

Muskwa-Kechika

Artist Camp 2009

General Information

Overview of Camp:

The camp is being hosted by Wayne Sawchuk, a photographer and conservationist (<http://www.muskwakechika.com>) who has been conducting guiding trips into the Muskwa Kechika since 1985. Through his work with industry and wilderness organizations, Wayne has been instrumental in creating a wilderness management area that is serving as a model for remaining wilderness areas in other parts of the world.

The artist camp seeks to raise awareness of the values of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area and to allow artists working in a wide variety of disciplines (ie visual art, writing, photography, video, music) to broaden their individual perceptions of nature and wilderness. Artists will be expected to create a piece of work from the camp to be exhibited in collaborative art shows.

The camp is being organized by Writing on the Ridge (www.writingontheridge.com), a non-profit organization dedicated to the fostering of arts in northern British Columbia.

Deadline for application is April 30, 2009 (midnight).

Date of Camp:

- The camp will be held August 1-8, 2009.
- Floatplanes will depart from Muncho Lake (245 kms west of Fort Nelson, BC) on August 1st (Writing on the Ridge will make the floatplane reservations for participants).
- Participants will spend the next seven days at Mayfield Lake, located on the Gataga River in the Dune Za Keyih Provincial Park, Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, 100 kms south of Muncho Lake, Alaska Highway.
- Floatplanes will return participants to Muncho Lake on August 8th (floatplane service out of the M-K can also be made available to those who are unable to stay for the full duration of the camp - an extra charge will apply for this service).

Cost of Camp:

- Participant costs are \$1,500 each from point of departure at Muncho Lake (includes float plane flights).
- Writing on the Ridge is seeking funding to subsidize participant costs. If participants would like to apply for financial assistance, please let us know on the application form.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$20 is required. If accepted, this fee will be applied to the program fee.
- Upon acceptance, a 50% deposit will be required. Final payment is due June 30, 2009.
- Please note that no refunds can be made for any cancellations that occur within 7 days of camp commencement.
- Payments are by cheque and payable to Writing on the Ridge. Mail cheques to Writing on the Ridge, c/o Donna Kane, Box 27, Rolla, BC V0C 2G0.

Program:

- Horseback riding, canoeing, hiking, birdwatching and wildlife viewing will be enjoyed. Weather permitting, an overnight pack horse trip into the alpine will also take place.
- Informal presentations by artists will take place each evening around the campfire. Participants will be invited to discuss their artwork, their passion for the wild places, or any other topic of interest to them.

What to Bring:

- tent
- sleeping bag and pad (ie therm-a-rest)
- hiking boots
- rubber boots
- camp shoes
- warm clothes
- rain gear and rain hat
- warm coat and underwear
- waterproof gloves or mitts

The project will supply food and all cooking equipment, camp shelter, picnic table, firepit, canoe, lifejackets, sauna, outhouse facilities, horses and horse gear.

It is safe to drink the water at Mayfield Lake.

A note about weather - it can do anything in the Northern Rockies! Come prepared for hot or cold weather.

Be sure to bring binoculars and camera if you have them, and light fishing gear if you want to fish (catch and release strongly preferred especially for bull trout). Bugs aren't usually too bad in the Northern Rockies, but do bring some bug dope if you normally use it.

Weight Restrictions:

Each participant is allowed 70 lbs.

Communication:

Muskwa-Kechika Adventures has a satellite phone which can be used in emergencies.

Travel Insurance:

Muskwa-Kechika Adventures carries liability insurance for all participants while in the Muskwa-Kechika. Contact Wayne Sawchuk if you would like further details on this.

Travel Costs to Muncho Lake:

Travel costs to reach Muncho Lake are the responsibility of the participant. Air service to Fort Nelson is provided by Air Canada and Central Mountain Air. Greyhound Bus service is available during the summer to Muncho Lake (phone (250) 774-6322 or visit www.greyhound.ca to confirm times). You can also travel by personal vehicle.

Accommodation at Muncho Lake:

The night before the floatplane departure, participants can stay at Muncho either in Northern Rockies Lodge or in a tent in the provincial campsite. Hosts at Northern Rockies Lodge, where the floatplanes will depart, are Urs and Marianne Schildknecht, who also operate Liard Air service. For rates and booking at Northern Rockies Lodge, phone 1-800-663-5269.

Food:

Writing on the Ridge will be providing the meals for the camp. Please indicate on application form if you have specific food requirements, ie: allergies, vegetarian, etc.

Further Information:

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Donna Kane. She can be reached by phone (250) 759-4993, email dkane@nlc.bc.ca, or snail mail at Box 27, Rolla, BC V0C 2G0.

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Printable Application Form

Deadline for Application: April 30, 2009 (Midnight)

(A review panel will assess applications and applicants can expect to hear results by May 15, 2009)

Fee for Camp: \$1,500 (subsidies toward program fee may be available. Check applicable box below if you wish to be considered for financial assistance)

Cancellation Policy: No refunds can be made for any cancellations that occur within 7 days of camp commencement.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Bus. Phone:** _____

Emergency Contact (friend/relative) _____

Phone Number _____

Pertinent Dietary or Medical Information:

Do you wish to be considered for financial assistance toward the program cost?

_____ yes _____ no

Enclosed:

_____ \$20 Application Fee (non-refundable)

_____ Statement regarding reason for wanting to participate and the contribution you feel you are able to make to the Muskwa-Kechika

_____ Resumé or c.v.

Other Information:

Please print this form and mail it to the following address:

Muskwa-Kechika Camps

c/o Donna Kane, Writing on the Ridge

Box 27

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