ordinary sheets of paper into delicate origami as well as playful, moving objects using simple folds, levers, and pop-up techniques. You will discover how basic paper engineering can bring flat art to life through movement and mechanism. It's perfect for anyone curious about paper crafting, creative problem-solving, and building functional art from scratch.

**Mixed Media:** Combine graphic art, drawing, and painting into one project. You'll start by pulling pictures, textures, and typography from books and magazines to build an underlying collage layout. Once your base layout is glued down, you'll draw over and around it using fine-liner pens, markers, ink, and paint to tie everything together.

**Molds and Makeup:** Learn special FX makeup techniques, applying liquid latex, gelatin, and wax to create wounds and aged skin textures that hold up under camera lenses. Molding and Casting Prosthetics: Experience the mold-making process using alginate and plaster to produce flexible, paintable silicone or gelatin prosthetic appliances. Sculpting and anatomic design: Learn foundational clay-sculpting techniques to form custom alien features, creature textures.

**Photography:** Students will use either a DSLR or Mirrorless camera. They will learn the difference of each camera mode and how to apply them. Students will learn about the different compositions, elements, and principles of photography to enhance their images. At the end of the course they will put together a slideshow of the TLAC camper experience.

**Print Making:** This course will allow students to explore various methods of print-making including monoprinting, linocut printing, and "kitchen lithography". Participants will learn the history, skills, and techniques involved with each, and will have the chance to experiment and produce unique prints during every class. This course is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to gain more experience with these fascinating mediums

**Scene Painting:** This is an exciting opportunity to have your work featured on stage as part of TLAC's Musical Theatre production. Students will work collaboratively to design and paint a variety of backdrop panels, bringing the setting to life for the actors and the audience alike.

**Watercolour:** Grab your brushes and step outside! In this creative and relaxed class, we'll explore the world of plein air painting, which means painting in the fresh air while soaking in the beauty around us. You will learn how to mix dreamy colours, create soft washes, and capture the light, textures, and details of the outdoors in a beautiful watercolour landscape painting.

**Wet Felting:** In this course, students will learn about the traditional textile method of wet felting. This method involves the meditative and rewarding process of layering, wetting, and agitating different colours of wool fiber to create a durable fabric image or pattern. Participants will learn about the history of the technique and will produce unique works of textile art that can exist as stand-alone pieces or be further incorporated into sculpture or fashion.

## Junior (Grades 7-8)

**Jr. Pottery:** Come create with your hands to mould and design with clay. Students will gain skills and techniques to work with kiln-fired clay to create beautiful pottery.

## Senior (Grades 9-12)

**Sr. Advanced Stitching:** In this course you will explore advanced stitching techniques that blend traditional needlework like cross stitch and embroidery with mixed-media design. You'll learn skills like creating custom patterns, adding 3D embellishments like beads, stitching onto unique surfaces, and adding stitched designs to your own clothing. Students can bring any fabric items or printed photographs they would like to decorate with stitching (but not items that are one of a kind or sentimental). Please note: this course is not for beginners. An understanding of hand stitching techniques is required.

**Sr. Landscapes:** This landscape oil painting class will guide you through step-by-step instruction to learn the basics of working with oil paints. We will focus on brush techniques, layering with pallet knives, blending, colour mixing, and how to capture the beauty of nature in a landscape scene. Lean into the wet-on-wet technique that oil paints provide and blend the perfect sky without the worry of drying time!

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# Dance

Students taking dance courses should bring comfortable clothing and shoes to dance in, and comfortable black clothing for performances.

**Dance Around the World:** In this course students will learn different dance styles from around the world! Highland dance from Scotland was originally danced by soldiers. It is sure to challenge your agility, strength and stamina. This year we will focus on the sword dance. Bollywood is a form of dance from India that consists of energetic, synchronized movements. Afro-Caribbean dance is another energetic type of dance which is a fusion of African and Caribbean dance styles. No dance experience necessary!



**Hip Hop:** This class is open to all skill levels! Whether you're looking to expand your dance experience or learn some cool party moves, you've come to the right place. Throughout the week, you'll practice and prepare for an exciting stage performance on Friday. Get ready to have fun! Be sure to wear comfy clothes for dancing and bring clean running shoes. Please bring black clothing to wear for the final performance.

**Jazz:** Get ready to move, groove, and express yourself through the dynamic world of jazz dance! In this high energy class, dancers will explore jazz technique while building strength, flexibility, and style. From sharp isolations to smooth turns and powerful leaps, students will learn choreography set to fun upbeat music. Each session focuses on musicality, performance quality, and confidence culminating in a fun showcase for your fellow campers on Thursday night. No previous experience required just bring your enthusiasm and love for dance!

**Contemporary:** Contemporary dance is an expressive genre, blending elements of modern, jazz, lyrical and classical ballet. It emphasizes fluidity, emotional depth, with a connection to the music. Dancers will learn how to blend these styles and emotions with the use of levels, intentional use of breath, use of space, and unconventional movement to create a unique artistic expression using dance as the medium. With the

combination of so many dance forms, students will create a unique routine that shows raw expressions of emotion and steps, blended together to show a unique piece of art through movement.

## Music

Students taking instrumental music classes are required to bring their own instruments to camp. Some courses require a music teacher reference.

## General



**DJ Performance Training:** Get ready to cue up and get the songs pumping! Students will get hands-on training with how to set up and manage sound and lighting equipment, as well as familiarizing themselves with industry standard software and mixing techniques. Students will learn live mixing and DJ skills with the goal of performing during lunch, dance parties, or camp events during the week. A great introduction to spinning a great night of music.

**Guitar Level One:** A fabulous opportunity to make 6 strings sing! This course is for students with little or no experience on guitar. Learn the basics of guitar, a number of common chords and strum out a few tunes. Students must provide their own acoustic guitar. No experience necessary.

**Guitar Level Two:** Love playing guitar and want to take your performance to the next level? Explore solo, small group, and ensemble settings. The course is for players who have mastered a handful of chords (C,G,D,Am,Em) and can strum a few basic strumming patterns. Players can look forward to expanding their chord repertoire, refining strumming techniques and learning TAB notation. Sight reading notes is an asset but not required as the melodies you love to play will also be in TAB. **Students must provide their own acoustic guitar. If borrowing an instrument from school, please confirm the instrument use with the music teacher.**

**Rock Band:** For those who love to play, sing, and perform! Connect with fellow musicians who share your taste—students are split by interest to form a band, rehearse together, and prepare an incredible performance for the parents. All genres are welcome! Vocals, guitar, bass, keyboard, and drums welcome. Keyboards and drum kits are provided on-site. **Please bring your own guitar, bass, or drum sticks!**

**Campfire Music:** A classic Canadian summer camp-style campfire singalong! Bring your instrument (guitar or ukulele welcome!), your songs, your voice, and your energy. Learn how to create a memorable campfire experience for camp, friends, or family as we connect through song.

**Pitch Perfect 2.0:** Students will experience songs from all genres (Rock, pop, techno to classical songs) and create vocal mashups that blend them all together. Throughout the week, students will focus on singing with harmony in 2-3 parts in a large group with a performance at the end of the week. Vocal techniques that enhance performance will also be woven in.

**Songwriting for Singers:** Do you love to sing? Do you love to express yourself through singing—perhaps you are a budding songwriter already, or are curious about how to write songs? This course will help you get from concept to song by providing harmonic frameworks upon which to build melodies, and by providing concept frameworks to inspire lyrics. Ability to play guitar, ukulele, or piano are a bonus, but not required.

**Bucket Drumming:** Unleash your inner rhythm in this high-energy, STOMP-style percussion ensemble! Using everyday 5-gallon buckets and drumsticks, you'll turn basic hardware items into explosive, loud-and-proud music. Learn stick flips, synchronized moves, and dynamic rim taps as you lock in with the rest of the crew to build high-octane visual and acoustic performances. No prior drumming experience or music reading required—just bring your energy, your sense of timing, maybe some ear plugs, and a readiness to make some music!

**Jazz Improv:** Step up and make the music your own! Dive into the world of jazz improvisation, where you'll learn how to solo over chord changes, and play by ear with confidence. Through fun group jam sessions and easy-to-use scales, you'll discover how to create your own musical ideas on the fly in a relaxed, supportive setting. Open to all melody, harmony, and rhythm section instruments with at least one year of playing experience—no prior improvising required!

## Junior (Grades 7-8)

**Jr. Concert Band:** This course will help students further develop their skills as instrumentalists and ensemble members. For students with at least one year's experience on their instrument. Instruments include: flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium, bass guitar, and percussion.

- Students must provide their own instrument
- Students must be able to read music
- Piano and guitar are not options for this course

## Senior (Grades 9-12)

**Sr. Concert Band:** Do you love playing in a concert band and want to take your ensemble skills to the next level? This course is the perfect fit! Together, we'll dive into a vibrant selection of dynamic concert band music and popular hits, sharpening both your individual technique and overall group performance. Instruments include: Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium, tuba, bass guitar, bells, and percussion.

- Minimum 2 years of playing experience recommended.
- Must be able to confidently read and play standard staff notation (not TAB)
- Guitar and piano are not included in this ensemble

# Theatre

## General

**Clowning:** Step out of your comfort zone and into the spotlight! In this high-energy, supportive class, students will explore the vibrant art of clowning. Through games, slapstick movement, and collaborative ensemble work, students will learn to embrace mistakes, build confidence, and connect with an audience.



**Musical Theatre:** Looking to ignite your passion for the stage or hone your already shining star? Musical Theatre is for you! Take this opportunity to showcase your talents while going through all the motions of a musical, including auditions,

rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and a final performance! By the end of the week, we will perform a fully costumed Broadway review connected by this year's theme of "The Great Mosaic." Open to all students who have a passion for singing, dancing, and performing! Please bring black comfortable clothing.

**Puppeteering:** In this workshop, we craft life out of foam, fabric, and hot glue. Each puppeteer will create their own hand puppet, develop its character, and begin the process of bringing it to life in conversations and short puppet scenes. Come with a character in mind, or see where the felt takes you.

**Sketch Comedy:** Live from TLAC, it's Saturday Night!! In this class you'll learn different styles of sketch comedy, develop your written comedic style, and work together to write original sketches and characters.

**Creative Writing:** Whether you are an aspiring novelist or have never put pencil to paper, this workshop is your opportunity to explore tools and techniques and to hone your voice as a writer. Throughout the week, we will take on a variety of exercises and writing challenges. Some things you will try and abandon, and some things you will hone to perfection. Writing can be a lonely task, but here we will have a room full of like-minded people so that we can share ideas, provide feedback, and grow creatively together.

**Character Creation/Podcast:** Throughout the week, you'll invent and develop your very own comedic character, giving them a unique personality, backstory, and voice. Then, you'll step into the role of your character and be interviewed on a 'podcast'. This class will build confidence, creativity, and comedic improvisation skills.

**Bringing Dungeons and Dragons to Life:** Designed for creative thinkers and storytellers, this minor introduces students to the immersive world of tabletop role-playing games through *Dungeons & Dragons*. Students will learn to craft unique characters, write rich backstories, and navigate complex game mechanics. Through collaborative quests and interactive storytelling, players will work together to solve tactical puzzles, negotiate conflicts, and overcome fantasy challenges. The class emphasizes critical thinking, probability-based math, creative problem-solving, and persuasive communication in a supportive team environment.

## Junior (Grades 7-8)

**Jr. Improv:** Some seriously hilarious improv fun! Improv is a form of live theatre in which the plot, characters, and dialogue of a story are created on the spot. Through exercises, games, and training, we will build unique, spontaneous, and entertaining scenes—sometimes funny, sometimes not, but always unique every single time! Be positive! Get creative! Be part of a team! Have some HUGE fun!

**Jr. Taste of Broadway:** This workshop serves up a Broadway buffet! Come snack on today's biggest stage hits and sample some best loved show tunes with singing and dancing. We will satisfy your hunger for the spotlight by combining stage vocals with choreography to bring each number to life.

## Senior (Grades 9-12)

**Sr. Behind-the-Scenes:** In this course, you will have the chance to create props, write short scenes, operate the lighting and sound board and stage manage for the Musical Theatre major at TLAC. No previous experience required. Please bring black, comfortable clothing.

**Sr. Shakespeare and Stagefighting:** Students will be introduced to classical performance and physical theatre, demystifying Shakespeare's works by taking the text off the page and onto the stage. Students will also learn basic stage combat skills, including footwork, body mechanics, unarmed fighting, and safe swordplay. Emphasizing precision, dramatic storytelling, and safety, the class culminates in a performance piece that integrates acting and physical staging. Students will develop strong collaborative skills, physical coordination, and confidence in performing classic literature.

**Sr. Filmmaking:** Lights, Camera, Suspense: High School Horror & Thriller Filmmaking. In this hands-on workshop, students will step into the world of cinematic suspense, exploring the art and mechanics of visual

storytelling to create a spine-chilling short film. By the end of the program, participants will collaborate in small crews to pitch, storyboard, shoot, and edit an original suspense short film. Whether you're an aspiring director, writer, cinematographer, or editor, this workshop provides the tools and experience needed to bring your dynamic visions to the screen.

**Sr. Devised Theatre:** In devised theatre, we are all of us playwrights. Instead of a script, we will start from various sources of inspiration - images, ideas, stories, questions, poems, whatever - and we will work as a collective to develop a performance from that springboard. Our performance may include storytelling and scene work, as well as music, movement, audience interaction, or any other skills that we bring to the table. This workshop is for risk-takers, mess-makers, and artists who want to inquire. Students are encouraged to bring something that inspires them: a beautiful painting, a moving poem, a fascinating news story, or anything that you think needs to be explored.

**Sr. Acting:** Unleash your inner performer! In this dynamic class, young actors will dive into the essential tools of stagecraft to build on the "Actors Toolkit". From mastering body language and voice projection to working with scripts, students will learn the art of ensemble acting, stage blocking, and scene interpretation. The week culminates in a live showcase performance, giving campers the thrill of a real audience while building lifelong confidence both on and off the stage. Campers will perform at the end of the week to experience the effect a live audience has on a performance and to continue building confidence both on and off the stage.

**Sr. Taste of Broadway:** Step into the spotlight! Express your true voice and hit every step in this high-energy Musical Theatre class. We'll bring a modern hit and a Broadway classic to life with powerful vocals and bold choreography.  Curtain up and jazz hands ready for performance on Thursday night.

**Sr. Improv:** Step into the unknown and discover what makes spontaneous storytelling work. Improv isn't just about being funny on the spot, it's about listening intently, trusting your instincts, building vivid characters, and supporting your scene partners without a script. Through ensemble exercises, games, and scene work, you'll learn how to take creative risks, fail forward, and build memorable theatre out of thin air. No experience necessary, just bring an open mind and a willingness to play.

## Health and Wellness

Students may select a maximum of one (1) Health & Wellness course.

**Nature Journaling/ Sketching:** Nature journaling is the practice of recording your personal observations, thoughts, inspirations, questions, and connections to the natural world using a mix of words, pictures, and numbers. It is not about making a perfect piece of art; instead, it is a tool to help you slow down, pay attention, and think more deeply about your surroundings. Anyone can do it, regardless of drawing or science skills. Students will receive a sketchbook as their journal and will spend the week exploring the grounds of Camp White Pine to create a journal about their experiences with the natural world.



**Sports Medley:** Get your game on! This course is for students who want to play a variety of sports, field games, and enjoy outdoor adventures. The focus is on burning lots of energy while rotating through various activities (basketball, ball hockey, field games, ultimate, etc.) throughout the week in a fun and inclusive manner.

**Racquet Sports:** Learn and improve your racquet skills on the beautiful hardcourts, both tennis and pickle ball, at Camp White Pine. Learn to play singles or doubles. Master your smashing serve, devastating drop shot, and slippery slice!

**Ropes:** Ropes are always a big hit as the camp has world class facilities (low ropes, high ropes, leap of faith, zipline, bungee swing, etc.). Learn to challenge yourself—the sky's the limit (literally!).

**Mountain Biking:** Camp White Pine has some fantastic forest roads and single track riding on top notch bikes. All of these activities are led by well-trained and certified leaders from Camp White Pine Staff using the incredible White Pine facilities and equipment. Ride hard, ride fast, send it!

**Sr. Independent Study:** This course is for senior students (Grade 11 and 12 only) who have a heavy workload at school and need extra time to complete school work while at camp.

**Waterfront:** This course is for students who enjoy participating in water activities. The waterfront program will include kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and many other fun waterfront activities. Students will wear PFDs at all times. The weather and water in the early spring can be chilly, so come prepared!