

Norte Maar presents: Camp Pocket Utopia



image by [Norman Jabaut](#): Camp Pocket Utopia at sunset, 2010. Rouses Point, New York

OPENING CEREMONY, Wednesday, July 21st 6:00 p.m.

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When [Pocket Utopia](#) closed a year ago, Jason Andrew of [Norte Maar for Collaborative Projects in the Arts](#), told me about Rouses Point, New York, and

his 5 summers of dance festivals there and the community in the North Country. Together, we came up with the idea for a summer camp, based on the Black Mountain College model, called Camp Pocket U. The camp will take place the last 2 weeks of July 2010. Everyone's invited, but pre-registration is required at nortemaar.org or by email at ats@toast.net.

Inspired by a [Joseph Beuys](#)-type thinking of what artists are and [Andrea Zittel's](#) ongoing investigations into living and building upon [Jen Dalton and William Powhida's](#) examinations of the way art is made and seen, [Camp Pocket U.](#), will offer free classes and evening salons. Some of the classes include: dance, drawing, ethics, knitting, mural making, and wordplay.

During the first week, starting Monday, July 19th, Camp Pocket U., will offer free classes to children ages 7 to 12 years. On Wednesday, July 21st there will be an evening celebration and exhibition opening (titled Ab hinc meaning from here on) featuring work by: Drew Ali, [Sharon Butler](#), [Elisabeth Condon](#), [Diane Fine](#), [Brece Honeycutt](#), [Ellen Letcher](#), [Matthew Miller](#), [Lars Kremer](#), [Kevin Regan](#), [Adam Simon](#), [Kay Thomas](#), and [Brenda Zlamany](#).

Special guest lectures will be given by [Jen Dalton](#) and [Rico Gatson](#) on issues of identity and art, Kevin Regan, artist and founder of [Famous Accountants](#), will gather campers nightly for inspirational, planetary, cosmic speeches and guided meditations, Jason Andrew will further elaborate on [Fernand Léger's](#) life in Rouses Point, [Julia Gleich](#) will present on the connections between her unique vision of movement and the science of vectors, Kay Thomas will demonstrate orizomigami, suminagashi, and back by popular demand - milk resist painting.

Other special events will include a discussion on [Art in the Blogosphere](#) led by Sharon Butler, author [Two Coats Paint](#), an evening with [Klaus Ottmann](#), independent curator and writer, and a 100-yard dash and pancake breakfast sponsored by the multimedia financial-services company the [Motley Fool](#).

Information on all events will be posted on [Norte Maar's facebook page](#) and on pocketutopia.com.

Travel by [Amtrak to Rouses Point](#) for \$100/rt., stay at the only hotel for \$75/a night, eat an awesome cheap grilled cheese at the Best Friends Diner and enjoy a communal supper at Jason's place nightly. Come "camp" this summer, at Camp Pocket U!

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