

# BEA/Dalhousie MATH CAMP 2010

~ Attention ~

## Parents, Teachers, Grade 7/8 Students

Given that very few students from our local Black Community are qualifying to study math or science at the university level, and given the severe loss this represents to our **province**, Dalhousie University and the Black Educators Association have teamed up to develop an exciting program. A five-day **math/science** camp will be held from **July 11 to July 16, 2010, at Dalhousie University.**

**Participants:** **Forty girls and boys, ages 13-15, who show promise in Math** will be invited to attend this camp. Participants will live on campus during the week, and will be provided with meals. Chaperone service will be provided by responsible young male and female **adult students of the university.**

**The Program:** The program will emphasize problem-solving skills and applications of mathematics to common everyday living. **Instructors are chosen** from the Public School system, the universities, and the professional community. Students will take part in field trips and engage in other recreational activities in the evenings.

**Selection:** Participants will be selected by the association (BEA) and applications may be made by: *(1) students, (2) teachers, (3) parents, (4) other interested adults.* At this stage, the program is open to students **having at least one Black parent.** **Students must demonstrate promise in Math, and have completed grade 7.** In order to give opportunity to students from across our **province**, only a limited number will be taken from each school.

**IMPORTANT**~ In order for the application to be considered, it must be accompanied by the following:

- A. **a neat, hand-written letter by the student indicating why he/she wishes to attend the Math Camp and what he/she hopes to get out of the camp**
- B. **a letter of recommendation from the current math teacher with reference to the student's mathematical ability and attitude toward math. The teacher should also indicate the student's level of behaviour and overall attitude toward learning in general.**
- C. **for successful candidates, there is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee and a \$25.00 refundable deposit towards his/her room key and meal pass, if their replacement is not required.**

**\*Please send (1) money orders made payable to Black Educators Assoc.**

**Dalhousie/BEA Math Camp 2010 - For Black Youth  
Application Form**

*(Please Print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname) (First name & Middle initial)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F

Current Grade Level 7 or 8

*(Mailing address-include postal code)*

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*(School mailing address)* \_\_\_\_\_

Current Math Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

*(\*Attach a letter, stating clearly why this applicant should be invited to attend this Math Camp.*

**MATH COURSE RESULTS:** Marks - Grade 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
Marks (term 1) - Grade 7/8 \_\_\_\_\_  
Marks (term 2) - Grade 7/8 \_\_\_\_\_  
Marks (term 3) - Grade 7/8 \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Please note: Student must be enrolled in a regular academic math program.*

**REFERENCES:** Give the names, addresses, and phone numbers of **TWO** persons who are aware of the abilities of the applicant. One reference must be a teacher and the other a personal reference (*not a relative*).

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address) (Position) (Phone #)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address) (Position) (Phone #)

**PARENT/GUARDIAN must complete this form:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name)

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO:** BEA/Dalhousie Math Camp Selection Committee  
2136 Gottingen Street, Halifax, NS  
B3K 3B3 OR FAX TO: (902) 424-0636

# Black Educators Association (BEA)

2136 Gottingen Street  
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January 2010

*Dear Educator:*

## **Re: BEA/Dalhousie Math Camp 2010**

*Over the years, it has been observed that very few Black students from the local public school system register in the **MATH** and **SCIENCE** programs at the university level. On a long-term basis, this impacts negatively on our Black community, and on our province as a whole. The Black Educators Association (**BEA**), Dalhousie University and Science Culture Canada have combined energies and resources to attempt a solution to this problem. The program developed to address this problem is called **MATH CAMP**. The main facility used to host the Math Camp is the Mathematics and Statistics Department of Dalhousie University. Campers live in residence on campus.*

*At this stage, we wish to focus on younger students (**ages 13-15**). Boys and girls, preferably those just completing grade 7 and 8, are invited to attend this week-long camp. The targeted students are those that have shown special interest and ability in math. The Math Camp has a **NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE** and will take place at Dalhousie University over six days from **July 11 to July 16, 2010**.*

*Would you kindly distribute the enclosed brochures and application forms to your community? and/or staff members, both parents and students, and request their assistance in recommending suitable candidates for this worthwhile program. Besides parents, teachers and clergy, any interested adult may recommend a student. Although we strongly suggest adult sponsorship, we will also consider applications made independently by students. Please note that former attendees at the Math Camp will not be considered.*

*Application deadline is **April 30, 2010**, feel free to photocopy the forms as necessary for distribution. Kindly pass this information on to interested parties. Thank you for your assistance. All applicants will be contacted during the month of May 2010*

*Sincerely,*

*Gerald A. Clarke,  
Math Camp Coordinator*

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