



## WHY SEND YOUR CHILD TO SUMMER CAMP?

Camp offers a unique environment for children and youth to develop and mature socially, emotionally, physically and independently in a structured and fun atmosphere. Camp provides an environment for physical activity, creative expression and participation all in one short period of time.

Healthy development of social skills, independence, self-esteem and confidence are supported by

interactions with positive role models. The opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and positive attitudes towards recreation and leisure are nurtured in a camp setting.

Most importantly, camp is FUN! Encouraging time outdoors, away from screens and engaging with peers, camp can improve overall quality of life when your child is set up for success.

## What to Pack for Camp:

- Hat
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Snacks
- Bathing Suit
- Towel
- Change of Clothes
- Indoor shoes
- Backpack
- Healthy Lunch
- SMILE





## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER:

- 1. PLAN EARLY**  
– MANY CAMPS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ARE BASED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. INCLUSION SPACES OFTEN FILL QUICKLY AND FUNDING CAN BE DEPLETED EARLY. CONNECT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
- 2. CONSIDER THE SUPPORT NEEDS OF YOUR CHILD/YOUTH** – WHAT TYPE OF SUPPORT DOES YOUR CHILD RECEIVE AT SCHOOL? IF THEY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AT SCHOOL OR IN SOCIAL SETTINGS, CHANCES ARE GOOD THEY WILL NEED SIMILAR SUPPORT AT CAMP. SOME CAMPS ARE SPECIALIZED AND OFFER LOWER PARTICIPANT TO COUNSELOR RATIOS, WHILE OTHER CAMPS MAY OFFER AN INCLUSION 1:1 WORKER.
- 3. COMMUNICATION IS KEY** – PROVIDE THE CAMP WITH THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHILD: DO THEY NEED HELP WITH TRANSITIONS? NEED ADAPTATIONS? USE A COMMUNICATION DEVICE? ARE THEY A RUNNER? ETC. THE MORE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE YOUR CAMP THE MORE PREPARED THEY WILL BE TO STRUCTURE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION ALL SUMMER LONG.
- 4. PREPARE** – SOME CAMPS WILL ALLOW YOU TO VISIT THE SITE OR WILL HAVE THEIR FACILITATOR CONNECT OR MEET WITH YOUR CHILD BEFORE THE SUMMER TO BEGIN THE RELATIONSHIP, AS WELL AS EASE ANXIETIES ABOUT THE UNKNOWN ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP. IF YOU NEED TO, DO A TRIAL RUN-THROUGH CAMP DAY WITH YOUR CHILD.





## CAMP LISTINGS

*THIS LISTING IS USED AS A GUIDE FOR CAMPS THAT CATER TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF A SPECIFIC POPULATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH.*

*THIS DOCUMENT IS TO BE USED A GUIDELINE, CAMPS MAY SUPPORT MORE THAN WHAT IS INDICATED, ALWAYS CONTACT THE CAMP/PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR DETAILED INFORMATION AROUND THEIR SUPPORTS AND PROGRAMS.*

### YOUR LOCAL OPTIONS:

- 1. Municipal Camps:** YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MAY OFFER A VARIETY OF SUMMER DAY CAMPS. MANY MUNICIPALITIES CAN OFF AN ADDITIONAL 1:1 WORKER IF REQUESTED. CHECK YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPAL SUMMER RECREATION GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMPS AND SUPPORT, AND ALWAYS CONNECT WITH YOUR SPECIAL NEEDS COORDINATOR/PROGRAM COORDINATOR/CAMP DIRECTOR PRIOR TO REGISTERING.
- 2. Local Organizations:** MANY AREAS HAVE ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER SPECIALIZED CAMPS IN YOUR COMMUNITY. CONTACT CLUBS TO SEE WHETHER THEY RUN SUMMER CAMPS, AND COULD OFFER EXTRA SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD/YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. MANY ORGANIZATIONS ARE HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE.



### OPTIONS TO EXPLORE:

- LOCAL SPORT CLUBS: GYMNASTICS, BASKETBALL, SOCCER, ETC.
- LOCAL ART OR DANCE STUDIOS
- LOCAL HORSEBACK RIDING FARMS
- BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS: SCOUTS, GUIDES
- CADETS
- LOCAL LIBRARY



LEGEND: USE THIS GUIDE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CAMP WILL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS. SEE SYMBOL LEGEND FOR SUPPORT FOR SPECIFIC DISABILITIES. CAMPS MARKS WITH A \* ARE INCLUSIVE OR WORKING TOWARDS INCLUSION.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES    
 PHYSICAL DISABILITIES    
 ASD/ASPERGERS    
 ADD/ADHD    
 BEHAVIOURAL/EMOTIONAL

Camp Name	Disability	Type Day or Overnight?	Ages		Support Options					Transportation		Other
			Under 12	Over 12	1:1	1:2	Small Group	Large Group	Additional Fee?	Available Yes/No		
*Adventure Camp 905-841-1314 ext. 24 daycamp@ypce.com East Gwillimbury		D/ON	x				x	x		yes	Integrated	Call for support options
Alpha Camp & Retreat 705-792-4133 info@alphacampanretreat.com Barrie		D/ON	x	x	x	x	x		no	no	Special Needs Only	Also offers year round respite
Autism Ontario-York Camp A-OK/A-OA 905-780-9587 chaptermgr.york@autismontario.com Richmond Hill		D	X	X	X				For 2:1	no	Special Needs only	Applications online available March
*Bayview Glen Day Camp 416-499-7746 camp@bayviewglen.ca Toronto		D	x	x					yes	yes	integrated	Call for support options
Belwood Lodge and Camp 519-843-1211 info@belwoodlodgeandcamp.com Belwood Lake (near Guelph)		O/N	x	x			X		No	No	Specialized	



<p>Camp Aim 647-965-1246 <a href="mailto:office@campaim.ca">office@campaim.ca</a> Toronto</p>		D/O	x	x	x		x		included	Yes - additional	Special needs only	
<p>Camp Awakening 416-487-8400 <a href="mailto:info@campawakening.com">info@campawakening.com</a> Tichborne(Girls Camps)/Minden (Boys Camp)</p>		O/N	x	x		X	X		No	Yes	Specialized /Integrated	Call for support options
<p>Camp Concord 416-602-1292 <a href="mailto:info@campconcord.ca">info@campconcord.ca</a> Bancroft</p>		O/N	x	x		x			Included	No	Specialized	Call for support options
<p>*Camp Couchiching 705-325-3428 <a href="mailto:info@campcouchiching.com">info@campcouchiching.com</a> Orillia</p>		D/ON	x	x	x		x	x	Yes	No	Integrated	Call for Support options
<p>*Camp Kawartha 705-652-3860  Peterborough</p>		D/ON	x	x			x	x	Yes	No	Integrated	Call for Support Options
<p>Camp Kennebec 613-335-2114 <a href="mailto:info@campkennebec.com">info@campkennebec.com</a> Arden (near Ottawa)</p>		O/N	x	x		x	x		Included	Yes	Specialized	



Camp Kirk 416-782-3310 <a href="mailto:campkirk@campkirk.com">campkirk@campkirk.com</a> Kirkfield (Kawartha Lakes)	 	O/N	x	x		x	x	x	Included	No	Specialized	Will support incontinence (bedwetting) and Learning Disabilities
Camp Kodiak 905-569-7595 <a href="mailto:info@campkodiak.com">info@campkodiak.com</a> McKellar (north of Parry Sound)		O/N	x	x		x	x		included	Yes	Specialized	Learning Disabilities and Aspergers
Camp Quality 416-406-2267 <a href="mailto:info@campquality.org">info@campquality.org</a> Flesherton, Sudbury		O/N	x	x	x			x	Included	Yes	Specialized	For children with Cancer – med team available on site
*Camp Robin Hood & Robin Hood Sports Academy 416-736-4443 <a href="mailto:office@camprobinhood.ca">office@camprobinhood.ca</a> Markham	  	D	x	x	x	x	x	x	yes	Yes - additional	integrated	Call for support options
*Camp Walden 1-888-254-4274 <a href="mailto:office@campwalden.ca">office@campwalden.ca</a> Palmer Rapids (near Bancroft)	  	O/N	x	x			x	x	Yes	Yes	Integrated	Call for support options
Camp Winston 416-487-6229 <a href="mailto:mail@campwinston.com">mail@campwinston.com</a> Kilworthy	 	O/N	x	x	x	x	x		Included	No	Specialized	Offer weekend respite, behavior management
*Centre Camp 416-636-2267 <a href="mailto:info@centrecamp.ca">info@centrecamp.ca</a> Toronto/Vaughan	  	D	x	x				x		Yes - additional	Integrated	Call for support options



<p>CNIB Lake Joseph Centre 705-375-2630 <a href="mailto:lakejoe@cnib.ca">lakejoe@cnib.ca</a> Mactier</p>		O/N	x	x	x				Included	Yes	Specialized	Family, Youth and Camp Programs for blind or partially sighted
<p>Easter Seals: Camp Merrywood/Woodeden 1-800-668-6252 <a href="mailto:camp@easterseals.org">camp@easterseals.org</a> Perth/London</p>		O/N	x	x		x	x	x	Included	No	Specialized	Must be able to direct care and communicate their needs
<p>*ECO Camp at Chimo Contact City of Markham <a href="mailto:jbeatty@markham.ca">jbeatty@markham.ca</a> Markham</p>	    	D	x	x	x			x	yes	yes	Integrated	Offered through City of Markham
<p>*Green Acres 905-887-1400 <a href="http://www.campgreenacres.com">www.campgreenacres.com</a> Markham</p>	    	D/ON	x	x	x			x	yes	Yes-additional	Integrated	Call for support options
<p>*Hidden Bay Leadership Camp 705-342-7345  Parry Sound</p>	   	O/N	x	x	x		x	x	yes	Yes	Integrated	Bussing from Aurora/Barrie Supported by Reach for the Rainbow
<p>*Jericho Youth Services Camp 905-722-5540 <a href="mailto:ljonesjys@bell.net">ljonesjys@bell.net</a> Sutton/Keswick</p>	    	D	x	x	x				No	No	Integrated	Call for support options



Kerry's Place Autism Services 905-713-6808 www.kerrysplace.org Aurora		D	x	x			x		included	no	specialized	
*Kettleby Valley Camp and Outdoor Centre 905-726-4275 info@kettlebyvalley.com King	  	D/ON	x	x	x		x	x	yes	Yes - additional	Integrated	Call for support options
Kinark Outdoor Centre 705-286-3555 Info@koc.on.ca Minden		D/ON	x	x	x	x			yes	No	Specialized	Family Respite/Camp, ASD Summer Camp
Laura Hunter's Steps: Giddy Up 416-771-2217 laura@theleadhorse.com Stouffville	    	D	x	x	x	x	x	x	yes	no	Specialized / integrated	Specialized therapeutic physical and social skills
Laura Hunter's Steps: SummerSkills Camp 416-771-2217 laura@theleadhorse.com North York	    	D	x	x	x	x	x	x	Yes	No	Specialized /integrated	Specialized therapeutic physical and social skills
March of Dimes – Summer program at Geneva Park 1-800-263-3463 ext. 7213 krashid@marchofdimes.ca Orillia		O/N		x			x		included	No	Specialized	18+ Must be able to direct their own care





<p>*Ontario Pioneer Camp 1-800-361-2267 <a href="mailto:info@pioneercamp.ca">info@pioneercamp.ca</a> Port Sydney (Huntsville)</p>		O/N	x	x	x		x	x	Yes	Yes	Integrated	Call for Support Options
<p>*Seneca-King Day Camp 416-491-5050 x 55042 <a href="mailto:King.daycamp@senecacollege.ca">King.daycamp@senecacollege.ca</a> King</p>		D	x	x	x				yes	yes	integrated	Call for support options
<p>*Willowgrove Day Camp 905-640-2127 <a href="mailto:info@willowgrovedaycamp.ca">info@willowgrovedaycamp.ca</a> Stouffville/Fraser Lake</p>		D/ON	x	x	x			x	Yes	Yes - additional	Integrated	Must be toilet trained, able to communicate and independently mobile
<p>*Wye Marsh Day Camps 705-726-7809 <a href="mailto:camp@wyemarsh.com">camp@wyemarsh.com</a> Midland</p>		D	x	x			x	x		No	Integrated	Call for support options
<p>*YMCA GTA Day Camps 647-439-6611 <a href="mailto:camps@ymcagta.org">camps@ymcagta.org</a> Various Locations</p>		D	x	x	x	x	x	x	Yes	Yes	Integrated	Call for support options
<p>*YMCA GTA: Camp Pinecrest 647-439-6611 <a href="mailto:camps@ymcagta.org">camps@ymcagta.org</a> Torrence (Bala)</p>		O/N	x	x	x	x	x	x	Yes	Yes	Integrated	Supported by Reach for the Rainbow staff
<p>*YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka Day Camps 705-726-6421 ext 252 <a href="mailto:Sm_camp@ymca.ca">Sm_camp@ymca.ca</a> Barrie, Orillia, Midland, Collingwood, Innisfil, Parry Sound</p>		D	x	x	x	x		x	Yes	Yes	Integrated	Call for support options



<p>*YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka: Camp Kitchekewana 416-503-0088 (Reach for the Rainbow) <a href="mailto:Camp_kitchikewana@ymca.ca">Camp_kitchikewana@ymca.ca</a> Honey Harbour</p>		O/N	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Yes	Yes	Integrated	Supported by Reach for the Rainbow staff
<p>*YRDSB Summer Institute 905-884-2046 ext 240 <a href="mailto:Performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca">Performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca</a> Various Locations</p>		D	x	x			x		no	No	Integrated	Specialized program for DD. Call for support options	