

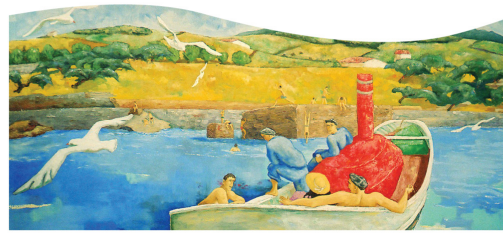
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CAMP BABY POINT EN FRANÇAIS – SUMMER DAY CAMP IN FRENCH August 22 to 26 - August 29 to September 2, 2011 at the Baby Point Club

What is it?

A one or two week personalized summer camp experience in FRENCH in a beautiful Toronto west end neighbourhood (Jane & Baby Point Rd/Annette is the main intersection), the Baby Point enclave. The Baby Point Club House, located at **71 Baby Point Rd.**, is our home base with its old oak trees, and easy walk-in access to Etienne Brûlé Park, along the shores of the Humber river. An opportunity for your child to live, learn, play, sing, dance, discover and laugh in French as if part of a francophone family.

Our campers

- Children from 6-10 yrs of age from French Immersion programs *with Grade 1 already completed*
 - Children from 6-10 years of age from Francophone schools or from Francophone families where French is spoken at home
 - Exceptions made for 5yr old francophone children with a strong command of the language and about to start G1
- Children/Counselor ratio : no more than 5 children per counselor at one time with a maximum of 40 campers.

Our programs

Week of Aug 22 : *The World of Astérix, the Gaul* lets us discover the adventures of Astérix and Obélix , the most popular French comic book characters. Those two life-loving Gauls resist the Roman occupation thanks to a magic potion that gives them super powers, letting them overcome challenges across different countries and with lots of humour. Guest artists from *La Muse Art Studio* inspires us and work on our comic book creation techniques in a graphic arts workshop. On our outing, the National Film Board of Canada leads us through two separate animation workshops where campers get to animate their own stories... all *en français bien sûr!*

Week of Aug 29: *On Etienne Brûlé's footsteps*: through our partnership with *La Société d'Histoire de Toronto* (www.sht.ca) we explore the lives of the first Francophones in Toronto. We bring the Portage of Toronto and the Seneca village of Teiagon back to life. We take full advantage of the fact our camp is located where this Teiagon stood, overlooking the historical Humber river. On our full day outing, Black Creek Pioneer Village welcomes us through a couple of workshops to better understand the life challenges of the 1st European immigrants and their children. Our guest, an archaeologist familiar with the archaeological work that took place in the Baby Point area, sheds some light on her profession.

Led by the theme of each week, we maximize exposure to the language by engaging the children in activities rich in social interaction and dialogue: cook a hot lunch, work on a talent show, participate in organized outdoor-indoor games, interact with French speaking guest speakers, take part in a theme-focused orienteering course in the neighbourhood, do yoga etc... The talent show goes live each Friday afternoon for campers and parents to enjoy.

Our counselors

Bilingual francophone counselors speak French all the time (it is not a bilingual camp unless a health or safety concern needs to be addressed with the child). Your child is part of a small group led by one adult counselor and assisted by a junior counselor. The groups are organized per age and per level of spoken French to ensure that the campers stay motivated and take an active part in the activities.

Our hours / Meals

Our programs take place from 9.00AM to 4.00PM. Before and after hour service are available at 8.15AM and until 5.00PM at an extra cost. Healthy snacks are provided mornings and afternoons. Campers bring their own lunch with the exception of one day when we all cook, prepare and set the table to enjoy a hot lunch. We cannot guarantee a peanut free environment, but ask each family for their cooperation in avoiding food products containing peanuts.

What makes the camp special ?

Its unique FRESH energy ! Our team only operates for 2 weeks in the Summer, and with a brand new educational theme each week: it does not feel pre-packaged! Guests, outings, games, menus, orienteering courses, plays change with the weeks' theme. The quantity/quality of our counselors , the educational content, the small group size, the family-like atmosphere through the sharing of snacks and a full meal, the unique setting are all reasons why the camp stands out.

Registration

- Cost is \$325+13% HST= \$367.25 per week per child plus a one time \$25 one-year membership fee per family payable to Canadian Parents for French (www.cpfont.on.ca) and through which we secure insurance. If already a CPF member, 1yr will be added to your current membership (if expiring after Dec 31/2011, you are exempt of the \$25 fee).
- Before and after hour service: additional \$22/week (HST in) from 8.15 to 9.00AM and \$25/week (HST in) from 4.00 to 5.00PM.

Please fill in and mail your registration form as early as possible to guarantee a spot along with a **\$100 deposit** per weekly session. The balance of the payment is to be paid by post-dated cheques dated July 1 submitted at the time of registration : **\$267.25 + after-hours fee** if needed **payable to Experience Authentique AND \$25 payable to Canadian Parents for French**, post-dated August 1, unless exempt. Admin fee of \$30 for NSF cheques.

Registration form available at www.experienceauthentique.com/french-summer-camps .

For more information come and attend our **open-house on April 30, 3PM-4PM** at the Baby Point Club located at 71 Baby Point Rd. Camp director contact info: Evelyne Dufau evelyne@ExperienceAuthentique.com – Tel: 416-760-9849. You can pre-book via e-mail a spot prior to the April 30 session as the camp fills up fast; a firm confirmation is required by May 1.

Cancellations & refunds

\$100 is held as a non-refundable deposit to secure your child's position in the camp. If an application is cancelled, the balance of the fee will be refunded only if another camper can take the vacant spot. At the discretion of the camp director, any session may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

Our goal in organizing this program

We want to create an enjoyable and personalized experience for our campers to have fun while learning and living in a French environment. From personal experience, we know that if the enjoyment is there, the learning of the language will naturally take place. This camp will also provide a good opportunity for campers to immerse themselves back into a French speaking world before school.

About the organizer

Expérience Authentique, a Toronto-based travel company, designs authentic French experiences for adults, families, children/teens and small groups, with a travel specialty in the Southwest of France. It is the umbrella organization for three interconnected passions of its founder - travel, French language and art. Evelyne Dufau, Expérience Authentique's founder, found her initial motivation and inspiration for the camps while raising a bilingual family , and has run the camp since 2003. She enjoys sharing her cultural interests and event planning experience with the broader Francophone and Francophile community. Visit www.ExperienceAuthentique.com for more options on camps, trips to Quebec and France, and linguistic stays for youth and adults.

