



Summer of Resistance Camp

This year at the Highlander School, we will joyfully spend our summer with focused areas of study. Each session will include hands on experiences, exploring our earth, cooking and weekly adventures.

June Sessions

June 3-June 7 Camp of Peace

This session is designed to support children's connections with themselves, focusing on strategies for grounding, creating a world full of peace and liberation for all. The goal of the first session will be to create a collective identity through ancestral practices of a drum circle, meditation, yoga, learning songs of freedom, clearing our energy, as well as making tie dye shirts and building community.

June 10-June 14 Mother Earth Camp Part 1

This session is designed to support children's innate connections with this earth. Building on wellness, children will learn about foraging, gardening and learn to use nature's ingredients to heal. Children will learn to use herbs for medicinal purposes creating teas, salves and butters, learning how to smudge. This session will include walks to local gardens and visits with earth centered practitioners and herbalists.

June 17-June 21 Mother Africa Camp

This session is designed to honor African cultures and customs brought to the Americas. We will specifically explore African textiles, patterns and body adornments found in West Africa. This week, as we celebrate the summer solstice, we will highlight the knowledge Africans held of the land,

cosmologies and intuition for guidance. We will share the stories of freedom fighters such as Harriet Tubman and how she used her knowledge of the moon and stars to lead her and others to freedom. Our week will include a Juneteenth celebration, preparing foods from West Africa, and exploring African dance and music.

June 24-June 27

Mother Earth Camp Part 2

This session is designed to build on children's connections with this earth and previous sessions. Children will continue to learn about the gardening, our land, and specifically food. Children will strengthen their cooking abilities and learn the process of preserving food for the winter. Children will also learn how to prepare mocktails and both sweet and savory dishes. This session will include walks to local gardens and visits with local farmers and cooks.

July 1-July 5

Storytelling & Propaganda Part 1

This session is designed to celebrate the power of storytelling and propaganda. Children will be invited to explore an array of materials and mediums to share their thinkings and expressions. This session will incorporate video and book making to empower children to share their voice and the voices of their community. This session will include field experiences and walks throughout our community to study and notice the ways in which propaganda is used.

July 8-July 12

Storytelling & Propaganda Part 2

This session is designed to build on the the first session and celebrate the power of storytelling and propaganda. Children will be invited to create their own symbols to represent themselves or collective values. Children will work with local artists to transfer those symbols, messages via screen printing to make t-shirts and banners. Children will also begin to study other propaganda with a critical eye and learn to "discern facts from fiction". Banners made by children will be dropped in a public area.

July 15- July 19

The Art of Outdoor Camping

This session is designed to continue to support children's relationships, risk taking and build skills related to outdoor camping and survival. These skills include learning how to purify water, build fires, cook outdoors, setting up a tent, use clips and rope, etc. Children will have the experience of sleeping outdoors.

Children will be invited to play games that support collective responsibility with an emphasis that we keep each other safe.

July 22-July 26

Camp of Peace

This session will revisit the beginning of the summer and our attention to our inner and collective wellness. We will deepen our ancient practices of mediation, yoga, and grounding ourselves as children prepare to transition to Pre-K and Kindergarten. Children will expand their skills in taking care of their bodies learning about the art of spiritual baths, pedicures and manicures. We will end our summer together preparing a meal for our community, offering land blessings and experiencing a community sound bath.

