

# SUMMER RUFFING IT PARENT INFORMATION 2010

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Summer Ruffing It Web Site	www.ruffingmontessori.net/sri

*Our Ruff X's Newsletter is published weekly during camp and e-mailed to families. Please call the office to arrange for a printed copy if you have no e-mail/internet access.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 17	Monday, Tuition balance due
JUNE 18	Friday, 4-5:00pm      Orientation: School Gymnasium New campers only / Parents and children
JUNE 21	Monday, Program begins Extended Care (before and after) available.
JULY 5	Monday, National Holiday, <b><i>no camp</i></b>
JULY 29	Thursday                      Festival Day/Families invited 11:30am-1:00pm              A Summer To Grow On Potluck Picnic 1-3:00pm                      Festival Day Celebration for all families
JULY 30	Friday, Program ends 1pm A Summer To Grow On 3pm Creative Arts and Sciences & Extreme! SRI <b><i>No AfterCare or AHA!</i></b>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**A B S E N C E S** Notify the Summer Camp Office of any absence by 9am. 216 932 7866

**AHA! (After Hours Activities!)** Along with our Extended Care Program, we offer After Hours Activities for children ages 5-14 from 3:15-4:15pm. Please refer to the class descriptions and sign up forms to register for AHA! classes and Extended Care. Extended Care may be pre-scheduled or used “as-needed” by calling the office or sending a note in with your child(ren). 216 932 7866

**A P P A R E L** Please send children in casual clothing that can become dirty or stained during class time. We provide protective shirts for art classes but cannot always guarantee that the clothes or the children will remain spotless! No flip-flops, please.

### ARRIVAL / PICK UP

Before Care	7:30-9am
Camp Day Starts	8:50-9am
Camp Day Ends	1-1:15pm (A Summer To Grow On (STGO) /ages 3-6) 3-3:15pm (Creative Arts & Sciences (CAS) and Extreme! SRI Grades 1-8)
AHA! Starts	3:15pm (After Hours Activities!)
AHA! Ends	4:15pm
After Care Ends	6pm

Enter the front drive from the west. Pull up in two rows along the front drive. Please stay in your car. An escort will help your child from and into your car. Please understand that we are unable to release a child to anyone other than a parent without prior written notice. ***The Extended Care room is the only room with supervisory staff before 8:50AM.*** Any child arriving before that time must go directly there. Children who arrive before 8:50am or not picked up by 1:15pm (STGO), 3:15pm (Grades 1-8), or 4:25 (AHA! classes) are taken to Extended Care. Families will be charged the hourly rate of \$8.00.

**C A M P O F F I C E** We are located inside the main entrance and upstairs in the Teacher’s Lounge.

**C O M M U N I C A T I O N** We will send out a weekly newsletter on Friday through e-mail. Many of our other notices go home via email as well. Please add both Julia and Grace to your contact list ([julias@ruffingmontessori.net](mailto:julias@ruffingmontessori.net) and [grace\\_at\\_sri@ruffingmontessori.net](mailto:grace_at_sri@ruffingmontessori.net)). Please call the office to arrange for a printed copy if you have no email or Internet access.

**D I S C I P L I N E** We expect students to conduct themselves with respect for the physical well-being and rights of other students and adults and maintain respect for property. Children are expected to take responsibility for their own actions. Our non-punitive approach to discipline, along with creative approaches to conflict resolution, means conflicts are usually resolved at the classroom level. Serious problems may result in withdrawal with no refund.

### F E E S / P A Y M E N T S

Registration deposit of \$75 is non-refundable. Tuition is due in full by Monday, May 17. No refunds will be made after May 31. Exploring Alternatives, Kitchen Studio, Lab Science, Make and Play Dulcimers, Continental Tastes, and AHA! have separate fees and will be billed after the program begins. Extended Care also has a separate fee, and is billed on a week-by-week basis, with bills sent out the Monday following the week of care. Insurance fees for non-Ruffing Montessori School students is \$10.

**F R O N T E N T R A N C E** We are a secured building. Access to the school is gained through the coded door in the center of the drive. An entry code for those attending the summer program will be announced the week prior to camp start. Visitors must enter through the coded front door and report immediately to the Camp Office. The door nearest to A Summer to Grow On will be opened only during arrival and dismissal (8:45-9am, 1-1:15pm).

**E X T E N D E D C A R E** 7:30am-9am and 1-6pm. You may use this service on an “as needed” or pre-scheduled basis. Please see separate description and forms for further details. Call 261 932 7866 to request as needed care.

FESTIVAL DAY THURSDAY, JULY 29

A Summer To Grow On

11:30am - 1pm Family Potluck

All Summer To Grow On families are invited to the potluck lunch.

Creative Arts & Sciences  
and Extreme! SRI

1- 3pm Performances & Projects

All Summer Ruffing It families are invited to our afternoon Festival Day celebration. Attend special presentations, view student artwork and science projects, rocket launch and an ice cream social. Our last day, Friday, is only for campers.

**FIRST AID / ILLNESS** If children are ill, please keep them at home and notify our office (216 932 7866). If your child contracts a communicable disease, please inform us. If a child becomes sick at camp, we will call to request that you take your child home.

**GUESTS** Children may bring a guest. Fee of \$50 day/3 day limit. Please call the office in advance to arrange.

**LUNCH GUIDELINES** Our Goal: No Waste Lunches

We teach our children about the planet they stand to inherit and how we can make it a better place for all through recycling and composting. We also expect grace and courtesy and ask that each person pick up after him/herself. To that end, we are asking for your cooperation in the following areas:

**•Do to a high occurrence of severely allergic children, we are nut-free! Please do not send nuts or nut-based products.**

- Provide a reusable lunch container (lunch box) with the child's name marked clearly on the outside.
- Within the lunch box, lunch items should be placed in reusable containers.
- No juice boxes or juice packs. Please send beverages in a thermos.
- Please provide a cloth napkin/placemat and utensils. *Children in A Summer To Grow On are provided these items.*
- Good nutritional habits are always encouraged. "Lunchables" and other prepackaged foods contain many additives and preservatives. An ideal lunch contains a healthy, balanced mix of the different food groups to provide the nourishment vital for a long, active day.
- Please, no candy or junk food in the lunches. Fruits make nice desserts for children and also help clean the teeth..
- There is no refrigeration or microwaves available for student lunches or drinks.
- There is an option for No Pack Thursdays. Details to follow in June. Menu from The Flying Crane.

**MEDICATIONS** Employees of Summer Ruffing It are not permitted to dispense medication to any child. Medications should be administered by the parent or guardian before, during, or after camp. When children are on school sponsored overnight field trips we require written permission from the parent to dispense medications. Please contact the camp office if your child requires the use of an inhaler or an EpiPen. ***If your child has a severe allergy, please fill out that specific additional form.***

**MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION** In the event of a child's serious illness or accident occurring while s/he is at camp or elsewhere under camp supervision, the camp's policy is to first notify the student's parent/guardian, then the physician, as soon as reasonably possible. However, if the camp is unable to locate such designees and considers immediate treatment necessary, the parent/guardian, must authorize the camp to take such emergency measures as seem reasonably necessary under the circumstances, including treatment and/or surgery by an available physician and/or in a nearby hospital. ***Please refer to the registration forms to sign the proper releases.***

# STAFF

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### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

#### **Director Summer Ruffing It**

**Julia Sheehan** loves being with Ruffing Montessori to direct and organize the summer and year long after school programs called AHA!(After Hours Activities!). She once ran long distance miles but now is delighted to take long walks, paint and work in her art studio and cook with her grand children. New this year- she returns to piano lessons.

#### **Assistant to the Director**

**Grace Mullin** is in her twelfth year as part of the SRI staff. As Assistant to the Director, she is very excited to work with any need that you or your child(ren) may have throughout the summer. "I love coming every year to meet new faces and to see how the old ones have grown up over the course of a year!"

### TEACHING AND ASSISTING STAFF

**Carrie Bodenger** wears the varied hats of Montessori directress, theatre arts/kitchen studio teacher and reading tutor; teaching primarily at Ruffing, The Montessori at Holy Rosary and Hathaway Brown. She has performed on stage as a puppeteer, in improv groups and in several musical venues.

**Andrew Borchert-Isaacs** has been to SRI for seven summers after moving here from Japan. He loves working with the kids, and it is always fun to be around them. He plays baseball, fencing, plays the trumpet and thoroughly enjoyed his first year of high school.

**Eddie Brandon**, a high school sophomore this fall, has been a life camper at Summer Ruffing It. He returns as a second Year CIT and looks forward to helping other campers have the same great experiences and making this summer extra fun.

**Lynne Brietenstien-Aliberti**, head of A Summer To Grow On, has eleven years of work experience at Ruffing, a Masters in Education, an AMI Primary Certificate and a BA in Anthropology. Besides working with children, she enjoys swimming, skiing, biking and sewing and is looking forward to another wonderful Summer To Grow On!

**Barbara Day** During the school year, Barbara is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Church of the Saviour Co-Operative Nursery School. She has also taught "mini-art camps" independently for the past three years. Incorporating art in her curriculum is something she enjoys doing and believes all children can have fun while expressing themselves creatively. She was a Ruffing parent for many years and now returns to be on staff.

**Krisite Fleischhacker** is a Ruffing Montessori School and Summer Ruffing It alumna. She worked at Summer Ruffing It through middle school, high school and college and took a brief hiatus while living in San Diego only to find that SRI really is a wonderful place to spend the summer. “I am thrilled to be returning for my second year after my break. I am trained in the 3-6 year old Montessori classroom.”

**Hattie Gemerchak** is a graduate of Shaker Heights High School this year. She was the captain of the Shaker’s rowing team and plays bassoon. She has been working at Ruffing for five years and went to Ruffing for 9 years as a camper and has loved every moment! She cannot wait for this summer!

**Kevin Griesser**, a Ruffing student since first grade, will graduate in June and attend Hawken School in the fall. He enjoys swimming, playing guitar, video games and reading; he has been assisting Francine Barnett with the Rock Wall class this year. Kevin is looking forward to being part of SRI and working with campers as a Counselor in Training.

**Margy Haas** is current Production Manager at Clague Playhouse in Westlake and former director of its Children’s and Teen Theatre. An actor and playwright, she also teaches drama and playwriting through the Beck Center’s Outreach Program. She is a proud member of the AHA! staff at Ruffing working with creative young playwrights throughout the school year.

**Katie Hannon** A native of Philadelphia, PA, Katie Hannon has a degree in Art Education from Miami University. She taught K - High School art in the PA public schools for six years. After moving to Cleveland, OH, Katie was the art teacher at Ruffing Montessori from 2002-2006. Katie is now a mother of two young boys and currently teaches Friday morning art enrichment courses for the middle school students of Ruffing.

**Jack Hyland** will be in the 9th grade at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin high school this fall. Jack plays keyboard and guitar. He enjoys bowling, golf, guitar, ping pong, movies, and art. Jack’s favorite band is Led Zeppelin. Jack attended Camp Jam and performed at the Boneyard in two bands. Jack loves traveling with his family and has been to Paris and Geneva, Switzerland. Jack loves Ruffing It and looks forward to a great summer.

**Satomi Jin** is a trained artist/craftsman and is pursuing her Montessori training. She is originally from Japan, has received her BFA in ceramics from OSU; an MFA from University of Washington in Seattle. She loves to make animals, plants and robots.

**Tom Keane** has a long list of film/video award credits including Telly Awards, a Cindy Bronze and Cine Golden Eagle. Mr. Kean is a resident of Shaker Heights and has worked with educators and administrators in the schools and in government offices to produce works that highlight youth activities and community efforts to improve the quality of life and appreciation of diversity.

**David Kloos**, a graduate of Ruffing Montessori School, returns for his third year on staff at Summer Ruffing It. He attends St. Ignatius High School and is a darn successful competitive swimmer.

**Sarah Knoblauch** has taught clay and silkscreen printing at Summer Ruffing it. She is a native Clevelander and is very excited about the new energy that is developing to reinvent this once great city. Sarah is a former Montessori art teacher who lives in Cleveland Heights with her husband and three grown children, Brendan, Kelly and Evan.

**Shenan May** lives in West Akron with two dogs. “I am an art therapist working with students in the Akron Public Schools. In the summer, I love to hike, bike and swim. I am super stoked to be back at Summer Ruffing It again! “

**Nora McNamara** has had 2 children attend SRI: Brynna, from 1998 until 2004, and Fiona, from 2007 and continuing. Nora is currently on a sabbatical from her usual position at the CWRU School of Medicine, pursuing Montessori Elementary training in hopes of developing a program in the city of Cleveland for children with a history of psychological trauma. Nora hopes to blend a love of archetypal stories with basic instruction in fabric work this summer, with dual aims of inspiring a passion for this work in children and encouraging excellent mind-body connection to promote better concentration, alertness, and memory.

**Michael McNamara** is a guitarist, composer, and music educator based in Cleveland, Ohio. As a guitarist, he has most recently joined the internationally touring Afrobeat band “Kokolo”. He is a musician/educator with the International House of Blues Foundation, delivering the highly successful Action for the Arts Guitar Initiative to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, focusing on ensemble guitar playing. Also, Michael is an artist-in-residence at Ruffing Montessori School in Cleveland Heights. In addition, Michael has instructed privately at the Fairmount School of Music since 2007.

**Nan O’Malley**, assistant in A Summer To Grow On, is a singer/songwriter who has recorded a CD of her songs. You may have enjoyed her Nan O’Malley Band at local Cleveland Heights venues. She works with Ruffing’s Children’s House during the year and with us in the summer time.

**Susan Olsen** fell in love with photography in college, but has long since left her darkroom for digital imaging. As the Development Assistant at Ruffing, she enjoys documenting school activities, designing ads for the school, and digitizing/restoring the old photographs stored in Ruffing's archives. Susan is the mother of three children attending Ruffing Montessori School and our summer camp! This is her first summer with us. Extreme! SRI campers welcome her!

**Lauren Pacini** is the Technology Coordinator at Ruffing Montessori School. "With thirty years of teaching and consulting in technology, my greatest joy is to see students faces when they 'get it'. I look forward with excitement and enthusiasm to my eighth summer at SRI working with older campers and sharing my love of nature and computer technology.”

**Ian Pelfry** is 15 years old and will be a sophomore next fall at Shaker Heights High School. He has a real love of science and nature and enjoys being outdoors. “I am a Life Scout in Boy Scouts and will be working on my Eagle project this summer. I have been camping outdoors with scouting for almost 10 years and have great patience in working with younger individuals. I’m very excited to help out all the campers to make Summer Ruffing It a great experience for them.”

**Andy Rossman** is in his second summer as a Counselor in Training after several summers of camping with us. He loves many things about the camp. Look for him in media and on the sports fields. He also enjoys long walks on the beach and candlelit dinners under the full moon. He plays bass guitar and baseball in the summer. “I look forward to seeing you this summer.”

**Dave Schubert** was a student at Ruffing from 1977 to 1983 and currently has two children in Ruffing's elementary program. Dave spent most of the 90's living off the grid in California, a process of discovery that laid the foundation for his current work as a technician building fuel cell systems at Technical Management Inc. in Cleveland.

**Cary Seidman** has completed his twelfth year as the middle school science teacher at Ruffing. His activity-based courses have gained both regional and national recognition. Prior to coming to Ruffing he worked in the East Cleveland City Schools, where he established a district-wide science and mathematics enrichment center.

**Deborah Spinell** is a woman of varied interests. She is Designer Goldsmith, an avid birdwatcher and has for several summers in the past volunteered her skills at spinning and weaving along with sponsoring long nature walks with our campers. She is the mother of a high school senior who graduated from Ruffing Montessori. We welcome Deborah back to our program!

**Mike Stringer**, Head of Athletics, is an avid sports enthusiast who teaches history at Valley Forge High School, plays golf, basketball and jogs. He is back for his 14th year with us at SRI. He enjoys playing baseball, basketball and football with his son Ryan and daughters Grace, Alexis and Sophia, as well as coaching them during the school year.

**Brynna Uldricks** "I am going to be a senior at Magnificat High School. I enjoy writing, photography, and of course, driving. The thing that I especially like to do is to work with kids and I cannot wait for my fourth year working at SRI!"

**Deborah Van Kleef**, Head of Music, returns for her tenth year. A folksinger who performs at coffeehouses, concerts and special events of all kinds, she plays guitar, pennywhistle, dulcimer and ukulele, along with kazoo, washboard and various other noisemakers, and has released one CD. She teaches guitar and ukulele to beginners age 4 and up at the Fairmount School of Music, and for ten years was an artist-in-residence in the Cleveland Municipal Schools. She loves gardening and crossword puzzles, and hopes someday to have time to learn the banjo.

**Daniel Waxman-Lenz** attended Summer Ruffing It for two years and has helped out at another summer camp previously. He enjoys playing sports with other kids and looks forward to doing the science projects that make SRI so much fun.