gta PHOTOGRAPHY CAMPS

Photography & Video Programs

summer 2018 • ages 8-18

GTAPhotographyClasses.com

Toronto | Ottawa | Chicago

We've taught over
12,000
students & campers

Inspiring Creativity
at GTA Photography Classes

Creativity is becoming increasingly important and that's why it's a big part of our programs! 70% of people that were surveyed in "Adobe's 2016 State of Create Study" stated that they believe **being creative is valuable to society** and that it **makes people better** leaders, parents, and students. That's why we've developed our programming based on two principles: 1) a passion for photography, and 2) a solid understanding of how to teach so students really get it. We're proud to have taught over 12,000 students and that's just the beginning! We simply can't wait to teach more students as we approach our 10 year anniversary of GTA Photography.

"Omg.....I cannot say more! My kids never said goodbye when I dropped off and I had to bribe them when we left daily!"

Caroline Waite
GTA Photography Camps Parent 2017

Our 2018 Programs

Click on the program you're interested in below for more details

Kids Photography Programs (Ages 8–12)

Kids Camp 1
Ages 8 - 12

Kids Camp 2
Ages 8 - 12

Nature & Animals
Ages 8 - 12

We ensure a **fun**, **interactive** and **hands-on** environment that promotes creativity! Our campers are able to learn quickly and put what they learn to practice on our daily field trips. Whether it's throwing waterballoons to demonstrate shutter speeds, painting with light in a dark room or photographing the world from a Lego man's perspective, we're dedicated to making their summer fun.

Teen Photography Programs (Ages 13–18)

Teen Camp 1
Ages 13 - 17

Teen Camp 2
Ages 13 - 17

Teen Camp 3
Ages 15 - 18

Fashion Photography
Ages 13 - 17

Editing
Ages 13 - 17

Street & Documentary
Ages 13 - 17

Sport & Action
Ages 13 - 17

Counsellor In Training (CIT)
Ages 15 - 18

Teen Video Programs (Ages 13–18)

Video Production
Ages 13 - 17

Vlogging
Ages 13 - 17

BRAND NEW VIDEO PROGRAMS!

"This was so fun! I learned so much and I am excited to go out and try what I learned!"

Holly
GTA Photography Camper 2017

Early Bird Special

Register Early & Save

$50.00*

PROMO CODE:

EARLYBIRD2018

*offer expires January 31st, 2018

Instructors who are motivating & engaging

Top notch instructors & small class sizes!

All of our instructors are professional photographers who have been published or have won awards from all-around the word! To ensure an amazing learning experience, we **limit** all kids programs to **12 campers** and teen programs to **20 campers**. Small class sizes allow campers to get the personal attention they need in order to grasp all the concepts being taught by our amazing instructors.

You may have seen our instructors on TV!

Our instructors were mentors on **Snapshots**, a **Kids' CBC** reality TV show!

Three of our all-star instructors were both on-screen and off-screen mentors giving demonstrations and tutorials of photography basics.

kids'CBC

Camper Safety
is our #1 priority

ACCREDITED MEMBER
OCA
Ontario Camps Association
Camps Parents Trust

Safe Environment

Camper & Staff safety is very important to us!

CPR FIRST AID CERTIFIED AND TRAINED

To ensure the safety of everyone:

- **Staff Qualified in First Aid / CPR**; All of our instructors and counsellors are trained in First Aid and CPR and are able to treat minor injuries on site. Parents will be immediately notified in case of injury or illness.
- **High Instructor to Camper Ratio**; Our Kids Camp has a ratio of 2 staff to 12 campers | Teen Camps have a ratio of 2 staff to 15 campers.
- **Strict Pick up / Drop Off Policy**; We have a strict pick up and drop off policy; whereby, you provide us with the proper information so we can ensure that they are released only to specified individuals.
- **Background Checks**; It is our policy that we conduct background and criminal checks on all staff members.
- **Risk Management Training**; All of our instructors and counsellors undergo thorough training in risk management and emergency procedures. All of our instructors and counsellors have cell phones and can be reached at any time.

Learn a life long skill

Photography is a skill that will follow campers to their next adventures! This skill can be useful in pursuing a career in the arts, marketing or journalism, becoming the official family photographer, or capturing moments as they explore the world. Be ready to introduce a new photographer to the household this summer!

"This was a fun camp filled with education yet a fun group of kids and some very cool locations to photograph. I love how much feedback they give on your work."

Sophia

GTA Photography Camper 2017

Explore On Daily Field Trips! Past field trips include...

Toronto

Nathan Phillips Square

CN Tower

Kensington Market

Royal Ontario Museum

Hockey Hall of Fame

Distillery District

Ottawa

The National Gallery

Parliament Hill

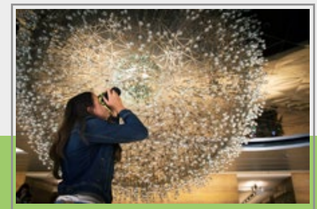
Rideau Canal

Byward Market

Nature Museum

Strathcona Park

Chicago


John Hancock Center

Oak Street Beach

Millennium Park

Washington Square Park

Magnificent Mile

Dusable Bridge

Fun adventures & friendships!

We know the importance of hands-on learning and exploring! For every camp program, we organize a series of daily field trips so our students get a chance to practice what they have learned and explore the amazing city of Toronto!

Sample Day

9:00 AM.....Drop Off & Warm Up Games
before care starts at 8:30 AM

9:15 AM.....Photography Lesson

10:30 AM.....Demonstrations & Hands on Practice

12:00 PM.....Lunch Break
bring your own / buy at a local spot

1:00 PM.....Field Trip

2:45 PM.....Arrive Back at Camp & Cool Down Games

3:00 PM.....Camper Pick Up
after care is available until 5:30 PM

Before/After Care

We have before and after care available for any campers who may require it.

Before care starts | 8:30AM

After care ends | 5:30 PM

Fee: $50.00 +HST/week

"I loved all the field trips, the organization and that we had a lot of fun with the instructors and the counsellor. I think the team is great and everyone came along with everyone."

- GTA Photography Camper 2017

Don’t have a camera?
Don’t worry!

Camera Rentals

We want everyone to be able to participate in our camps! For students who need one, or are unable to bring one to camp, we offer professional DSLR camera rentals at affordable rates!.

SD Card is included so every camper can keep & bring home their memories!

Camera Rentals: $55.00 +HST/week

Kids Camp 1

Photography Program | Ages 8-12

Kids Camp introduces campers to their camera and the fun things they can do with it!

Fun activities, games and hands on photography come together to provide campers with a unique learning environment to explore both the creative and technical sides of image making.

Topics / Highlights

- Daily photo field trips
- Photography basics
- Composition
- Creating and using handmade, filters, and pinhole cameras
- Fun Photography games & lots of group activities and more

Prerequisites

None

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☑ Chicago ☑ Ottawa

> Camp was so much fun and I can take great pictures now!
>
> **- Kid Camper (Summer 2017)**

Kids Camp 2

Photography Program | Ages 8-12

Kids Camp 2 allows campers to take the foundational knowledge from Kids Camp 1 and apply it to more advanced and technical projects. Creative exploration through artistic and one-of-a-kind activities is a big focus for this camp. Campers will be able to learn, and experiment, with black & white images, pet photography and silhouettes. They'll even have a chance to create their own memes!

Topics / Highlights

- How to creatively break rules of composition
- Introduction to advanced techniques and camera settings
- Develop unique self portraits
- Techniques for creating professional black and white images

Prerequisites

Kids Camp 1

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☑ Chicago ☐ Ottawa

Nature & Animals

Photography Program | Ages 8-12

Nature is all around us! Through this camp, kids will get a chance to interact with animals, exotic gardens and breathtaking landscapes through photography. Campers will get a chance to learn new techniques and explore new photography styles.

Topics / Highlights

- Techniques for macro photography
- Controlling exposure for different scenes and subject matter
- Key settings to get sharper images with moving subjects
- Introduction to landscape photography
- New and exciting field trips

Prerequisites

Kids Camp 1

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☐ Chicago ☐ Ottawa

The camp was fun and I improved my photography a lot just in one week!

- Teen Camper (Summer 2017)

Teen Camp 1

Photography Program | Ages 13-17

Campers learn to shoot in in full manual mode so that they can artistically and confidently capture the world around them. Daily field trips to some of the greatest landmarks in Toronto like St. Lawrence Market, Distillery District and Nathan Phillips Square, encourage campers to practice the skills, and techniques they learn! Creative photo activities allow campers to have fun expanding their imaginations and a hands-on studio session gives them a taste of what a professional photo shoot looks like.

Topics / Highlights

- Basics concepts and rules of photography
- Learn all manual mode controls and settings
- Composition guidelines and techniques
- Creative techniques such as freezing motion, panning, zooming and more
- How to maintain your camera

Prerequisites

None

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☑ Chicago ☑ Ottawa

Teen Camp 2

Photography Program | Ages 13-17

Photography can be so much more than just point and shoot. The focus for Teen Camp 2 is to take campers skills to the next level of ultimate creativity by focusing on experimental photography techniques. Painting with light, projection art, and bokeh are just some of the techniques explored!

Topics / Highlights

- Learn new creative techniques
- Free lensing
- Introduction to various fields of photography
- Light painting and long exposure techniques
- How to effectively break the rules of photography

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 or equivalent

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☑ Chicago ☑ Ottawa

Laptop Required
for this program

Teen Camp 3

Photography Program | Ages 15-18

With a primary focus on developing a website and portfolio, this camp is well suited for teens considering a post secondary education in the creative arts. The campers decide what they want the focus of their portfolios to be and our knowledgeable instructor will help campers develop their own, unique creative voice through a photography series for their portfolio.

Topics / Highlights

- Introduction to professional photography collections
- Creating a website to showcase portfolio
- Developing a photography series with a unique theme
- Learn about post-secondary programs, artist statements, CV and more
- 1 on 1 guidance and feedback

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 & Teen Camp 2; or equivalent

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☐ Chicago ☐ Ottawa

Fashion Photography

Photography Program | Ages 13-17

Fashion photography is all about having fun and being creative! In this camp, teens will learn how to create high end portraits by mastering natural light as well as various studio set ups. They'll get the opportunity to work with an experienced model and practice their skills at a professional photography studio.

Topics / Highlights

- Posing and styling
- Making the most of natural light
- Introduction to studio lighting and techniques
- Working with a professional model and make up artist
- Using reflectors and other lighting tools

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 or equivalent

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☑ Chicago ☑ Ottawa

Laptop Required
for this program

Software required:
Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Photoshop

Editing Camp

Photography Program | Ages 13-17

The world of editing can take your great images to the next level! This completely practical camp will introduce teens to two industry leading photography editing software: Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. We will cover all the key tools and creative adjustments in each program so campers can manipulate, retouch, and restore photos. Campers will shoot and edit their own images individually and in group settings.

Topics / Highlights

- Key Photoshop tools (paintbrush, clone, liquify, text, dodge/burn etc.)
- Overview of Lightroom tools and adjustments
- Restoring and retouching photos
- Multiple exposures and overlaying textures
- Photo manipulation
- Creating your own poster with an out of this world image

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 or equivalent

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☑ Chicago ☐ Ottawa

Street & Documentary

Photography Program | Ages 13-17

Street and documentary photography is all about telling a story through images. This camp will teach teens important techniques so they can effectively communicate the moments and stories they see unfolding in front of them. Campers will have the opportunity to visit a number of locations, including a few National Historic Sites of Canada, to capture newsworthy images.

Topics / Highlights

- Introduction to visual storytelling and photojournalism
- Black & white photography techniques
- How to use camera accessories (flashes, different types of lenses, tripod, etc.)
- Exploring a few National Historic Sites of Canada through photography

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 or equivalent

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☑ Chicago ☑ Ottawa

"I loved the camp and will miss the lectures, games and field trips."

Zachary M.
GTA Photography Camper 2017

Sport & Action

Photography Program | Ages 13-17

Life moves quickly and any successful sports photographer needs the skills to keep up. This camp will make sure that campers don't miss the moment by learning how to capture fast moving subjects in unpredictable environments. We'll learn all about sports photography and how to capture those captivating moments of triumph, excitement and even heart break.

Topics / Highlights

- Critical camera techniques for sports photography: Burst mode / Continuous shooting / focus modes
- Lighting: arena lighting vs. outdoor
- Practice exciting shooting techniques like panning and zooming
- Daily shooting field trips; some examples may include: Parkour Park, Professional Sporting Events (baseball game / team practice for Blue Jays / Raptors / Toronto FC), skate parks & more

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 or equivalent

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☐ Chicago ☐ Ottawa

Video Production

Video Program | Ages 13-17

Video opens the doors to so many creative possibilities but there's a lot that goes on behind the scenes. In this camp, teens will begin to explore videography techniques and learn how to capture amazing footage with their DSLR cameras. We will also introduce campers to the tools and adjustments in Adobe Premiere Pro, an industry leading video editing software. Every camper will get to create a video showcasing landmarks and their experience in the city!

Topics / Highlights

- Capturing video with your DSLR
- Different types of composition and shots
- Learn about effects, tool and other adjustments in Adobe Premiere Pro
- Introduction to colour grading, overlays, titles and textures
- Developing a shot lists and themes

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 or equivalent

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☐ Chicago ☐ Ottawa

Laptop Required
for this program

Software required:
Adobe Premiere Pro

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for this program

Software required:
Adobe Premiere Pro

Vlogging

Video Program | Ages 13-17

From talking about a special topic to showcasing an amazing trip you had, vlogging is a great way to share your point of view with others. This camp will help equip teens with the knowledge they need to start filming and editing their own personalized vlogs!

Topics / Highlights

- Pre-production (storyboarding, shot lists, storytelling, film structure, research etc.)
- Introduction to new editing techniques, styles and effects
- Filming and editing b-roll footage
- The importance of audio and how to record it
- Post production & editing techniques for Vlogs

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 & Video Production; or equivalent

***Please note that there is a mandatory $55.00 lab fee for this course for necessary audio equipment**

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☐ Chicago ☐ Ottawa

Counsellor In Training

Leadership Program | Ages 15-18

Our Counsellor-in-Training program lasts for a total of 4 weeks. CIT's can complete the CIT Program all in one summer or spread over two summers (if timing does not permit).Upon completion of the 4 weeks, our goal is to have a CIT finish the program having acquired all the required skills to become an exceptional leader and role model.

Topics / Highlights

- Practice / enhance their leadership skills through organized activities
- Daily guidance from the CIT Lead
- Regularly scheduled weekly placements in a variety of areas at camp
- Experiential learning by observing and assisting current staff
- Participation in all camp activities, special events, field trips, and meetings

Prerequisites

Teen Camp 1 or any other GTA Photography Program

Program Available In:

☑ Toronto ☐ Chicago ☐ Ottawa

Application / Requirements

- Be between the ages of 15 - 18
- Ideally have completed at least one week of our regular summer camp programming
- Fill out an online application

Find application here

Photo by Alex | Teen Camp 2

Photo by Will | Teen Camp 1

Photo by Josh | Street & Documentary

Photo by Trinity | Kids Camp 1

Photo by Ajia | Fashion Photography

Photo by Jessica | Teen Camp 2

We’re proud of the work our campers create!

Frequently Asked Questions

How does pick up / drop off work?

Each of our locations has a designated pick up/drop off area to allow for quick transitions. After registration, a Parent Handbook will be provided by email with information for each pick up location. All camps begin at 9 am. Students should be dropped off 10 minutes prior to their start time. All camps end at 3 pm. Students should be picked up by 3:10pm.

Before / After care is available for Kids Camp (8:30am to 5:30pm) for an additional fee.

How does lunch work?

Lunch at camp is similar to lunch at school. Campers can either bring their lunch or buy lunch at one of the nearby vendors. All of our locations have lunch options within a 2 minute walking distance. Kids Campers purchasing their lunch are accompanied by our staff to and from the food vendors. Whether campers are bringing or buying lunch, we always eat together as a group!

Do you accept international students?

Yes! A tourist visa is all that is required to attend our camp. Student visa's are not required for summer camps.

Our programs are taught in English and do require a good understanding of the language in order to participate and follow the program. Students should be able to converse at an Intermediate to Advanced level in order to participate in our summer camp programs. If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact us for more information.

How early should we register?

Registration is open until the Friday before the session begins. Please note that in prior years **most of our camps have sold out months in advance**. In order to guarantee enrolment, we recommend registering as soon as you know your schedule and at least a month in advance. Avoid the rush – register early and secure a spot!

Do I need a camera or computer?

All campers will need a camera, preferably a DSLR camera or camera with manual settings ("M" dial or mode), in order to fully participate in our programs. If the camper does not have access to a DSLR camera, we offer camera rentals with SD cards for $55.00 per week and do not require a deposit.

A laptop will only be needed for the following programs: Editing Camp, Teen Camp 3, Video Production, Vlogging

Please review each program page for the necessary software the is needed for each program. 7-day free trials for all programs can be downloaded via: adobe.com/ca/downloads.html

Do you offer financial aid?

Yes! We believe that every child should have access to camp and financial limitations should not be a factor. **Deadline to apply for financial aid is Monday, March 19, 2018.** Please fill out the application below & email it to info@gtaphotographyclasses.com

Click here to find the Financial Aid Application & Deadlines.

Still have more questions?
Don't hesistate to contact our adminstration office!

Email: info@gtaphotographyclasses.com
Toronto: (416) 546-9089
North America / International: +1(800) 832-1273

Watch our video & see for yourself!

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Watch the GTA Experience

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Double Fun	Photography Trio	Ultimate Fun
$998	$1,447	$1,896
Reg $1,098	Reg $1,647	Reg $2,196
• 2 Weeks of Camp	• 3 Weeks of Camp	• 4 Weeks of Camp
• Most popular package!	.	• Best deal!
★ SAVE $100.00	★ SAVE $200.00	★ SAVE $300.00

3 Locations in North America!

Toronto

25 Toronto Street
Toronto, ON
M5C 2R1

Chicago

25 E. Pearson St.
Chicago, IL
60611

Ottawa

100 Laurier Ave E.
Ottawa, ON
K1N 6N7

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