



Summer Camp Guide to Fun, Fitness and Friends

Simcoe County & York Region

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The 6 F-Words of Child Development Camp Guide Edition



Camp offers a unique environment for kids and youth in your FAMILY to have FUN, make FRIENDS, get active outside (FITNESS), develop new skills (FUNCTION) and make memories that last a lifetime (FUTURE).



Things to consider when... choosing a camp

PLAN EARLY:

Many camps fill up quickly and have limited funding options

THINK ABOUT YOUR CHILD/ YOUTH'S INTERESTS:

- Do they like sports, arts and crafts or science?
 Look for camps that offer that type of program
- Are you looking for a day camp or overnight camp? This will help you narrow down your camp options

CONSIDER YOUR CHILD/ YOUTH'S SUPPORT NEEDS:

Do they prefer small groups, do they require
 1:1 support?

CONNECT WITH THE CAMP TO DISCUSS YOUR CHILD/ YOUTH'S NEEDS:

- The more information you share about your child/youth's specific needs, the better prepared the camp can be to support them
- Some examples of information to share are:
 - Sensory needs
 - Augmentative Communication
 Devices
 - Feeding and Toileting Needs
 - Equipment



Things to consider when... preparing for camp

CONNECT WITH THE CAMP:

 Some camps may be able to have campers tour the facility before camp begins. If you think this would be valuable to your child/youth, contact the camp directly to see if they can arrange this

TALK TO YOUR CHILD/YOUTH:

- Ask them how they are feeling about going to camp. Talk about their worries and talk about what they are excited for
- Show them pictures online or even drive by the camp so they can have a look themselves

CONSIDER HOW YOU ARE FEELING:

- If you are feeling anxious about your child going to camp, likely they will too
- Connect with the camp to discuss your concerns or reach out to other parents in the community who have been down this road before
- Do whatever you need to do to feel better about sending your child/youth to camp

Remember camp is supposed to be less stress and more **FUN!**



Things to consider when... going to camp

THINGS YOU MAY NEED TO TEACH THE STAFF ABOUT:

- Physical equipment: walkers, wheelchairs, standers, etc.
- Feeding needs/special diet
- Augmentative Communication Devices high and low tech
- Sensory needs and strategies
- Self-regulation strategies

THINGS YOUR CHILD/YOUTH MAY NEED TO BRING TO CAMP WITH THEM:

- Hat
- Water bottle
- Snacks/lunch
- Bathing suit/towel
- Change of clothes
- Sunscreen
- Backpack



Things to consider when... going to camp

*Please keep in mind that camp is NOT school.

- The Counsellors and Support Staff are often students themselves and are doing their best to learn how to support a variety of campers with different needs
- Be patient and keep the lines of communication open
- Be realistic in your expectations of not only the staff but of your child/youth as well
- They may take a while to settle in and get comfortable in a camp setting and that's okay!





Funding Options

Everyone deserves to go to camp! Below you can find some funding opportunities in York Region and Simcoe County. Visit the links provided to see if your family is eligible.

Autism Ontario 1:1 Summer Support Worker Reimbursement

Autism Ontario March Break Reimbursement Fund

Ontario Camp Subsidy Listing

York Region Recreation Subsidies

Simcoe County Recreation Subsidies





Camp Listings



The following information was provided by the camps and is meant to present families with a snapshot of what local camps are offering. Please contact the individual camps for more information regarding your child's individualized needs.

In this Summer Camp Guide, the following terms are used:

Adapted Camps: Camps that have been modified specifically for campers with disabilities

Inclusive Camps: Mainstream camps that welcome campers with and without disabilities

Ratio: Ratios are written as staff : participant



Municipal Camps in Simcoe County



Municipal Camps in Simcoe County

	CAMP	TYPE	AGES	SUPPORT OPTIONS	OTHER
B	CITY OF BARRIE Megan Grinnell 705-739-4220 ext. 5789 megan.grinnell@barrie.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available \$390/5 day week, \$312/4 day week 1:3 Supportive Ratio for Adapted Camps 1:2 Supportive Ratio for Adapted Kinder/Preschool 	 Registration opens March 7, 2023 Before and after care available
Bradford Gwillimbury	CITY OF BRADFORD N'Diaa Maharaj 905-775-7529 ext. 8301 nmaharaj@townofbwg.com	• Inclusive	 Preschool (4-5 yrs.) School Age (6-12 yrs.) Youth (13+) 	1:1 Support AvailableNo additional cost	 Check town website for dates on 2023 summer camp registration Before and after care available
ORILLIA	CITY OF ORILLIA Megan Visser 705-329-8027 mvisser@orillia.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available 1 week of 1:1 support free per child Additional cost after first week 	 Registration opens in March 2023 Before and after care available
◆◆◆ Innisfil	TOWN OF INNISFIL 705-436-3710 activeinnisfil@innisfil.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)	 1:1 Support Available 1 week of 1:1 support free per child Additional cost of \$185 for second week 	Summer guide is available in May with camp information



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	TOWN OF SPRINGWATER Jeddy Wong 705-728-4784 ext. 2053 jeddy.wong@springwater.ca	• Inclusive	• School Age (6-12 yrs.)	1:1 Support AvailableAdditional Cost	Check town website for dates on 2023 summer camp registration
O PORATE O	TOWN OF WASAGA Joshua Pallas 705-429-3321 ext. 2504 recreation@wasagabeach.com	 Inclusive 	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)	1:1 Support AvailableNo Additional Cost	 Check town website for dates on 2023 summer camp registration Before and After Care Available



Private Camps In Simcoe County



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	CAMP	TYPE	AGES	SUPPORT OPTIONS	OTHER
CREATIVE	CREATIVE CAFÉ ART CAMP 705-797-1345 info@creativecafe.ca	 Inclusive 	School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	• 1:6 Small Group Ratio	 Mixed media art camp is amazing art therapy with many mediums including: pottery wheel, clay sculpture, glass fusion, mosaics, candle making.
	KERRY'S PLACE AUTISM SERVICES 1-833-775-3779 intake@kerrysplace.org	VirtualSpecifically for Disabilities	School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	Not offered	 Disability: Autism Spectrum Disorder. Each week of camp is a different theme (technology/sports/performing arts/animals/science/etc.)
Lyndsey Stevenato	LYNDSEY STEVENATO CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES CAMP 705-792-5272 info@childrenstherapy.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)	Volunteer Assistance	 Disability: ADD/ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavioural/Emotional Needs, Learning Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities
	SCIENCE NORTH SUMMER CAMPS 1-800-461-4898 camps@sciencenorth.ca	 Inclusive 	• School Age (6-12 yrs.)	 Not offered Call to review your individual child's situation prior to registration 	 Before and after care available Member registration begins February 22nd Public registration begins March 1st
Wye Marsh	WYE MARSH 705-526-7809 info@wyemarsh.com	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)	 Camper would have to provide their own support worker 	After care available

Municipal Camps in York Region



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M	CITY OF MARKHAM Portia Lee 905-477-7000 ext. 3930 plee@markham.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13-15)	 1:1 Support Available at an additional cost 1:2 Supportive Ratio is available IF they can match up participants requiring similar supports 	 Registration opens February 14, 2023. 1:1 Support fills up quickly, please contact Portia Lee Before and after care available
Richmond Hill	CITY OF RICHMOND HILL Kaitlyn Endicott 905-884-0855 ext. 2047 kaitlyn.endicott@richmondhill.c	InclusiveSpecifically for Disabilities	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available subject to availability No additional cost Requests for 1:1 support open for residents February 8th 	 Families should contact camp before registering to discuss support needs and camp options Before and after care available depending on camp location and staff availability
	CITY OF VAUGHAN Mihaela Neagoe 905-832-2377 ext. 7405 mihaelaneagoe@vaughan.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	1:1 Support Available \$18/hour1:2 Ratio Available	 Guide available online February 1, 2023 Before and after care available
AURORA You're in Good company	TOWN OF AURORA Marco De Benedictis 360-550-3163 mdebenedictis@aurora.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	1:1 Support AvailableNo additional cost	 Registration opens for residents March 13th and non-residents March 20th. 1:1 support is offered on a first come first serve basis and must be included in registration (codes will be in the guide).



Municipal Camps in York Region

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GEORGINA	TOWN OF GEORGINA Sara Forgot 905-476-4301 sforgot@georgina.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)	 1:1 Support Available No additional cost for the first 2 weeks of camp child is registered in 	Check town website for Summer Camp 2023 information
Newmarket	TOWN OF NEWMARKET Pat McIntosh 905-953-5300 ext. 2821 pmcintosh@newmarket.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available No additional cost 1:3 Supportive Ratio & 1:5 Supportive Ratio for adapted camps 	 Registration opens for residents on February 22nd at 6:30 a.m. Non- residents March 1st at 6:30 a.m. Before and after care available
Stouffville	TOWN OF WHITCHURCH- STOUFFVILLE Jordan Cahill 905-642-7529 ext. 5268 Jordan.cahill@townofws.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available Requests for 1:1 support closes on June 1st to allow the coordinator to schedule accordingly 	 Registration for residents begins February 28th, 2023 Before and after care available
XING	TOWNSHIP OF KING Dori Wilner 905-833-5321 ext. 6563 dwilner@king.ca	 Inclusive 	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-13 yrs.)Youth (14+)	1:1 Support AvailableNo additional cost	 Registration Opens for residents March 3, and for non-residents March 8 Flex drop-off (8:30 – 9 a.m.) and flex pick-up 4 - 5 p.m. included in cost



Private Camps in York Region



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Autism ontario	AUTISM ONTARIO Laura Webb 416-246-9592 laura.w@autismontario.com	InclusiveVirtualSpecifically for Disabilities	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available No additional cost 1:2 Supportive Ratio (Summer Social Skills Institute) 	Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder
CAMPA TOBIN HOOP	CAMP ROBIN HOOD Sari 416-736-4443 sari@camprobinhood.ca	• Inclusive	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)	 1:1 Support Available \$1000/every 2 weeks Family can arrange their own support staff (paid directly by the family) 	Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behaviour/Emotional Needs, Blind/Partially Sighted, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Developmental Disabilities, Genetic Disorders, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Diagnosis, Physical Disabilities, Tourette Syndrome. Transportation offered both to/from camp within boundaries
	KERRY'S PLACE AUTISM SERVICES 1-833-775-3779 intake@kerrysplace.org	VirtualSpecifically for Disabilities	School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	Not offered	 Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder. If a family is unsure if camp is the right fit due to 1:1 support needs, we encourage them to reach out to us
VALLEY CAMP	KETTLEBY VALLEY CAMP 905-726-4275 info@kettlebyvalley.com	• Inclusive	• JK – Grade 8	• 1:1 Support Available \$150/week per camper	 Disabilities: ADD/ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder Transportation both to and from camp is available Before and After care available Registration opens November 1st



Private Camps In York Region

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COMMUNITY LIVING Markham: Winny Ho 905-884-9110 ext. 382 who@communitylivingyorksouth.ca	InclusiveVirtual option availableSpecifically for Disabilities	Children (8-15)Youth/Adults (16+)	1:1 Support provided by caregivers1:3 Supportive Ratio	 Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Abilities, Down Syndrome, Developmental Disabilities Before and after care available
Richmond Hill: Athavi Kugathasan 905-884-9110 ext. 703 akugathasan@communitylivingyorks outh.ca	InclusiveVirtual option availableSpecifically for Disabilities	Children (8-15)Youth/Adults (16+)	 1:1 Support provided by caregivers 1:3 Supportive Ratio 	 Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Abilities, Down Syndrome, Developmental Disabilities Before and after care available
Vaughan: Crystie Lau 905-844-9110 ext. 267 clau@communitylivingyorksouth.ca	InclusiveVirtual option availableSpecifically for Disabilities	Children (8-15)Youth/Adults (16+)	1:1 Support provided by caregivers1:3 Supportive Ratio	 Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Abilities, Down Syndrome, Developmental Disabilities Before and after care available
Stouffville: Puja Jit 905-884-9110 ext. 640 pjit@communitylivingyorksouth.ca	InclusiveVirtual option availableSpecifically for Disabilities	Children (8-15)Youth/Adults (16+)	1:1 Support provided by caregivers1:3 Supportive Ratio	 Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Abilities, Down Syndrome, Developmental Disabilities Before and after care available



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&	LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF YR	InclusiveSpecifically for	School Age (6-12 yrs.)	Not offered (Additional Cost)	Disabilities: ADD/ADHD, Learning Disabilities
	Banke Oluwaleimu 905-884-7933 ext. 5 banke.leimu@ldayr.org	Disabilities			Before and after care available
DOWL	SHADOW LAKE CENTRE	Specifically for Disabilities	• School Age (7-12 yrs.)	• 1:1 Support Available	Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder,
CENTRE	905-640-6432	Disabilities • Overnight	• Youth (13+)	• 1:2, 1:3, 1:4, 1:5 Supportive Ratios	Developmental Disabilities
CENTRE	shadowlake.office@cltoronto.c a		• Adult	 All supportive ratios are a different cost 	Options for adults with developmental
					disabilities to attend as well



Additional Camps Outside of York Region and Simcoe County



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CAMP Aparagan K DIAK	CAMP KODIAK McKellar, Ontario Ilana Stoch 905-569-7595	Specifically for DisabilitiesOvernight	School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:3 Supportive Ratio Campers must be able to manage all of their personal care and daily living skills 	 Disabilities: ADD/ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Tourette Syndrome, High-functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder
	info@campkodiak.com			independently	 Transportation available both to and from camp
	CNIB – LAKE JOE	VirtualSpecifically for	• School Age (6-12 yrs.)	Not offered	Disabilities: Blind or Partially blind, deaf
LAKE JOE	Parry Sound, Muskoka	Disabilities	• Youth (13+)		sighted
JOE	705-375-2630 lakejoe@cnib.ca	Overnight	• Adult		Transportation to camp available
	EASTER SEALS CAMP Merrywood & Camp Woodeden	Specifically for Disabilities	• School Age (6-12 yrs.)	2:1 Supportive RatioFamily can arrange to have	Disability: Physical Disabilities.
MERRYWOOD SEALS CHAR	Perth, ONT and London, ONT camp@easterseals.org		 Vouth (12±) 	their own support staff, paid directly by the family	 Clients must be Easter Seals Clients in order to register for camps. The cost of camps is subsidized for most campers between the age of 6 and 19
	FRASER LAKE CAMP Hastings County Melissa Parkhurst	• Inclusive	School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	1:1 Support Available at an additional cost	 Disabilities: ADD/ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder Behavioural/Emotional Needs, Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health
	melissa@fraserlakecamp.ca				 Overnight camp is situated in Bancroft Ontario Transportation available both to and from camp.
A	INTERVARSITY PIONEER CAMP Port Sydney, Muskoka Edmund Guest eguest@pioneercamp.ca	InclusiveOvernightChristian Camp	School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	• 1:1 Support Available - \$1620 per Week	 Disabilities: ADD/ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorde Behavioural/Emotional Needs, Developmental Disabilities, Genetic Disorders, Learning Disabilities Mental Health, Physical Disabilities, Tourette Synd
					Transportation available both to and from camp

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outdoer Centre	KINARK OUTDOOR CENTRE Minden, Ontario (Haliburton) Jane Isbister 705-854-0603	VirtualSpecifically for DisabilitiesOvernight	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available at no additional cost 1:2 Supportive Ratio 	 Disabilities: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Behavioural/Emotional needs, Developmental Disabilities Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Diagnosis Year-round respite opportunities for families
MOUNTAINSIDE	MOUNTAINSIDE CAMP - ADAPTIVE Grey County 705-445-0231 adaptive@bluemountain.ca	VirtualSpecifically for Disabilities	School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support subject to availability at no additional cost 1:2 Supportive Ratio 	 Disabilities: ADD/ADHD, ASD, Behavioural/Emotional Needs, Blind or Partially Sighted, Deaf/Hard-of-hearing, Deafblind, Developmental and Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Physical Disabilities, Tourette Syndrome Transportation to camp available
CAMP OAKWC INNOVATION - CREAT	OAKWOOD CAMP Mississauga Jessica Difonzo jdifonzo@oakwoodacadmy.ca	InclusiveSpecifically for Disabilities	Preschool (4-5 yrs.)School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available at an Additional Cost 1:3 Supportive Ratio (Social Skills Club) 	 Disabilities: ADD/ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavioural/Emotional needs, Blind or Partially Sighted, Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, Tourette Syndrome Before and After Care Available
Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital	SPIRAL GARDEN Holland Bloorview, Toronto musicandart@hollandbloorview	 Inclusive Specifically for Disabilities 	School Age (6-12 yrs.)Youth (13+)	 1:1 Support Available at no additional cost Sometimes the families are offered a spot in which they provide and pay for their own 1:1 support 	 Disabilities: ADD/ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavioural/Emotional needs, Blind or Partially Sighted, Deaf/Hard-of-hearing, Deafblind, Developmental Disabilities, Genetic Disorders, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Diagnosis, Physical Disabilities, Tourette Syndrome
					 This is an integrated camp for those with and without disabilities





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