



This summer, Peaceful Schools International (PSI) in partnership with Saint Mary's University is hosting the *Art of Peace Summer Camp* for 8 - 13 year-olds from July 25 – 29. The camp will be held on campus at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS.

This camp will offer children an opportunity to creatively explore the meaning of peace – within ourselves, in our communities and in the world. Local artists and peace activists will visit and make presentations throughout the week. It will be an exciting week of art, drama, puppetry, writing, yoga, solar cooking, dance, tie-dyeing and more.

Each day, we will focus on an aspect of peace:

- What is Peace?
- Peace in Me
- Peace in our Families and Communities
- Peace with Nature
- Peace in the World

The camp will take place from 9 am to 4 pm. Before and after camp care is also available if required. The camp will be facilitated by Saint Mary's University students as well as several PSI volunteers.

About Peaceful Schools International





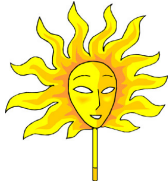
Peaceful Schools International (PSI) is a non-profit, charitable organization formally founded in 2001 and is a respected and innovative source of support and guidance for over 350 schools in 16 countries working to build a more peaceful world. PSI provides support and recognition to schools that have declared a commitment to creating and maintaining a culture of peace, acts as a catalyst and clearinghouse for innovative ideas for schools, and works to facilitate communication between educators and students to share ideas about approaches and activities that are working successfully to create a culture of peace in our schools.

PSI has successfully coordinated peace camps in the past, including the international "Way to Peace" camp held at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre in Nova Scotia.

"The peace camp experience was a wonderful for our daughters. The staff were committed and caring, and created an environment that allowed our daughters to broaden and deepen their understanding of peace, co-operation, and environmental awareness while all the time having fun with new friends. They'll be back next year for sure!"

The Art of Peace: A Summer Day Camp - July 25 - 29, 2016, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The week will be filled with engaging projects that allow for creative experimentation, full expression and a greater grasp of the possibilities of peace that exist in each of our lives. The daily circle time, story time and reflection will be centred on the theme of the day; however, the activities have been designed to weave continuity throughout the week and are all interconnected. Each day we will enjoy a session of yoga and outdoor games and we will end each day with an opportunity to create a page in a scrapbook / journal as a memory of the camp.

Monday What is Peace?	Tuesday Peace in Me	Wednesday Peace in My Family and Community	Thursday Peace in Nature	Friday Peace in the World
<p>Start a reflection journal</p> <p>Make a peace flag</p>  <p>Help make a group basket</p> <p>Collaged journal</p>	<p>Personal peace stones and bag</p> <p>Freeze frame skits</p> <p>Felt a stone "pocket" *</p> 	<p>Make a talking stick for your family</p>  <p>Tie-dye</p> <p>Friendship bracelets</p>	<p>Solar cooking</p> <p>Guerrilla gardening**</p> <p>Basket making</p> 	<p>Community banner</p> <p>Story / nature walk</p> <p>Make puppets for story-telling</p> 

***Felting**: Each child will write a message of peace on a stone and then we will felt the stones. When dry, we will cut open the felted cases (which will become a boxes for treasures). On Friday, we will create a stone spiral of peace on the SMU campus.

****Guerrilla Gardening**: Seed balls are a method for distributing seeds by encasing them in a mixture of clay and soil humus. We will scatter these seed balls in areas around the university.