

# Clown Camp® Summer Workshop Descriptions



## **Caring Clowning from A to Z by Patty Wooten**

Patty is perhaps the premier authority on all aspects of caring clown work. During this intensive workshop Patty will share the therapeutic value that clowns bring to health care facilities. She will present guidelines for clowns working in health care facilities that protect the safety of you and the patients. Other aspects will include specific techniques and understandings to work effectively as a member of a health care team.



## **Creating Jumbo Clown Props: Piet Nortje**

This workshop, primarily working with foam and foamcore, will enable participants to see different types of clown props that can easily be produced. They will be shown how to use the different tools that are required to create a specific prop when using a specific medium. The characteristics of each medium will be discussed. The participant will have the opportunity to produce several props that can be used for a specific purpose or venue. Materials will be provided.



## **A Day With Bruce Johnson - Creativity and Magic**

Using routines he has created as examples, Bruce will guide you through an exploration of the creative process from finding inspiration to producing a final product. During class discussions and exercises you will experience your own ability to be creative and discover ways to use it more effectively. Along the way you will learn magic principles with many applications that you can use in bringing your own ideas to life. You will learn practical routines that you can make and perform to use as a foundation for building your own routines in the future.



## **In Depth Puppetry & Ventriloquism by Dave Mitchell**

This workshop will include manipulation explanations and exercises for a variety of categories of puppets including: finger puppets, glove puppets, spring puppets, soft bodied “big mouth puppets” and ventriloquist figures. There will be samples of performance routines for each style of puppet and a variety of puppet stages will be addressed. Participants will have the opportunity to build a “sock” puppet with provided materials. An in depth study of ventriloquism will be given with students participating in creating the necessary sounds and voice exercises used to develop this fascinating art.



## **Power Clowning by RONE & Gigi**

RONE & Gigi will take workshop participants through a progression of activities to help them see the powerful clown inside each of them. The workshop will assist clowns in developing and broadening their clown characters. Each will learn how simple movements, pauses, and expressions can create powerful classic clown moments for your audience. Whether you work alone or with a partner, this workshop will stretch the possibilities of your clown world.



## **Techniques for Clown Instruction by Lee Mullally**

Do you have the skills but not the understandings or techniques necessary to teach a clown class or course? This first time offered workshop will present information to assist you in developing and then teaching a clown class. Included in this workshop will be sources of information and materials; how to determine both the need for a class and the site for this offering; writing lesson plans; establishing or allocating appropriate amounts of time for each topic; and evaluating both your and your student’s success.

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## Post Clown Camp® Workshops

This year Clown Camp® will offer a full day of workshops on Friday (June 13th) following the conclusion of the week-long program. First offered at last year's program, these additional one day intensive experiences, are workshops lead by our ongoing instructional staff members.

Each Friday workshop will be six hours in length, running from 9-noon, and 1:30 until 4:30 PM

- 1.) Caring Clowning from A to Z by Patty Wooten
- 2.) Jumbo Prop Construction by Piet Nortje
- 3.) A Day with Bruce Johnson: Creativity and Magic
- 4.) In Depth Puppetry & Ventriloquism by Dave Mitchell
- 5.) Power Clowning with RONE and Gigi
- 6.) Techniques for Clown Instruction by Lee Mullally

The extra cost for the workshop package is \$125. The package includes: participation in the workshop of your choice, Friday night residence room lodging, Friday on-campus lunch, a Friday evening Mississippi River dinner cruise, and Saturday morning breakfast. Last year's 2 ½ hour paddlewheel cruise on the Mississippi River was a huge hit. (We had over 95 persons on board for this event.) Dinner will include a prime rib and chicken entrée with all the fixings. Oh yes, there will even be a band on board for musical entertainment.

Each workshop has a limited enrollment. Sign up today for this exciting extra day of education, fellowship and fun. Fill out the below workshop registration, and along with your payment, return it to us along with an indication as to which workshop you wish to attend.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which workshop you wish to attend-circle one:

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Send your registration, along with your payment to: UW-L Clown Camp®, 1725 State Street, Morris Hall-#340E, La Crosse, WI 54601.

You can also contact us via the following: E-mail [snowberg.jani@uwlax.edu](mailto:snowberg.jani@uwlax.edu)

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Upon receipt of your registration, a confirmation will be sent to you, and in May details of the time and place for your workshop will be provided.