



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 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 Katherine Boland Janke 705-739-4220 ext. 5662 katherine.bolandjanke@barrie.ca	• inclusive	preschool (4-5 yrs.)school Age (6-12 yrs.)youth (13+)	 1:1 support available \$400/5 day week, \$320/4 day week 1:3 supportive ratio for adapted camps 1:2 supportive ratio for adapted kinder/preschool 	 registration will be posted at play.barrie.ca before and after care available
Bradford West Gwillimbury	CITY OF BRADFORD Natalie Coutts 905-775-7529 ext. 8307 ncoutts@townofbwg.com	• inclusive	preschool (4-5 yrs.)school age (6-12 yrs.)youth (13+)	 1:1 support available \$275/5 day week; \$220/4 day week 	 check town website for dates on 2024 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 2024 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 after first week 	 summer guide is available in May 2024 with camp information



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	САМР	TYPE	AGES	SUPPORT OPTIONS	OTHER
	TOWN OF SPRINGWATER Supervisor of Recreation 705-728-4784 ext. 2053	 inclusive 	• school Age (6-12 yrs.)	1:1 support availableadditional cost	check town website for dates on 2024 summer camp registration
OF WASAGA CONTROL OF WASAGA CO	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 available no additional cost 	 check town website for dates on 2024 summer camp registration before and after care available
New Tecumseth Alliston · Beeton · Totterham	TOWN OF NEW TECUMSETH 705-435-3900 ext. 2 camp@newtecumseth.ca	• inclusive	 school age (5-11 yrs.) Connecting to Community Camp, LIT and CIT (11-15 yrs.) 	 1:1 support available no additional cost 	 check town website for dates on 2024 summer camp registration before Care from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and after Care from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. It is an additional cost of \$29+ tax/week each.
RAMARA	TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA Abby Harper 705-484-5374 ext. 403 aharper@ramara.ca	• inclusive	Discovery (4-6 yrs.)Adventure (7-11 yrs.)Explore (12+)	 1:1 support available if camper provides worker 	 Registration opens March 2025 before and after care available



Private Camps In Simcoe County



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CREATIVE D CAFE	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 and candle making.
	KERRY'S PLACE AUTISM SERVICES 1-833-775-3779 intake@kerrysplace.org	virtualspecifically for disabilities	school Age (6-12 yrs.)youth (13+)	 1:3 support ratio 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 	 disabilities: autism spectrum disorder Families can register once camps are posted on the Kerry's Place website: https://kerrysplace.org
Lyndsey Stevenato GLANG STANDON BRIGHT	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 and 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, 2024 1:1 support fills up quickly, please contact Portia Lee before and after care available
Richmond <u>Hill</u>	CITY OF RICHMOND HILL Kaitlyn Endicott 905-780-2047 inclusion@richmondhill.ca	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, 2024 before and after care available
AURORA You're in Good Company	TOWN OF AURORA Julie Chambers 905-726-4761 jchambers@aurora.ca	• inclusive	preschool (4-5 yrs.)school age (6-12 yrs.)youth (13+)	 1:1 support available no additional cost 	 see Town of Aurora Website for registration information 1:1 support is offered on a first come first served basis and must be included in registration (codes will be in the guide) As of June 1st, non-residents can apply for
					any remaining 1:1 support spots, with additional fees applicable.



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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 2024 information
Newmarket	TOWN OF NEWMARKET Chaleen Lam 905-953-5300 ext. 2821 clam@newmarket.ca	inclusiveadapted	preschool (4-5 yrs.)school age (6-12 yrs.)youth (13+)	 1:1 support available (first come, first serve - must register for support online) no additional cost 1:3 supportive ratio for adapted camps 	 registration opens for residents the third week of February for residents non-residents - registration opens one week after residents before and after care available at most locations
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 2, 2025 to allow the coordinator to schedule accordingly 	 registration for residents begins February 26th, 2025 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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VARIETY VILLAGE
Brian Hay

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bhay@varietyontario.ca

inclusive

specifically for disabilities

preschool (4-5 yrs.)

school age (6-12 yrs.)

youth (13+)

1:1 support available
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• disabilities: autism spectrum disorder



Autismontario

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CAMP ROBIN HOOD

Sari

416-736-4443

sari@camprobinhood.ca

inclusive

• preschool (4-5 yrs.)

school age (6-12 yrs.)

1:1 support available at an additional cost

 family can arrange their own support staff (paid directly by the family) registration opens mid-September to returning families and October 1st 2024 to new families 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 and Tourette syndrome

• transportation offered both to/from camp within boundaries



KERRY'S PLACE AUTISM SERVICES

1-833-775-3779

intake@kerrysplace.org

virtual

in-person

 specifically for disabilities school Age (6-12 yrs.)

• youth (13+)

1:3 support ratio

 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

disabilities: autism spectrum disorder

Families can register once camps are posted on the Kerry's Place website: https://kerrysplace.org



KETTLEBY VALLEY CAMP

905-726-4275

info@kettlebyvalley.com

inclusive

JK – grade 8

1:1 support available at an additional cost

- 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

CAMP	TYPE	AGES	SUPPORT OPTIONS	OTHER
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 caregivers 1:3 supportive ratio 	 disabilities: autism spectrum disorder, intellectual abilities, Down syndrome, developmental disabilities before and after care available
Richmond Hill: Shamira Prabakaran 905-884-9110 ext. 703 sprabakaran@communitylivingyorksou th.ca	virtual option	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: Stina Li 905-844-9110 ext. 267 sli@communitylivingyorksouth.ca	 inclusive virtual option available specifically 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
Stouffville: Palak Bhatia 905-884-9110 ext. 640 pbhatia@communitylivingyorksouth. 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



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	LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF YR Banke Oluwaleimu 905-884-7933 ext. 5 banke.leimu@ldayr.org	inclusivespecifically for disabilities	school age (6-12 yrs.)	not offered (additional cost)	 disabilities: ADD/ADHD and learning disabilities before and after care available
CENTRE	SHADOW LAKE CENTRE 905-640-6432 shadowlake.office@cltoronto.ca	disabilities overnight	school Age (7-12 yrs.) youth (13+) adult	 1:1 support available 1:2, 1:3, 1:4, 1:5 supportive ratios all supportive ratios are a different cost 	 disabilities: autism spectrum disorder and developmental disabilities options for adults with developmental disabilities to attend as well
THERAUCE	THERABOUNCE INC. Jenn Evans 705-928-7079 jenn@therabounce.com	 specifically for disabilities inclusive day camp during school breaks (winter and summer) 	developmental age from 4 – 9 years	1:1, 1:2, 1:3 supportive ratios (no extra cost)	 disabilities: physical, intellectual, cognitive disabilities (we are wheelchair accessible) camp is from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. no before or after care available Rebound Therapy makes use of a trampoline or rebounder to provide therapeutic exercise, activities, and recreation.





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ONCORD	CAMP CONCORD Toronto Melissa Ray 647-746-6339 melissa@campconcord.ca	overnightspecifically for developmental disabilities	youth (13+)adults (18+)	• 1:1 support available	• 1:1 support available
	CAMP KENNEBEC Arden Donna Segal 613-335-2114 info@campkennebec.com	inclusiveovernightspecifically for disabilities	school Age (6-12 yrs.)youth (13+)adults (18+)	 2:1 support for campers 1:1 support available if camper provides worker 	 disabilities: ASD, learning disabilities, developmenta Down syndrome, ADD, anxiety, ADHD, obsessive compulsive disorder and brain injury Applications open in December
CAMP KIRK	CAMP KIRK Kirkfield Kristen Jackson Dockeray 416-782-3310 campkirk@campkirk.com	 overnight specifically for disabilities: learning disability, ADHD and autism 	school age (7-12 yrs.)youth (13+)	• 2:1 support available	registration opens November 2023



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CAMP Aplantisqua K©DIAK	CAMP KODIAK McKellar, Ontario Ilana Stoch 905-569-7595 info@campkodiak.com	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 independently as well as able to follow a schedule and remain with the group 	 disabilities: ADD/ADHD, learning disabilities, Tourette syndrome, ASD Level 1 transportation may be available, please connect with the camp
LAKE JOE	CNIB – LAKE JOE Parry Sound, Muskoka 705-375-2630 lakejoe@cnib.ca	virtualspecifically for disabilitiesovernight	school Age (6-12 yrs.)youth (13+)adult	• not offered	 disabilities: blind or partially blind, deaf sighted transportation to camp available
MERRYWOOD SEALS ON	EASTER SEALS CAMP Merrywood & Camp Woodeden Perth, ONT and London, ONT camp@easterseals.org	specifically for disabilitiesovernight	school Age (6-12 yrs.)youth (13+)adult	 2:1 supportive ratio family can arrange to have their own support staff, paid directly by the family 	 disability: physical disabilities Clients must be Easter Seals clients to register for camps. The cost of camps is subsidized for most campers between the age of 6 and 19.
13	FRASER LAKE CAMP Hastings County Melissa Parkhurst melissa@fraserlakecamp.ca	• 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 and mental health overnight camp is situated in Bancroft Ontario transportation available both to and from camp
	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 disorder, behavioural/emotional needs, developmental disabilitie genetic disorders, learning disabilities, mental health, physical disabilities and Tourette syndrome transportation available both to and from camp

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outdoer	Minden, Ontario (Haliburton)	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 and mental health diagnosis year-round respite opportunities for families
CAMP OAKWC INDVATION - CREAT	OAKWOOD CAMP Mississauga Jessica Difonzo admissions@oakacademy.ca	inclusivespecifically for disabilities	preschool (3-5 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 and Tourette syndrome before and after care available
Holland Bicorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital	3FINAL GANDEN	 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, menta health diagnosis, physical disabilities and Tourette syndrome this is an integrated camp for those with and without disabilities
CANADA EN CANADA	<i>Toronto</i> Nathan Whan	 inclusive virtual overnight program for children with cancer and blood disorders. 	• ages (7-17)	• 1:1 support	Registration is available via www.campquality.org/registration

siblings welcome

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Camp Winston	CAMP WINSTON Toronto Managing Director 416-487-6229 managingdirector@campwinston.com	 overnight specifically for developmental disabilities 	youth (7-12)teens (13-17)	1:1 support included in the cost of camp	Disabilities: youth living with Autism, Tourettes, ADHD, Learning Disabilities, OCD, Anxiety and ODD
CAMP EAIL	CAMP ERIN Hosted by Camp Manitou Mckellar, Ontario Jodie 647-957-2267 torontocamperin@gmail.com	bereavement camp	• ages (6-17)	 not wheelchair accessible 1:1 and 1:2 support, free 	 free, weekend camp for youth who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. combines grief education and emotional support with fun, traditional camp activities. led by bereavement professionals and caring volunteers.
	FIDDLEHEAD CARE FARM Mono Stephanie 647-624-8421 fiddelheadcarefarm@gmail.com	inclusivesiblings welcome	• ages (6-17)	• 1:1 support available	disabilities: youth with physical and psychosocial needs
CAMP mansfield	CAMP MANSFIELD Mulmur, Ontario 705-435-4479	inclusivesiblings welcome	 campers (5-12) leaders in training (13-14) counsellor in training (15) 	• 1:1 support available	 disabilities: youth with physical and psychosocial needs before and after care available at no additional cost







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