

Activity Schedule

Drewstown House, Co. Meath
August 25th - 28th

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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
8am - 10.30am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
11am		Irish History Show	Irish History Show	Pack up & Clean up
12pm		Forest School	"Things I learned about CAO/uni access" Talk	
		Face Painting	Singalong Session	
		"So, how DO they turn out?" Panel Discussion		
1 - 2pm		Lunch	Lunch	
3pm			"So, how DO they turn out?" Panel Discussion	
4pm	Arrival & Settling In	Old Style Archery	Old Style Archery	
		Forest School	Singalong Session	
		Q&A with Tusla AEARS	Family Yoga	
		Family Yoga	Rambling House Music/Poetry/Story Telling	
5 - 7pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
8pm	Bonfire + Drumming with John	Bonfire + Drumming with John	Bonfire + Drumming with John	
		Red Tent Women's Circle	Girls' Tent (12+) Girls' Talking Circle	
10.30pm	Quiet Time	Quiet Time	Quiet Time	

Weekend Program

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Activities

Irish History Show with Michael

(Saturday & Sunday, 10.30am - 12.30pm)

Explore facets of Irish history in an engaging way. This show is suitable for the whole family.

Forest School with Amber

(Saturday, 10.30am - 12.30pm and 3pm-5pm)

Join Amber on a quest to explore nature, engage with our surroundings & enjoy nature based free play with other children. Suitable for the whole family.

Old Style Archery with Michael

(Saturday & Sunday, 3pm - 5pm)

Try some old style archery under guidance from experienced archer Michael. Suitable for all ages, though smaller children may need assistance from a grown up.

This schedule may still be subject to change.

Talks

"So, how DO they turn out?" Panel Discussion

(Saturday, 10.30-12.30 & Sunday, 2pm - 3.30pm)

Join our panel discussion with young adults who were home educated in Ireland. The speakers will share their personal experiences of growing up while learning at home & transitioning into 3rd level education/work life. Moderated by Monica O'Connor. Aimed primarily at teens & adults.

Q&A with Tusla AEARS Team

(Saturday, 3pm - 5pm)

We'll be joined by members of the Tusla AEARS team (Alternative Education Assessment and Registration Service) for a Q&A session. You'll be able to ask any questions in regards to assessment & registration here in Ireland. Aimed at parents (children are always welcome to attend).

"Things I learned about CAO/uni access" Talk

(Sunday, 10.30am - 11.30am)

Faith Reilly & her daughters share their experience of dealing with CAO and accessing university without a Leaving Cert. Faith will talk about gaining US/British qualification and using the CAO with non-LC qualifications. Aimed primarily at teens & adults.

Arts & Music

Hour-Long Singalong with Elva

(Saturday 2-3pm & 4-5pm, Sunday 11am-12pm & 4-5pm)

Chord/lyric sheets will be provided but may need to be shared depending on numbers. Feel free to bring instruments, especially ones that can play chords (eg. Guitar, ukelele, mandolin, banjo etc). All ages and experiences are welcome but we ask that young children are accompanied by someone they feel comfortable with. Elva was home educated herself & her assistant is currently home educated.

Art Workshop with San

(Saturday, 3-4pm)

Get a taster of the home ed “Year of Arts” programme (www.YofA.ie) and join San for a fun filled art workshop. Try your hand at some mixed media art using pencil, charcoal, acrylic paints and lots of other materials (which will be provided on the day).

Face Painting with San

(Saturday, 11am-12pm)

Come get your face painted by home schooling mam San from Chameleon Events. Or try your hand at it yourself and experiment with some paints, brushes and glitters!

Drumming with John

(every evening around the bonfire - from 7.30pm)

Informal drumming & percussion session around the bonfire. John will bring some small drums & percussion instruments, but please feel free to bring any suitable instruments you may have. The more the merrier!

Rambling House

(Sunday, all afternoon/evening - drop in & out as you please)

Based on the traditional Sunday Rambling House culture of rural Ireland, this will be an open space for people to come and play music, dance, do poetry or storytelling or any other artform they would like to share with a few kids or anyone that wanders in and out.

Wellness

Family Yoga with Sana

(Saturday & Sunday, 4pm - 5pm)

Join Sana for a relaxed & family friendly yoga session. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket. Suitable for the whole family.

Red Tent - Women's Circle

(Saturday from 8pm)

Relaxed women's talking circle. Exchange personal experiences & wisdom with likeminded women. An open space for listening & sharing.

Girls' Tent (Red Tent for girls 12+ years)

(Sunday from 8pm)

Talking circle for girls age 12 and over. Focused on sharing emotions & talking about the menstrual cycle. A safe space to decompress & process experiences.