

# Maine Arts Camp

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## **Maine Arts Camp Going Green by Relocating to Unity College**

**UNITY, ME – June 27, 2009** – The popular Maine Arts Camp, formerly known as Bethel Camp for the Arts, announced that it is relocating to Unity College in Unity, Maine, beginning in the summer of 2010.

Having been at Gould Academy, in Bethel, Maine for five years, the camp has reached the point where it requires a larger campus with additional needs that can be fulfilled by the environmental college located on 225 wooded acres of farmland overlooking Unity Pond. The philosophy of the camp and Unity College are an ideal fit.

Maine Arts Camp Director, Rick Makes explains that the move was carefully researched, and he sees great promise from this new partnership. “We visited six schools and just felt at home at Unity College,” says Makes. “The feeling was intangible. It felt like this was the place our camp belonged. We are very excited to move to the next step in the growth of our camp. We will be part of the Unity community, partnering with people committed to many of the same principles as we are. We look forward to adding environmental education as a camp activity, and to the "greening" of Maine Arts Camp.”

The philosophy of the camp will remain the same, with the mission to provide a non-competitive, caring environment in which children can explore and enjoy a balance of fine and performing arts, enrichment activities and technology, and individual/lifetime

sports as part of a small, inclusive community. It is a non-traditional camp geared toward bright and creative children and offering no team sports. Campers create their own schedules, choosing from over 60 activities.

“We are so pleased to begin this association with the Maine Arts Camp and exceeding their expectations for our partnership,” explained Unity College Alumni Relations and Events Coordinator Kate Grenier. “Our rural campus and green amenities proved to be a good fit for Maine Arts Camp. The campers will be very comfortable and enjoy the varied programming opportunities made possible by access to our campus.”

Unity College is a small private college in rural Maine that provides dedicated, engaged students with a liberal arts education which emphasizes the environment and natural resources. Unity College graduates are prepared to be environmental stewards, effective leaders, and responsible citizens through active learning experiences within a supportive community. For more information, visit [www.unity.edu](http://www.unity.edu).

Maine Arts Camp (formerly Bethel Camp for the Arts) is an overnight camp offering 2- or 4-week sessions for 8-15 year old boys and girls in a non-competitive, nurturing environment. The program focuses on visual and performing arts, technology and individual/lifetime sports. Campers receive unsurpassed personal attention from the highest quality professional activity instructors and dorm counselors. It is ideal for the camper looking for an inclusive community where individuality and creativity are respected. For more information visit [www.maineartscamp.com](http://www.maineartscamp.com) or call (561) 865-4330.

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