

The "Pee Wee" camp is specially designed for kids aged four to seven, and offers mini racquets, low density foam balls, and lower nets (half day only). The junior camps offer swimming and match play as well as tennis skills training. My 11-year-old son Alexander loved the games, the team drills, and jumping into the outdoor pool on a hot summer day. Costs range from \$170 to \$275 per week depending on membership. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. ORC is located at 884 Southdown Rd. in Mississauga. Call 905.822.5240 or visit www.ontarioracquetclub.com.

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For general sports activity programs, check out the Parks & Recreation guides for Mississauga (follow the links at www.mississauga.ca or pick up a guide at any community centre or library), where you'll find everything from adventure and soccer camps to even some archery for your young Robin Hood. My six-year-old daughter Bridget can't wait for her skateboarding camp to start (Tony Hawk look out!) There's also a great selection of arts programs available, and most locations offer extended hours. Fees vary.

In Oakville, the Summer Sizzler outdoor recreational program is again being offered for kids aged six to 12. The camp weeks are themed, so kids can explore "Hooray for Hollywood," or "Science & Technology" (as well as six others during its eight week run). "Semi-Sizzler" half day camps are available for younger kids (ages four and five); meanwhile, older ones can register for Leader In Training courses. Special needs camps are also offered. Camps are held at various Oakville schools. Follow the links at www.oakville.ca or pick up a guide. Again, fees vary.

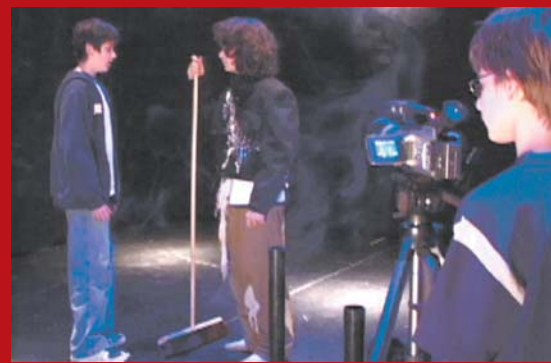
If your child would rather create than recreate, there are some great facilities close by. Visual Arts Mississauga's Springbank Summer Art camp is a perennial favourite for many artistic children in the Mississauga area. Children between the ages of six and 12 can be registered for one, two or three week programs, which run daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended hours available. Jennifer Drope's nine-year-old daughter Rosalyn has enjoyed this program year after year, and will be returning again this summer, accompanied by her six-year-old brother Michael. "For an artsy kid, this program is outstanding. In the course of a week, they get to work

with many different media forms and produce some pretty incredible pictures, sculptures, etc." My own daughter Victoria loved coming home with her own specially created tie-dye T-shirt. Check out their website at www.springbank-arts.com or call 905.828.9151 for more information. The cost is \$170 per week, plus GST, and includes all supplies and pizza on Fridays. They are located at 3057 Mississauga Rd. North, at Dundas.

Parents of young artists in the Oakville area might want to consider ArtSkool Summer Day Camp. Located at the Oakville Trafalgar High School (between Morrison Rd. and Maple Grove Rd.), ArtSkool offers full or half day programs for five to seven-year-olds and eight to 13-year-olds. Junior campers participate in ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, drawing and painting. Meanwhile, senior campers select two of six areas (digital video, editing, photography, colour studio, drawing

and ceramics) for specialization. They also work towards a gallery showing at the end of the week. For information, call 905.849.8694 or visit www.artskool.ca.

Lights, camera, action! Children with performing in mind love to attend Imagination Works' summer camp, "The Works." This unique day camp program has participants trying out every kind of activity offered during their regular evening and weekend classes. Each day, campers get to participate with their own age group in a performing art (drama, improvisation, voice & movement), a technical art (movie making, lighting & sound), and a visual art (drawing, painting, fine arts and crafts workshop). In addition, during "choice" period, kids can choose from magic, dance, recording, puppetry and graphic arts, among others. On Friday night, kids are showcased with an art gallery, video screening, and a musical for parents to enjoy. Sessions run two



weeks in length (Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Fees are \$480 (for two weeks), plus GST. "The Works" is offered for kids from Grade 3 to Grade 8. They are located at 3250 Ridgeway Dr., Unit 4 (on the border of Mississauga and Oakville). For more information, call 905.828.8100 or visit www.imaginationworks.ca.

No matter what your child is interested in, you're likely to find a camp that they will love to attend. If they're not careful, they might even learn something during the school-less summer days! **G**









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