



## CAMP NAIVELT HANDBOOK



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# Who We Are and Why We're Here



Camp Naivelt was established on the banks of the Credit River in 1936, as an extension of the Labour League, the precursor to the United Jewish People's Order. Since that time, it has provided members and supporters with a permanent natural site in which to continue the organization's cultural, educational and recreational activities during the summer months. During the 1940's and 50's, Naivelt regularly accommodated thousands of working urbanites, providing a culture of support, of social engagement and of access to the land that would otherwise have been unavailable. As early as 1925, a former community and a children's camp, which became Camp Kinderland, existed near Rouge Hill, on the banks of the Rouge River. The name Camp Naivelt (New World) was adopted when the facility relocated to its present Brampton site. Camp Kinderland ceased formal operation in 1968.

## **United Jewish People's Order (UJPO)**

Camp Naivelt is a program of the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO), a secular, Jewish, social justice organization. Its purpose is to preserve and interpret Jewish culture from a humanist and secular perspective, and to stimulate discussion and action around issues such as racial, economic and environmental justice, sexual and gender diversity, and local, regional and international politics.

UJPO also operates the Morris Winchevsky School (MWS) — a secular, Jewish Sunday school for young people, organizes celebrations for major Jewish holidays, and engages in various other social justice initiatives.

Members of the community can direct you to sources of printed and oral history. Some archival documents are stored at the UJPO office, which is located in the Winchevsky Centre at 585 Cranbrooke Avenue, Toronto (416 789 5502). The Winchevsky Centre website ([www.winchevskycentre.org](http://www.winchevskycentre.org)) provides an overview of UJPO, MWS and other programs and events.

## UJPO-Toronto Board

### Equity and Mutual Respect Statement for all Members — March 2015

UJPO-Toronto's policies and practices must reflect our commitment to ensuring that every member of the organization is treated equitably and respectfully. All members must be mindful that we all deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

As members of the UJPO community, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment. Members and guests have every right to debate, disagree, and share their differences within the context of mutual reciprocity and respect.

Discriminatory speech and/or conduct that is racist, sexist, transphobic or homophobic hurts and divides us. So too, does discrimination on the basis of ability, age, class, religious association and ethnic origin. This includes political and/or ideological differences of opinion. Discrimination, harassment, verbal and or physical agitation focuses on our differences and reduces our capacity to work together on shared goals and objectives that the organization is committed to within our social justice and equity framework.

The Equity and Mutual Respect Statement is important, but to leave this as merely a matter of a statement of abstract principles alone is insufficient. UJPO-Toronto is committed to the principles of this statement. Where a member of the UJPO Community demonstrates a discriminatory or disruptive attitude within the community, that member will be held accountable by the leadership and if necessary, may be asked to engage in a conflict resolution process. In the spirit of this statement, all UJPO members are required to abide by its commitment to an equitable and respectful community.





## Camp Naivelt Statement of Principles

Camp Naivelt values community experience based on respect and cooperation. We ask cottage owners, renters and visitors to conduct themselves in accordance with the following general principles:

1. The Camp Naivelt community provides a safe and caring environment for everyone. Abusive behaviour of any kind is not tolerated.
2. Camp Naivelt offers an atmosphere of affirmation, in which all persons and issues are respected, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability and/or economic class.
3. Camp Naivelt promotes Jewish secular culture.
4. Camp Naivelt stands for humanism, social justice, the defense of the environment and global justice.
5. Camp Naivelt relies upon the volunteerism of all participants for its immediate and long-term sustainability.
6. Each cottage owner, renter and visitor is responsible for furthering these principles.

## The Camp Committee

The purpose of the Camp Committee is to coordinate the operation of Camp Naivelt in keeping with the UJPO constitution. Its mandate is to oversee all aspects of camp life and to act as a liaison with UJPO-Toronto. This includes the facilitation of day-to-day requirements in season, as well as the ongoing review and revision of policies and practices. In the interests of a working organizational and financial infrastructure, the maintenance of camp facilities and successful summer programming, the Camp Committee meets year-round, generally on a monthly basis.



*Naivelt Camp Committee, 1935*



*Music Camp 2015*

The Camp Committee is accountable to the UJPO-Toronto Board, Eldorado Camp and Amusements Limited (ECAL — the holding company for the United Jewish People's Order), and to the camp membership.

It is expected that every adult member (in good standing) of the camp community will take a turn on the Camp Committee. Nominations and elections take place annually at the end-of-season bungalow holders' meeting. It is recommended that terms of commitment be for two years and that these be staggered across the functions of the committee to ensure informational and operational continuity.

*\* A list of current Camp Committee Members will be available at the opening weekend Bagel Brunch.*

### **Camp Committee responsibilities are divided as follows:**

- Chair
- Secretary
- Finance
- Maintenance committee
- Rentals & Housing
- Environment
- Programming
- Volunteer Coordinator
- UJPO representative (appointed by the UJPO Board)
- ECAL representative (appointed by ECAL Board)

## **Cottage Opening and Closing**

The opening and closing of camp generally coincides with the availability of water. The City of Brampton has usually turned on the water in Eldorado Park by the Victoria Day long weekend in May. Dropping temperatures usually demand that water be shut off around Thanksgiving.

The following tasks are the responsibility of cottage owners:

### **IN THE SPRING**

- Check for leaks in the water lines inside and outside of individual cottages
- Report leaks to maintenance committee and facilitate timely repairs
- Test hot water tanks
- Check the status of septic tanks
- Remove garbage around cottages and communal areas
- Clear off roofs and clean out eaves troughs
- Assist in the opening of communal buildings (Lac Shack, Ritz), in cooperation with Camp Committee



## IN THE FALL

- Dry out water lines (to avoid burst pipes)
- Empty hot water tanks
- Defrost fridges (leave open)
- Put anti-freeze in toilets and sinks
- Shut off water
- Shut off hydro
- Secure windows and put up shutters
- Lock doors
- Remove debris and garbage
- Assist in the closing of communal buildings (Lac Shack, Ritz)

N.B. — It is the responsibility of owners to ensure that their cottage is properly closed, even if the cottage has been rented to someone else.



## Security and Safety

### Gates

The Eldorado Park gate is locked from 9:00 p.m. to approximately 7:00 a.m. The park attendant is responsible for closing the facility in the evening and ensuring that all visitors to the public grounds have left, and for opening it in the morning. If you enter or leave camp during these times, you are responsible for locking this gate. If you are expecting visitors during these times, they must be met at the gate upon arrival or escorted out upon departure. If you discover the gate unlocked during these times, please take responsibility for locking it again and apprise a Camp Committee member of the occurrence.

The Naivelt gate (adjacent to the Lasowsky Centre) should remain locked always. In the interests of camp security, we ask that you escort all visitors in and out of camp. Consistency in our attention to these matters will assist us in the provision of a safe environment and is the responsibility of all participants.

The same key is used for both gates.

Emergency vehicles for the municipality of Brampton are equipped to access camp.

Camp Naivelt further relies upon its membership to politely approach unfamiliar persons, if called for, to clarify the status of camp grounds as private property and to deter trespassers.



## Fire Safety

The law requires a working smoke detector (with functioning batteries) and a dry fire extinguisher (with current expiration date) in each cottage and community building.

The fire pits on Hills 1 & 3 are the only locations at camp where an open fire is permissible. The following rules accompany their use and must be rigidly adhered to:

- Fires are not permitted during very dry weather.
- Fires are not permitted if there is a strong wind.
- An adult must be enlisted to oversee and be consistently present at the fire, and to make sure that all regulations are carried out.
- Two full buckets of sand or dirt and two full buckets of water must always be immediately within reach at the fire pit prior to lighting a fire; this is in addition to the hose at the water tap, should the water be turned off at any point during the fire.
- The adult in charge must remain until the fire is completely out.

## In case of fire:

**Hill 1: 8596 Creditview Road, Brampton, Ontario L6Y 0G4**

**Hills 2 & 3: 8520 Creditview Road, Brampton, Ontario L6Y 0G4**

## Pets

- All dogs must be kept on leashes. This basic respect for the potential discomfort of community members is not negotiable.
- Camp Naivelt will not be held responsible for any incidents resulting from a disregard of municipal or provincial pet ownership legislation.
- Camp recommends a collar and bell for outdoor cats, to protect other small wildlife.
- Poop-and-scoop practice applies at Camp Naivelt. You are obliged, without exception, to clean up after your pet.



## Cars

- The speed limit is a walking pace (approx. 5 km/hour).
- Drivers must yield to all pedestrians and bicyclists and stop for all children.
- In keeping with regular rules of the road, under-age drivers will not be tolerated.
- All vehicles must come to an IMMEDIATE and FULL STOP upon arrival on Hill 2, regardless of direction traveled.
- Please take note that caution must be demonstrated coming around the curve at the entrance to Hill 3 due to the limited vision it affords as well as its popularity as a play area for children.

## Parking

To avoid damage of water pipes, cars must be parked in designated areas only. These are negotiable only based on accessibility needs.

On each hill, practice caution to avoid driving over buried water pipes that are situated along the front of the cabins, running parallel to the roads. If you don't know where they are, ask someone on CC.

- **Hill 1:** Parking is on the east side, by the trees that border on Creditview Road; please respect the signs posted.
- **Hill 2:** Parking is opposite the straight row of cabins (#s 17-34) and is not permitted on the circle.
- **Hill 3:** Parking is at the top of the hill just before the road to the Ritz, on either side (on the right by the lamppost or on the left in the small clearing before turning down to the Ritz); parking is not permitted in the clearing to the right of the curve in the road as you enter Hill 3; there is some limited parking available under the trees near the end of the Hill 3 road for cottages located close by, but the turnaround at the very end must be left clear.



Reasonable, temporary and short-lived exceptions to these parking rules may be necessary due to unwieldy pickups or deliveries. In such instances, driving over water lines must be vigilantly avoided, and basic courtesies must be observed (motors not left idling, car radios turned off).

There should be no blocking of roads where cars need to get by.

## **Regular Cottage Maintenance**

Cottage holders are expected to keep structural aspects of their cabins in good repair: especially the roof and foundation, and to ensure that wastewater and sewage are soundly dealt with. Crumbling paint is not just a cosmetic problem but can lead to rot in our wooden structures. Once a cabin goes to ground we are not allowed to replace it.

Cottagers are also asked to be mindful of appearances, especially where cabins are highly visible. Our cabins are modest but historic, and our unusual status requires that we be seen as a proud community that cares about itself.

When considering cottage renovations, be mindful of the heritage character of the camp. Consult Camp Committee to ensure that what you have in mind is appropriate, and does not interfere with power, water or trees.

When we build a porch, extension or deck off our cottages, we need to look at the environment around us to ensure no harm or damage is done and that we are not impacting our neighbours' enjoyment of space.

Some cabins are situated so that owners have been able to use storage sheds or additions—some are not. Cottage owners will be asked to remove anything outsized, risky or unsightly. Trailers and tents are not permitted except temporarily, in consultation with Camp Committee.

- Make sure that doors and window screens fit tightly and have no holes.
- Collect lawn cuttings, raked leaves and other decaying organic debris for recycling or mulching to avoid the accumulation of food sources for mosquito larvae.
- Cut brush should be carried deep into the woods before deposit.
- Compost piles need to be turned over frequently.
- Fill lawn depressions to reduce the formation of puddles.
- Thin out dense shrubbery that may be an attraction to mosquitoes.
- Check online for up-to-date information on mosquitoes and safe insect repellents.

Please speak to a CC or ECAL member if you have concerns about other cottages or public spaces.

## Swimming Pool



- The swimming pool is a public facility owned by the City of Brampton. It is located just outside the Naivelt gate.
- The pool usually opens the last week of June and closes after Labour Day.
- Hours of operation during the week differ from weekend hours. Please consult the schedule posted at the pool.
- Camp Naivelt has exclusive use of the pool from 1:00–2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and usually on the Monday of a long weekend.
- Camp Naivelt has made arrangements for members to be provided with seasons passes at a reasonable, flat rate. Guests of camp, however, are required to pay the regular pool admission
- Pool passes can be obtained at Fletchers SportsPlex at 500 Ray Lawson Drive. Any staff at the front desk can give out passes. If there is a problem, the contact person is Jimmy Badunas who works closely with Eldorado Park.
- Cost of passes: Single — \$22.80; Family (up to 4 people) — \$84.85.
- To obtain a pass you have to show I.D. and proof of cabin ownership (take your Hydro Bill).

## Bikes

- Camp Naivelt keeps a number of donated bicycles for use by residents at a Bike Cabin, located at Hill 2, #15. Please use and return bikes in good condition as you would a library book.
- You must supply your own helmet.
- Please do not damage plant life or trees.
- DO NOT leave bikes in front of the Bike Cabin. They must be put away inside the cabin. You must supervise the borrowing of a bike, *i.e.* make sure your child puts it away. Bikes left out are at risk of damage and are dangerous for neighbouring cottage holders.



## Maintenance

The camp maintenance committee oversees the general maintenance of camp-owned cottages and facilities and works to avoid potential problems. We ask that you seek advice of neighbours, who often have helpful suggestions regarding typical summer maintenance problems.



If a cottage, private or camp-owned cottage falls into a state of disrepair that requires that it be torn down, the City of Brampton prohibits its replacement. A cottage lost due to neglect is lost forever! It diminishes future revenue to the camp and prevents others from enjoying camp life.

### **USE OF A NAIVELT COTTAGE MEANS KEEPING IT IN GOOD REPAIR.**

Other responsibilities of the maintenance committee include trees, grass, hydro lines, plumbing at both the Ritz and the Lasowsky Centre, and overseeing the opening and closing of Camp.

## Water: Everyone's Responsibility

Water at Camp Naivelt comes from the city of Brampton. All cottage owners are responsible for the connection coming from the main line to their own cottages. If you are renting a private cottage, the responsibility for the cabin's individual line falls to the cottage owner. Please go to the owner with repair and maintenance concerns. (These include problems with hot water tanks, shower-heads, septic tanks etc.)

The maintenance committee is responsible for main line repairs and anything to do with the connections for camp-owned cottages (including septic and existing hot water tanks).

Please remember to turn your water off at the main line of your cottage if you leave camp for longer than a day. When you turn your water back on, walk around your cottage to listen and watch for leaks. A leak affects the whole community. So, if your line is broken, you must shut your water off and repair the break.

**If the main water line has been turned off, please check the notice board or the online Naivelt Yahoo listserv (and ask around) for information.**

### **ONLY AUTHORIZED PEOPLE MAY TOUCH THE MAIN WATER LINES.**

If you forget to turn off your water, please contact a neighbor to do you the favour of turning it off. Someday they may ask the same of you.



## Trees and Your Cottage



Overgrown vegetation poses risks, particularly where there are electrical lines close by. Branches may fall on the electrical lines or the lines may be pulled down by growth or vines. This is a safety hazard and could result in fire or electrocution.

It is the responsibility of all cottage owners to keep the immediate area around their buildings clear. Little trees can quickly become big trees and cause severe problems for power sources, cottages, and the entire community. Repairs are very costly. Please bear in mind that the more work campers do themselves, the less money is needed to hire professionals. The Maintenance Committee will oversee trimming around power lines that are not located close to cottages.

**DO NOT TRIM ANY GROWTH REACHING TO, OVERHANGING OR TOUCHING THE POWER LINES. REPORT ANYTHING GROWING CLOSE TO THE POWER LINES TO MAINTENANCE.**

Each year owners must check the trees around their cottages. Renters of camp-owned cottages are asked to do the following as well:

- Trees, saplings and high weeds must be kept a minimum of 4 feet from your cottage. This protects your foundation from root damage, your cabin from animals and bugs, and the roof from branch damage. In the long-term, it ensures that a weakened, unsound, mature tree won't fall on your building. Pull out problem saplings as they grow. The longer you wait to deal with them, the harder they are to get out of the ground.
- Clear any branches that are hanging over your roof and keep the roof clear of debris. Any leaves or branches sitting on the roof will rot and destroy the roof, and cause future leaks.
- Crawling grapevines kill trees. To save our birches, poplars and willows, these vines must be cut back on a yearly basis.
- Camp pays for someone to cut the grass in the open areas. However, it is each cottage owners' responsibility to maintain the grounds immediately surrounding their cottage.



**Even if you do not use your cottage for a summer, IT IS STILL YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THE COTTAGE AND THE GROUNDS AROUND IT.**

## **Care of Camp Naivelt Landscape**

### **Intro**

Camp Naivelt always existed within UJPO's goals of community-building, labour activism, celebration of Jewish leftist culture and education for social justice. Our political awareness now includes the struggle to preserve the natural ecology of the planet. Indeed many social justice issues tie in with environmental ones—such as the pollution of First Nation communities in Alberta by the tar sands. Environmentalism is no longer simply a feel-good issue as we see the worsening global impacts of climate change and pollution—factors that affect the forest we live in.

Naivelters are becoming more aware that our “Zummerheim” (summer home) is the year-round home to many species of animals and plants, and that a river flows through our camp and into Lake Ontario. We are a Heritage site, and a rare site of undeveloped forest. We are recognized as a very important part of the Credit River watershed, with associated responsibilities to maintain the natural ecology of Camp Naivelt as well as we can.

As described earlier, individual cabin owners are responsible for maintaining the landscape around their cabins. Naivelt has always been a home to organic gardening, and now pesticide use is illegal in Ontario for residential gardens. But a range of approaches is possible—classic flower and vegetable gardens, container gardens, gardens that encourage butterflies and birds, encouraged wild species, and mowed lawns. Neighbours with differing ideas and aesthetics are expected to respect their differences and consult one another, to work out border issues.

At Naivelt we have many species of native trees and wildflowers which are being documented by Credit Valley Conservation. In May 2019, The Toronto Star reported 65 species of plants and animals living in the Credit River watershed that are at risk of extinction. Please don't chop down any trees or remove any vegetation except for the area directly surrounding your cottage without consulting the Camp Committee.

We do not individually own the property on which our cottages sit. As a community, we have a shared collective responsibility to be custodians and stewards of the land. There is an interconnectivity of everyone and everything here. Landscape work needs to be a thoughtful collective process bearing in mind environmental aesthetics and community impact. Any landscape changes not directly adjacent to cabins must be approved by Camp Committee.

## **Role of Camp Committee and ECAL**

In the public areas, Camp Committee and ECAL are responsible for clearing back portions of the forest that encroach our useable space, and for undertaking major clearing and restoration initiatives. Our roads, cottage and public building access, and service accesses

all need to be kept clear, safe and accessible. Camp Committee works with ECAL to ensure that any significant change to the landscape is done with the needs and welfare of the whole Camp in mind, and in a way that is as low-impact as possible.

## **Role of Volunteers**

In land care as well as in other aspects of Camp life, volunteers are vital. Participating in work bees and learning opportunities will teach you how to control enthusiastic native plants like grape, Virginia creeper and raspberry; clear invasives like garlic mustard and buckthorn; and to protect the sanctuaries of wildlife, trilliums, mushrooms, ephemerals and young trees.

Some of this work you can then carry out on your own initiative. However, before embarking on volunteer land work that affects areas other than those adjacent to your own cabin, campers are required to consult with Camp Committee, which always designates part of its membership to the Environment portfolio.

It's pretty safe to take on the task of trimming back roadside branches that scratch cars, and to maintain parking areas. But be mindful that vegetation is necessary to prevent erosion on the slopes. When in doubt, await Camp Committee approval. In all situations, consult the near neighbours who will be the most affected. They may be aware of bird feeding, nesting, wildlife activities or crops associated with the vegetation. They may have fallen in love with a plant neighbour that looks like nothing to you. That matters. We are a community.

Speaking of which, the greatest volunteer use for you and your lopper, is to help neighbours who are having a hard time maintaining the areas around their cabin. A number of us are aging and/or pressed for time, and could really use the help. Naturally, we consult with affected neighbours before "helping!"

## **General Principles in Camp Naivelt Landscape Care**

### **1. Submit ideas and requests about public areas to Camp Committee**

Any large clearing project, or turning a public area to a different or even previous use entails an environmental assessment by the designates of Camp Committee or, if controversial or ambitious, with the whole CC and/or ECAL.

## **2. Be mindful of what and where you are cutting**

Camp Naivelt is seen as a rare and important sanctuary on the Credit River watershed. Some “overgrown areas” contain treasures. The trilliums that were ground under a few years ago eventually came back, but the carefully planted native grasses never did, and it will take a few years for the sumac grove to shelter rabbit families again. We are trying to revive the milkweed presence, to shelter migratory monarch butterflies. And we’d hate to lose that patch of increasingly rare jewelweed at the end of Hill 2...

Raspberries, sumac, grape and Virginia creeper are ubiquitous enough to become pests and need control at Naivelt—but they are native, they feed wildlife (and us), and are great erosion fighters on our sandy slopes. On the other hand, Manitoba maple is a fast-growing but very unstable tree that causes about \$8000/year in damage to cabins, infrastructure and other trees. Learn to identify it so you can remove it when it’s small. Buckthorn is an imported ornamental that is extremely invasive in the woods, and has stabbing thorns. We remove Manitoba maple and buckthorn where we can, and control them where we can’t take them out.

The lopper is preferable to the whipper, enabling us to be selective. As our great willows age and fall, the sapling oak, pine, walnut, dogwood, ironwood or maple in a “bushy” area could become one of the treasured great trees of tomorrow. If small enough, it may even be potted and transplanted. And the chainsaws should be left to our hired, insured professionals.

## **3. Proceed gradually, start small, consult and learn**

Generally speaking, an area being controlled should be cut back gradually. That allows opportunity for feedback from neighbours and CC, before plants and relationships are destroyed. Even more vital, working on a section at a time protects the safety and health of the land, by ensuring that you finish all aspects of the work. Snags and stumps must be removed for safety and aesthetics, and the cleared area planted or mulched to prevent invasives from getting a foothold. Starting small and finishing your work cleanly each time, allows for community feedback and makes the reaction more likely to be positive. If there is disagreement, take the problem to Camp Committee.

## **4. Dispose properly of the trimmings**

Don’t leave a mess. Cuttings and pullings of invasives must be bagged and put in the garbage. If thrown unto the bush, vines may well re-root, garlic mustard and ragweed go to seed. Buckthorn has stabbing spines. Non-problematic branches and stems can be taken to the fire-pit or a designated compost pile, and cut down further to aid in their breakdown. Work with neighbours to create a path into the woods to establish a pile for trimmings compost. Piles of trimmings just thrown into the bush creates an unfriendly tangle that encourages vine growth.

## **5. Always be learning**

There are a number of educational opportunities during each Camp season, including articles in the Naivelt News, postings on the list-serve, nature walks and group work days, where we can learn more about the species we share the land with, and work out best practices for caring for our “Zimmerheim.”



## Garbage

A garbage bin and recycling bins are located inside Eldorado Park to the south of the front gate in the parking lot. If you don't know where this is, ask another camper. This bin is for household garbage only. Construction waste, appliances, furniture, beds, etc. may not be left there under any circumstances.

There is no longer bulk pick up for furniture and bulky items, nor for large appliances and scrap metal. Individual campers need to make arrangements for these large items to be taken to the Brampton Depot or the Toronto Depot. You must bring address and ID to show residency, *i.e.* your Brampton Hydro bill.

On occasion, during each season, bins are ordered for disposal of larger garbage from camp cottages undergoing repair, improvements and cleaning. Those who wish to put materials from their own cottages into the bins are required to obtain permission from the maintenance coordinator and will be obliged to pay a portion of the cost of the bin.

## Rentals & Housing

Each year, the Camp Committee designates one or more Rentals & Housing Committee members. Responsibilities of this committee include:

- Maintaining a list of cottages for sale or rent
- Preparation of camp-owned cottages for rental
- Showing camp-owned cottages to prospective renters
- Negotiating financial and related maintenance agreements with purchasers and renters
- Notifying Camp Committee and the UJPO office of all such completed arrangements for administrative and invoicing purposes



## **Renting/Owning a Cottage**

For information on renting and/or purchasing a cottage, please contact the UJPO office at 585 Cranbrooke Avenue, in Toronto (416 789 5502). They will explain the process and answer questions.

All prospective renters and buyers are provided information concerning Naivelt's by-laws, rules and regulations, and housing procedures.

Housing procedures are guided by the following stipulations:

- First option to rent is extended to members of the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) and Morris Winchevsky School (MWS) families.
- UJPO membership is required, and must be maintained in good standing, in order to own a cottage. Transfer or sale of private cottages must be done through the UJPO office. The Camp Committee facilitates this process.
- Anyone wanting to purchase a cottage must first rent a cottage (private or Camp-owned) for the equivalent of one season, and have demonstrated their active participation in the UJPO and Naivelt communities.
- No one may own more than one cottage.
- Cottages may be reclaimed from persons whose fee payments are in arrears, and who have made no satisfactory arrangements with the Camp Committee and UJPO office.
- The UJPO office reserves the right to apply funds from a member's camp payments to cover outstanding UJPO dues.
- All renters and purchasers (of private or camp-owned cottages) must sign a contract that includes financial responsibilities and an understanding of, and agreement with, community expectations and Camp Naivelt Statement of Principles.
- Persons may rent the same camp cottage for two consecutive seasons, after which time a decision must be made to either purchase a cottage or to rent a different cottage. No personal belongings shall remain on the property from season to season in camp rental situations.
- All rental fees are to be paid by cheque or money order and must include a damage deposit in the sum of 25% of the total rental cost (not to exceed \$200). All cheques or money orders are to be made out to **Eldorado Camp and Amusements Limited** and sent to:  

Winchevsky Center  
585 Cranbrooke Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario, M6A 2X9.
- In cases where a cheque has been returned and banking penalties have been assessed, the person responsible for initiating the payment will be responsible for paying such penalties. The UJPO office will determine how future payments will be paid.

## Programming



The Camp Naivelt Program Committee provides organized activities during July and August for both adults and children, including:

- Saturday evening entertainment, either imported or in-house (most often at the Lasowsky Centre (aka Lac Shack))
- Sunday morning bagel brunches with invited speakers (roaming locations)
- One-week music camp
- One-week arts camp
- Weekend aqua fit and yoga
- Annual Peace Tea
- Pop Up activities, movie nights, nature walks, music jams etc.
- End of summer formal banquet (usually the Saturday before Labour Day weekend)

Spontaneous departures from the planned schedule may involve workshops of various sorts, guest facilitators, sporting events, Bingo nights, potlucks, conservation activities and entirely impromptu gatherings.

Camp Naivelt enjoys the intellectual and cultural benefits of a richly artistic and activist membership that has served as the wellspring for ten decades of camp programming. In addition to regular programming, the Camp sometimes collaborates with others to support larger and ongoing cultural projects of a broader design.



# Communications

Information at Camp Naivelt is shared in a variety of ways:

- Naivelt News (a weekly newsletter available for pick up at the Hill 2 Bulletin Board)
- The Naivelt community members listserv
- Hill 2 bulletin board (located at the top of the hill)
- Word of mouth (one of our most effective tools)
- L'Khaim newsletter (a bi-monthly UJPO publication)
- Winchevsky Centre website ([www.winchevskycentre.org](http://www.winchevskycentre.org))
- A phone tree for those who are not on e-mail
- Attendance at the bungalow holders meetings (Typically held the first weekend of the summer and on the Sunday morning following the end-of-season banquet)
- Participation in program activities and community volunteerism.
- The Toronto office of the United Jewish People's Order  
585 Cranbrooke Avenue, 416-789-5502, [info@ujpo.org](mailto:info@ujpo.org)



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