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Camp Cosmos celebrates its 50th anniversary
with another summer full of fun!



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CAMP COSMOS 2022 SNAPSHOT



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Weeks of camp Languages spoken at camp Campers from newly-arrived Ukrainian families Campers registered

For the past 50 years, Camp Cosmos has been offering a safe space in Montreal for children of diverse backgrounds to learn, grow and play throughout the summer. This year was no exception. We were thrilled to run the first full-capacity in-person camp after pandemic at the beautiful Westmount Park United Church, with programming happening at St. James United Church. As we continue to operate with precaution, we prioritized outdoor play and explored the great city of Montreal with our campers. They visited many parks, pools, and beaches while enjoying activities carefully planned by coordinators from our environmental, intercultural, and athletics & well-being programs. We were also happy to welcome 26 campers from newly-arrived Ukrainian families.

Thanks to the work and dedication of our staff members, volunteers, and community partners, we were able to deliver another summer full of fun and growth for the campers. With our anti-oppressive, environmental, and strength-based philosophies at heart, Camp Cosmos will continue to grow in the post-pandemic context in future years. For now, please allow us to share our success in 2022 with you!

-- Echo Jiang
Director, Camp Cosmos 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

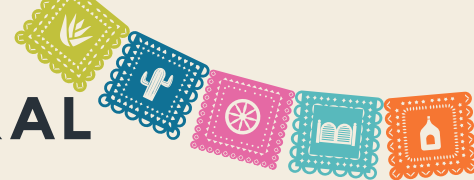
Ladybug, our environmental coordinator incorporated her artistic talents into our programming on how to protect the environment, learn about nature, build projects, and explore. The campers enjoyed a variety of games, projects, indoor and outdoor activities, and visits to environmental organizations such as Santropol Roulant. Campers discovered environmentally friendly methods to have fun without spending all day in front of a screen and experimented new ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle items and give them new a new purpose.



ATHELETICS & WELL-BEING PROGRAM

The athletics program was another camp-favorite for this year! Flying Racoon, the program's coordinator, created stimulating activities aimed to foster positive athletic spirits and personal well-being among campers. They created sport stations, organized bootcamps, and facilitated meditation sessions as well as nutrition workshops with Ms. Celeste Bouchaud, a Registered Dietitian working at Concordia University's PERFORM Centre.





INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM

Gigi, our amazing intercultural coordinator created a program which allowed the campers to exchange, learn, and share their cultures and languages in a variety of ways. The campers took part in a series of workshops on different topics including body image, love languages (ex. generosity, acts of service, etc) , culture, language, gender, multiculturalism, and stereotypes. They also visited McCord Museum and learnt about Indigenous storytelling. Through these activities, campers built self-awareness and inclusivity, and became more aware of the diversity that there is within Quebec and Canada.



ST. JAMES MUSIC PROGRAM

Thanks to the generous funding from St. James United Church, the 9-11 group also took part in the weekly music classes given by Ms. Kripa Nageshwar. They discovered various instruments and music styles. They even had a chance to create their own maracas as well as their own songs!



ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM



We had the pleasure to welcome Possum back to camp this year as the accessibility coordinator! As always, the accessibility program is an essential component of Camp Cosmos' mission. We provide summer childcare to families from a variety of backgrounds while promoting our values of anti-oppression, social justice, and youth empowerment. This year, we welcomed three campers to the program and facilitated a positive experience for them. The opportunity provided to Ukrainian families was valuable for them and for us, as together we accommodated campers across a language barrier.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN FROM NEWLY-ARRIVED UKRAINIAN FAMILIES

MONTREAL GAZETTE

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'Strangers in a new place': Ukrainian kids are welcomed to Montreal day camp

The Camp Cosmos children rely heavily on counselor-in-training Dasha Khmara: "She's our Google translate."

Monique Polak • Special to The Montreal Gazette
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Camp Cosmos kids line up on the slide in Westmount Park July 21, 2022. PHOTO BY DAVE SIDAWAY /Montreal Gazette

This year, we welcomed 26 newly-arrived campers from Ukraine at Camp Cosmos!

The special program was launched in response to pressing needs in the community to access affordable activities during the summer months. We were able to offer Ukrainian campers opportunities to make new friends, to adjust to life in Canada.

All their camp fees were waived as an effort to ensure the campers can enjoy a worry-free summer without financial burdens for the families. Our work was featured in the Montreal Gazette newspaper, on their online news, and on the CJAD800 Radio. We look forward to continue supporting these lovely campers through various after-camp projects in the near future!



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*I want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all members of the camp. Guys, you are **AWESOME!** You are positive, full of energy, everyone's smile makes our children(and parents as well) to feel safe and comfortable(it's vital for Ukrainians now, believe me). Another **BIG THANK YOU** is for activities you provided to our children... They are excited to travel , to have pool days and to spend time with their new friends. They received lots of interesting information so as a result I see children's good mental and physical development. **WELL DONE GUYS!***

--- A mother of two Ukrainian Campers, ages 5 & 9

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SPECIAL THANKS TO UKRAINIAN VOLUNTEER DASHA KHMARA FOR ALL HER SUPPORT AND TRANSLATION WORK THIS SUMMER!
WE WISH HER THE BEST IN HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS. ДЯКУЮ ТОБІ!



THANK YOU!

From all of us at Camp Cosmos, we want to extend our gratitude to our donors, funding partners, and community collaborators.

Thanks to you, we get to keep on doing what we love: providing accessible, high-quality childcare, and a memorable summer for all.



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