



# Newsletter

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## Harmony Convention

Registration forms are now available for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Harmony Convention September 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. All sponsors, volunteers, youth, parents, alumni and Harmony fans are encouraged to attend. Space is limited, and will be first come first serve. Make sure to reserve your spot and guarantee yourself the early bird savings. If you are aware of individuals that may be interested in attending, please forward this newsletter to them. We are hoping to make this event a truly memorable, learning experience

For more information, or to join the convention committee please e-mail Joanne at; [executivedirector@harmonyforyouth.org](mailto:executivedirector@harmonyforyouth.org)

We are hoping that we have representation on our committee from all areas of Harmony.



### **Music Monday**

The first Monday in May is the international day of music, called “Music Monday”. To celebrate this day we will be carolling throughout the city. We are asking all kids, to participate. There will be no regular Harmony classes that day, except guitar, and we want all the kids to come out, (in uniform) and help us spread music. We are needing drivers. Please sign up at the office.



### **Banquet**

Harmony’s annual banquet is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 at the Polish Hall. Tickets are available through Patricia Pedé. Tickets are \$10.00 for 12 and under, 5 yrs and under free, and adults \$20.00. After dinner and the awards we will be having a dance and karaoke. We are collecting nominations now for awards. If you know someone who has done something remarkable; perhaps they have done a pay it forward, and never sought glory, or help around the centre, challenged themselves, etc. Please fill in the attached form and make sure they are nominated for an award. This event is always so special for all the youth. We strongly encourage EVERYONE to attend. If you require financial assistance please e-mail Joanne at [executivedirector@harmonyforyouth.org](mailto:executivedirector@harmonyforyouth.org) We do not want anyone to miss this very special evening dedicated to honouring our special youth. If you are interested in sponsoring an award, or an individual to attend this special evening please contact Joanne immediately.



celebrate being a mom with the  
kids.....

**Mother’s Day Tea**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**

# Harmony Camp

## Day Camp

Well it is that time of year again. This year Harmony is proud to announce that we will be hosting THREE different camps....that is so exciting. At the beginning of July we will be hosting our four weeks of day camp. Camp is a co-operative event with the City of Sarnia. Harmony camp is held at the Dow People Place, and registration is available at the City of Sarnia. Day camp runs from Monday thru Thursday from 9-3 daily. If you are in financial need, and would like to attend this camp, please contact Joanne by e-mail.

## Harmony's My First Camp & Family Camp

Harmony is hosting our first annual family camp to help our youngest members break into the "camp" experience. We are offering a family camp in partnership with "My first camp". This will allow younger youth to attend our camp, sleep in cabins, enjoy activities, but have the security of their parents to help them cope with sleeping in the woods. Attached is the registration forms. If financial assistance is needed please e-mail Joanne as soon as possible.

## Harmony Camp

Once again, we are hosting our over-night camp for the youth that have been to camp before. The theme this year is "Harmony International". All games, crafts, and food will be from a variety of countries. Lot's of fun. Registration forms are attached to newsletter and are also available at Harmony. If financial assistance is required please e-mail Joanne as soon as possible.

## Volunteers Needed

Harmony is also looking for volunteers to work ALL camps. Youth can work at all three camps as an LIT (Leader in training) is they are 12 years old. Community service hours can be earned by working at camp. Harmony is also looking for adult volunteers to help at our over-night camps. We are particularly looking for "cooks". If interested please contact Joanne or Paul Kearney. Leaders and volunteers do not pay to attend camp.



## **Good-Bye to Our Co-op Students**

It is so sad each year when we say good-bye to our co-op students from Lambton College. The three girls, Erin, Courtney and Lindsay have been an active part of the Harmony family for the past year. We would all like to thank them for all their hard work, and wish them luck in all their endeavours.

## **June is “Looney Month”**

Each year Harmony has our annual “toonie drive” This year we are changing things slightly. We will be hosting a “loonie” drive instead. As well as selling the “Harmony helping Hands” Many local businesses have volunteered to assist us in selling the “hands” at their local establishment. As many of you are aware, we are dealing with some major expenses with the building. Since our boilers have quit we need to raise \$20,000.00 right away. Please make sure that you patronize the businesses that support our youth, and while you are there, thank them!!!

Businesses that are selling “Harmony Hands”

**Stokes’ By the Bay**

**Art Wear Plus**

**Boston Pizza**

**Libro Financial**

**RBC**

If you know of a business that would like to help us raise the money to save our building, please e-mail Joanne.

The youth will still be collecting “loonies” outside of businesses during the month of June, but will NOT be going door to door, since there has been others collecting money on Harmony’s behalf that are not members. We are hoping that all the youth participate in the Loonie drive during the month of June. Parents, we need drivers and supervision during our collections. Please sign up at Harmony for Saturday’s that you will help us out.



## **Tug for Tot'z**

June is such a busy month, but we are hosting our second annual “Tug for Tot’z” This year the tug will be at Canatara Park. We will be having different divisions to make sure that everyone can participate. The tug teams can be families, youth, businesses, etc. The registration fee is \$180.00 per team, or \$30.00 per person, which Harmony will provide tax receipts for. We are looking for prizes, as well teams. If you would like to challenge a group, Harmony will mail out the challenge. Please find attached forms to create your team, and challenge a competitor.

## **Paintball Tournament**



## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual, “Shots for Tots”**

Are you a good shot? If so, make sure you join Harmony Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> at Katico Paintball. Teams can register with Jill Walker or Michelle Gagne. We need volunteers to help with many different jobs, if interested in participating or putting a team in, please fill in attached form.

Cost per team is \$100.00, tax deductible. Prizes for winning teams. Once again, there are numerous divisions so that everyone can play.



## **Bayfest**

Well, tis the season, for “Baymess” as we at Harmony call it. This year, Bayfest will run from Sunday to Sunday. Harmony will be running two booths, clean-up, port-a-poties, empty garbage during shows, and one new item, filling in a market research survey. The sign up sheet is available at Harmony, or you can e-mail Joanne with your information. Please note, kids can earn ALL their community service hours by working Bayfest.



## **Book Sale**

Harmony is hosting our first book sale, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Harmony centre at 9:00 a.m.-12:00. We are collecting novels. (we are hoping to avoid Harlequinn romance, national geographic, and magazines) If you have books to donate, please bring them to Harmony.

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## **Harmony Awards Nomination**

I would like to nominate; \_\_\_\_\_

Because; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Harmony Annual Awards Banquet**

Name of Harmony Member; \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information;

Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail; \_\_\_\_\_

Youth 12 yrs and under; \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00

Youth under 5 yrs; \_\_\_\_\_ x free

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Shot's 4 tots (Paintball tournament)**

Name; \_\_\_\_\_

Phone;  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail;  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer; \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to put in a team; \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to  
challenge; \_\_\_\_\_

Address;  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Harmony's Convention**

Name; \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail; \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering; \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in joining the committee; \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend; \_\_\_\_\_

(application and itinerary will be sent to you)

**Tug for Tot'z**

Name; \_\_\_\_\_

Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail; \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer; \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to put in a team; \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to challenge; \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

## **Harmony Camp**

Yes I would like to volunteer at camp; \_\_\_\_\_

Name; \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail; \_\_\_\_\_

“Most people look at Mother Teresa and people like her and think they could never be like that; they could never be so saintly or make such a difference in the lives of so many. Maybe not, but the tragedy is that because they don't think they can, they don't even try.

What they fail to realize is that Mother Teresa didn't set out to become a living saint or a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. And she didn't start out ministering to multitudes of the poorest of the poor. She just saw the need nearest her and responded. Can't we all do that?”

## **Bayfest**

Yes, I would like to volunteer at Bayfest

Name; \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail; \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Building**

As most of you are aware, Harmony is facing a real critical issue, that most of us, are hoping for a miracle.

Our boilers went this winter, and it is going to cost us \$20,000.00 to replace them. We have to not only do our regular fund-raising all summer to supply all the programs and cover our costs, so that we maintain that no child will pay a financial fee, be placed on a waiting list, or get turned away. These three items are the critical factor that Harmony prides itself in, (and of course the pay it forwards). We need everyone's help in this matter. Harmony has touched the lives of so many. For fourteen years we have provided programming to the youth, and built the self-esteem of not only the youth, but parents, and the community. Now, is the time when we are telling everyone, this is critical. Everyone needs to "pay it forward" to help keep us open for the fall.

If you can either sign up for an event to help at an event or consider making a donation to Harmony. We need your help today.