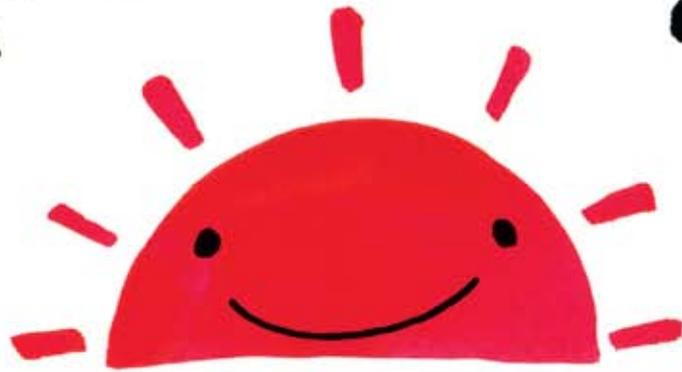


CAMP KAYAK



CREATIVE  
ARTS  
PROJECT

WELCOME



# **A** Summer Camp Experience Like No Other

**Camp Kayak is intended to be a Carriacou resource** >> Celebrating Carriacou people, their talents, their interests and inviting West Indian and Caribbean artists and professionals to Carriacou to be inspired by all that this island has to offer.

It is also an opportunity to cultivate a vibrant artist community here in our own backyard, encouraging youth and community to focus on indigenous talent, folk traditions and local craft. Maybe your child has an artist within him or her that is just waiting to bloom right here on Carriacou!

**>> Our Mission Statement is to enlighten, educate and inspire through various forms of creative arts, natural sciences, sport, music and drama.**

Scholarships are available to all potential campers, funded by non-profit contribution, allowing Camp Kayak to be accessible to all children with an appetite to discover their own creative potential and take it further.

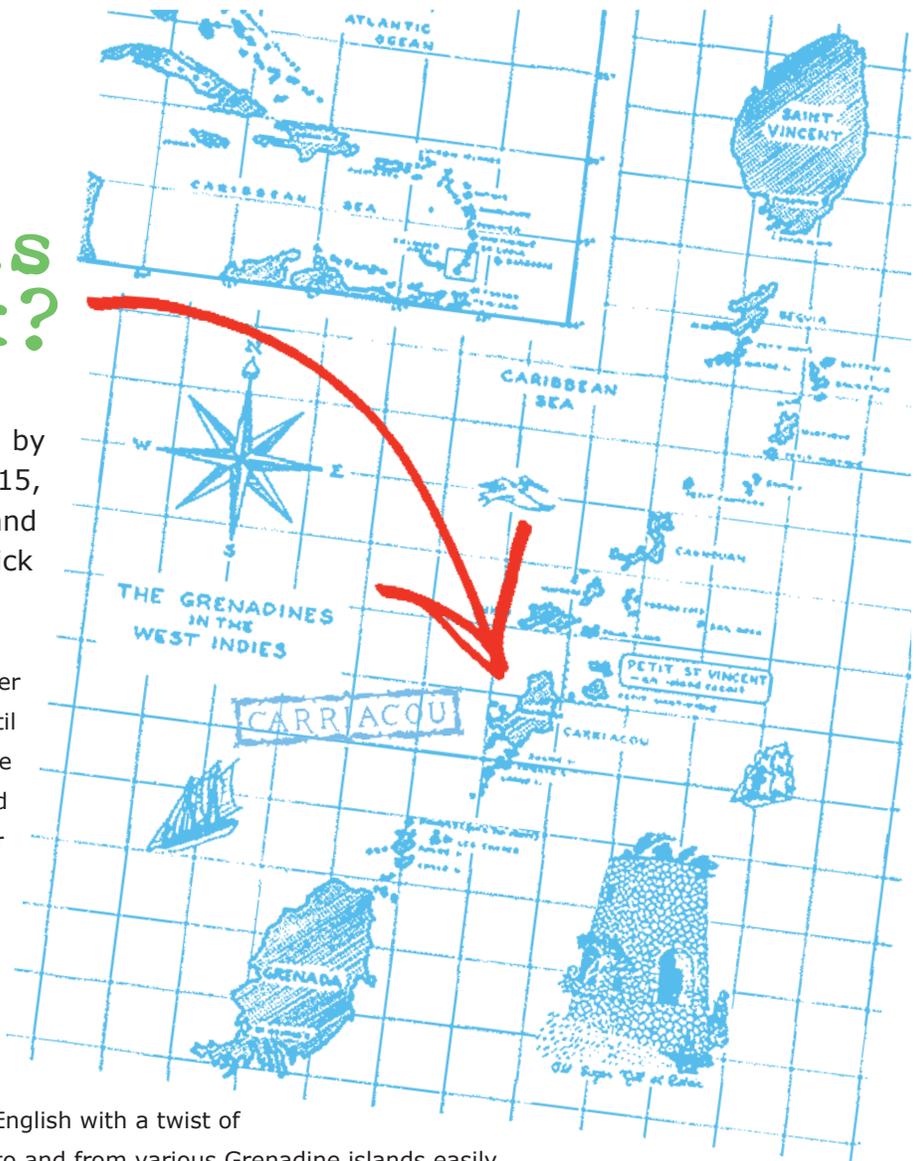


# What is Kayak?

**First** >> Grenada was sighted by Christopher Columbus on August 15, 1498 but he sailed past the island without landing. Spanish homesick sailors gave it the name "Grenada."

Britain invaded in 1609 and France took over in 1650 and vice versa now and again until 1763 when Britain took over. You will still see or hear patois in language and names, and most of the villages and landmarks still bear French names.

The earlier settlers called Carriacou "Kayryouacou," meaning "land of reefs." The island has been inhabited over the years by the Ciboneys-Amerindians-Arawaks-Caribs-Kayaks. The language on Carriacou is English with a twist of (pigeon) and patois. As most islanders travel to and from various Grenadine islands easily, Carriacou people are called **Kayaks!** Kayak literally means to go, travel or race.



**Second** >> My dear little side-kick and pet dog, was born on Carriacou in May, 2009. It seemed only natural, as she would travel everywhere with me, to name her **Kayak**. Indeed she is a natural! Flights to the USA don't phase her, she happily hops into the front seat on car journeys, and when she comes home to Carriacou she is never on a leash – romping with her siblings like a native, in and out of the sea, on and off the boats without a second glance. Kayak adores children and spends her days romping around Camp Kayak with the rest of us!



# ur Team

## Victoria Armentrout >>

Born into a creative family, Victoria was a weaver from the age of 10. She taught arts to kids in her high school and to young adults at the Haystack School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Maine. At 18, Victoria moved to New York City to attend Parsons School of Design, majoring in textiles. Her career began before school ended, running a textile design studio – later this bloomed into an engineering and design position in the home furnishings industry with travels around the world. Victoria's passion for crafts and time spent on



Carriacou with young children have merged, and the seed for Camp Kayak was planted. Now Victoria lives half the year in Grenada and the other half travels to India, Egypt and Turkey to design sustainable textiles for the home.



## << Arin Yoon

Arin is a filmmaker, photographer and teacher based in New York. She was born in Seoul, Korea, and came to the U.S. as a child. She grew up mostly in New Jersey and attended The University of Chicago and the School of Visual Arts, receiving her Master of Fine Arts in Photography, Video and Related Media. She has recently done projects on the Korean educational system and Korean comfort women. Her passions are art, education and conservation. You can check out some of her work at –

[www.arinyoon.com](http://www.arinyoon.com)



## Erika Garcy >>

As a young girl, Erika had her first artistic impulse to build sculptures and dioramas with old shoeboxes and paper towel rolls. She followed her passion to art school in St. Louis, then to the mountains of Colorado working as a fine art printer. Erika currently lives in New York City where she mentors under-served children through creative arts projects, and is exploring non-toxic printmaking techniques in her studio. With her background in printmaking & drawing, combined with a love of travel and adventure, Camp Kayak is the experience she was meant for!





### << **Georgina Ray**

Born and raised in Carriacou, Grenada, Georgina hails from the breezy village of La Resource, and is the granddaughter of famous big drum drummer, Daniel Akins. Georgina studied in Aruba and enjoys working with young people teaching traditional and cultural crafts, games and creative techniques. A hands on community leader and activist who loves Carriacou – her contributions to our program are invaluable!



### **Anna Greene-Smith** >>

Now a freelance illustrator, Anna graduated from MassArt in Boston in 2006 and spent time studying at the Glasgow School of Art in Scotland. Anna's portfolio varies from illustrative conceptual ideas, portraiture, icons, signs & advertisements, to landscapes and murals. While her preference is acrylic and canvas, she has experience with oil paints, watercolor, gouache, pen & ink, graphite, charcoal, oil pastel, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and Microsoft programs. Anna wants to make art that inspires and uplifts, and that is Anna's motivation in creating communicable, accessible art. She presently lives & works in Providence, R.I. Anna is a principal founder of the Starving Artist located in Keene, NH and exhibits in various locations up the east coast, USA.



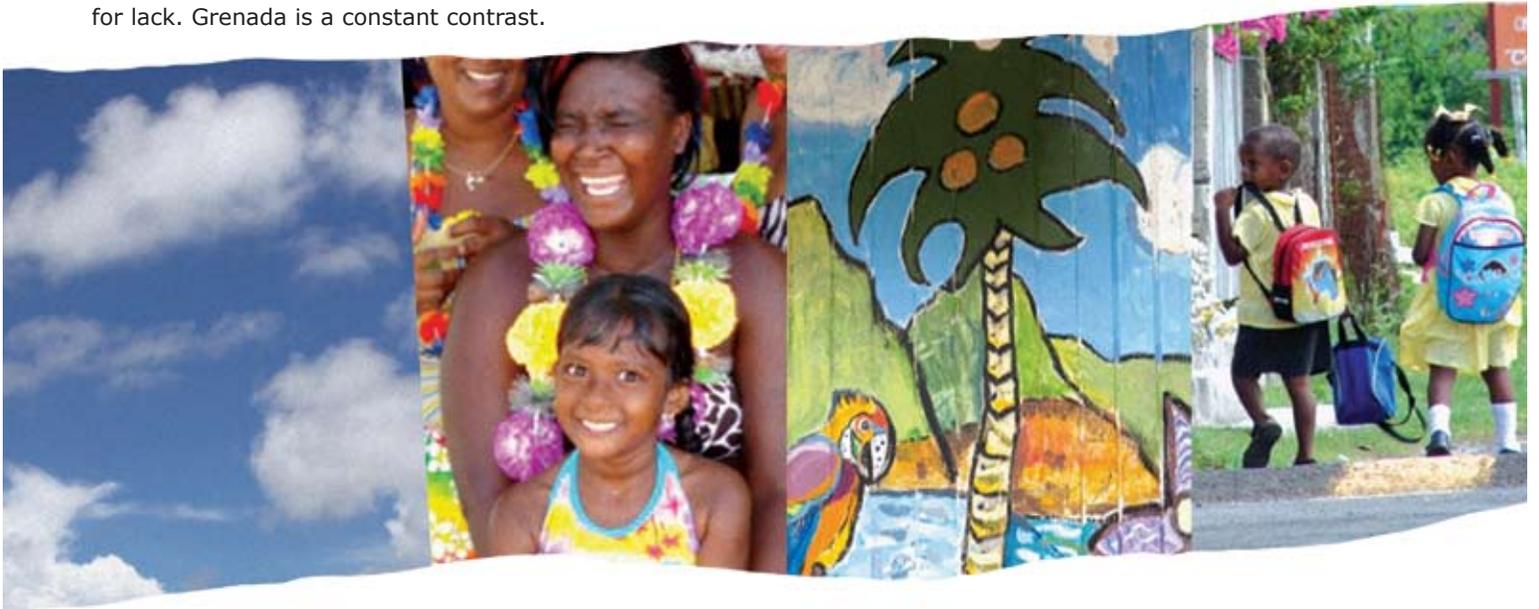
### << **Local Support**

50% or more of our volunteer counselors are from Carriacou or Grenada. They make time during the summer months to help at the camp and partner with our foreign volunteer artists and teachers.

# Location & Ministry



**Grenada is the stuff of legends >>**  
 Islands so beautiful they inspire poets and painters to illustrate their passion in love poems and garish scenics. It's a country so rich that nations have fought over it, time and time again. It is a place of abundance, the numbers of rich rivers and lush fruit forests cannot be counted, and with white sandy beaches one only dreams about. Yet, it is also a place so poor that many can starve for lack. Grenada is a constant contrast.



**Grenadian people and colorful culture are modern, well traveled, and worldly >>**  
 Much of this can be attributed to the rich cultural history, ethnic diversity and the variegated settlements amongst them. One cannot understand the present Grenada without understanding a bit of its past.

Grenada is nearly the southernmost state in the Caribbean chain, with Trinidad and Tobago being the closest to South America. Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Dominica are all part of an island grouping called...

...the Windward Islands. All are categorized as the West Indies – Grenada lies 90 miles north of Venezuela.

Between Grenada and St. Vincent are long chains of rocky islands called "the Grenadines," a series of tiny outcroppings & cays – only a few of which are inhabited. Grenada itself, is not one land but many islands with Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique being the largest. Carriacou is where Camp Kayak is based.

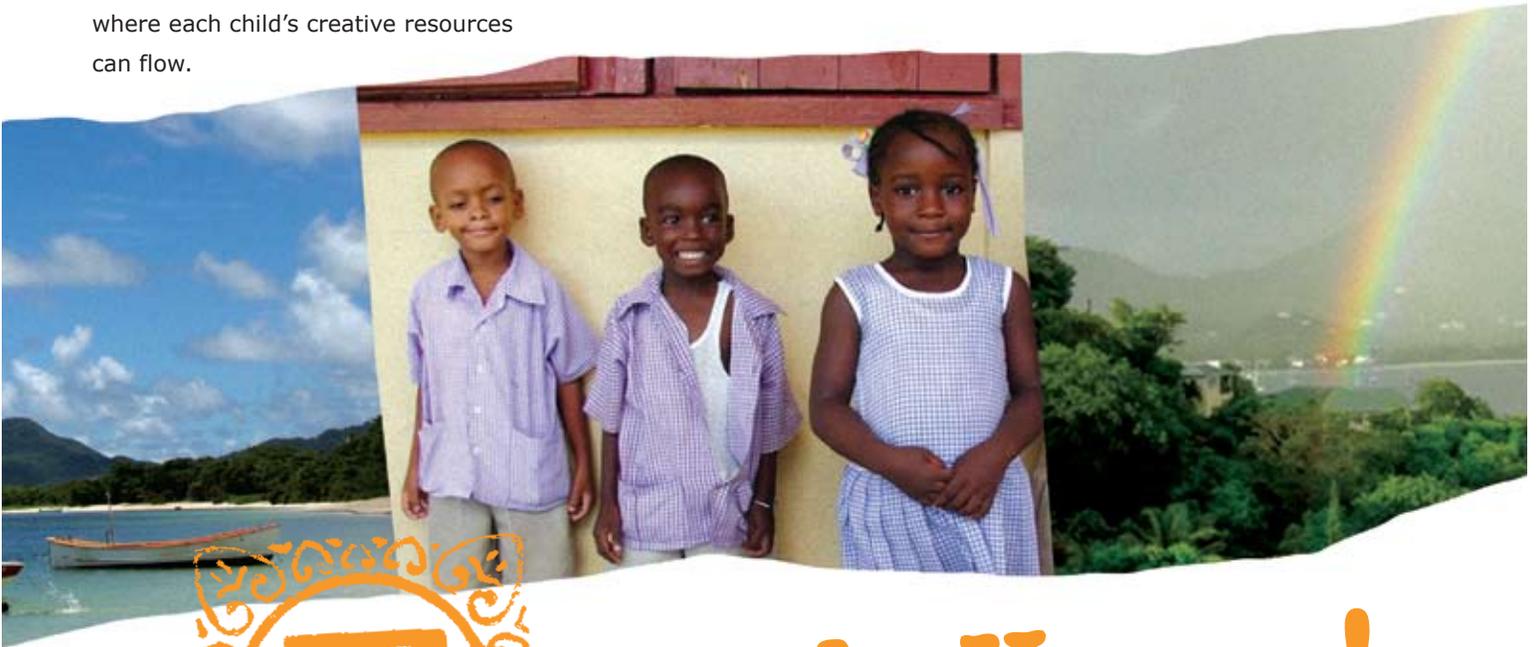
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**At Camp Kayak we spend as much time as possible incorporating the vibrant history of our Windward heritage into our classroom and into our art >>**

It is with the understanding that Carriacou, Grenada, and the West Indies are the best inspiration, that we approach our curriculum focus and instill a greater understanding of where each child's creative resources can flow.

**Camp Kayak's objective is to support and collaborate with the local community, and our deep desire is to work in harmony with the annual school curriculum and its educators >>**

With this agenda, Camp Kayak is in partnership with the Ministry of Carriacou & Petite Martinique Affairs and has been from the onset of the program's development.



## Thank Yous!

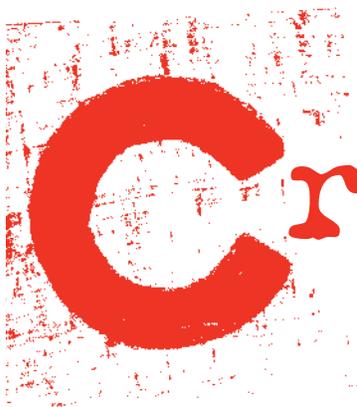
**>> Support from our local government is essential to our program and we take this opportunity to thank the following people:**

Permanent Secretary **Ms. Bernadette Sylvester**, the acting Permanent Secretary **Mr. Javan Williams**, the Minister of Education **Ms. Gertrude Niles**, and PAM Director & Manager of Social Services **Ms. Rosemary Balin** – for all their cooperation, collaborations and continued support of this project. Without them, our dreams of a Creative Arts Camp on Carriacou would never have materialized.

**I would like to thank Sandra "Sandy" Armentrout – my mother, my mentor, my sponsor & my reason for being >>**

Sandy is why Camp Kayak is possible today... her support and underwriting made this project come alive. She funded the initial resource library materials and made many other generous gifts to the camp. We honor her in our inspiration everyday and hopefully we will do her proud!

Lastly, thanks goes to the many creative contributors of this project, you know who you are... Bob, Luke, Marcella, Erika, Laura, Jaime, Anna, Shirlan, Owen, Nick, Sarah, Karen, Chris... How could we have done it without you? Don't worry, we'll ask you for more!



# Creativity

## A typical day at camp

>> Camp Kayak students attend one of two sessions during the summer – a session is three weeks long.

Our program begins the first Monday after government schools close for the summer holiday and ends the weekend before schools return for the fall. We transition the students right into our program so they do not lose any focus or momentum.

Campers are divided into small teams of six or seven students of mixed ages, level and gender. They attend a different studio class each day – two instructors are with them at all times. And we often have special artists attending which adds to the studio's diversity!



>> Our studio classes include: **Drawing, Painting, Crafts, Cooking, Music, Dance & Drama, Filmmaking & Photography, Science & Biology.** We swim in the sea every day

(one-on-one swimming lessons are available) and every counselor is CPR certified and experienced in lifesaving.

Fitness and sports are integrated into larger teams activities and adventuring groups.

Students are provided two snacks daily and a nutritious lunch. We have a wonderful time and the kids can't wait to come back the next day!







# Membership

Friends of Camp Kayak

Levels:

## Private Camp Funding

**\$500 EC & Up / \$200 USD**

>> Entrance for 4 to Fun Day. Includes 4 Camp Kayak silly bands, 1 Camp Kayak T-shirt, 1 Coupon for Lunch plus 2 Coupons for a Drink & a Snack at the Wise Café.

## Sponsorship of Two Campers

**\$1,000 EC & Up / \$400 USD**

>> Entrance for 6 to Fun Day. Includes 6 Camp Kayak silly bands, 1 Camp Kayak T-shirt, 2 Coupons for Lunch plus 2 Coupons for a Drink & a Snack at the Wise Café. And the honor of 2 Carriacou/Petite Martinique children attending camp in your name next summer.

## Corporate Sponsorship of 5 Campers

**\$5,000 EC & Up / \$2,000 USD**

>> Entrance for 10 to Fun Day. Includes 8 Camp Kayak silly bands, 1 Camp Kayak T-shirt, 4 Coupons for Lunch plus 4 Coupons for Drinks at the Wise Café. And the honor of 5 Carriacou/Petite Martinique children attending camp in your name next summer.

## Corporate Gold Sponsorship of 10 Campers

**\$10,000 EC & Up / \$5,000 USD**

>> Entrance for 10 to Fun Day. Includes 10 Camp Kayak silly bands, 1 Camp Kayak T-shirt, 6 Coupons for Lunch plus 6 Coupons for Drinks at the Wise Café. The honor of 10 Carriacou/Petite Martinique children attending camp in your name next summer. And inclusion and printed logo on all Camp Kayak promotions, advertising and materials.

## Platinum Sponsorship for One Entire Camp Kayak Session

**\$25,000.00 EC & Up / \$10,000 USD**

>> Entrance for 10 to Fun Day. Includes 10 Camp Kayak silly bands, 2 Camp Kayak T-shirts, 10 Coupons for Lunch plus 10 Coupons for Drinks at the Wise Café. The honor of 25 Carriacou/Petite Martinique children attending camp for two weeks in your name next summer. Inclusion and printed logo on all Camp Kayak promotions, advertising and materials. And a personalized Thank You stamped in 25 books to be kept in our Camp Art Resource Library.

>> Gifts-in-kind are always welcome. Please visit [campkayak.org](http://campkayak.org) for a list of acceptable donations.





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