

All About Camps

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The City of Mississauga is committed to providing a safe, secure and inclusive environment for all camp participants.

Please review the following operational practices based on the Ontario Ministry of Health guidelines for day camps and direction from Peel Public Health. These precautions have been built-in to keep campers and staff safe during our time together.

Based on these guidelines, the following practices have been included to reduce the number of touch-point areas and the possibility of transmission:

(Please note, these are subject to change)

- Each camp group will operate as its own unit.
- Campers will wear a non-medical mask indoors with the exception of eating and drinking. Outdoors campers are not required to wear a mask when they are with their own camp cohort.
- Camp cohort and camper ratios will be adjusted to follow provincial requirements.
- Children attending with a support person will need to contact the program supervisor or email recreation.support@mississauga.ca

Daily screening before coming to camp

Individuals, including camp participants and staff, must complete a daily health screening check at home before arrival for camp.

Please complete both of the following screening questions links before camp;

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

[COVID-19 Child Care and School Screening Tool \(peelregion.ca\)](https://www.peelregion.ca/child-care/covid-19-child-care-and-school-screening-tool/)

Verification of completion of daily health screening will be done at camp sign-in.

Please note, Peel Public Health advises that when anyone who is ill with symptoms in the same household, the whole household needs to self-isolate.

Safe Arrival and Dismissal

Children will be dropped off and picked up by their parent/guardian outside of the community centre. We encourage only one parent/guardian (18+ years) to complete all drop-off and pick-up wherever possible.

Please allow longer time for sign-in

- The sign-in process will be outside and physical distancing will be enforced. Campers must be accompanied by parent/guardian.
- Camper information will be collected at point of registration.

- Emergency information and those authorized to pick-up a camper will be provided.
- Anyone listed as an authorized person to pick-up, must show photo ID.

General Camp Information

- Summer Fun, Outdoor Explorers, and Outdoor Leadership Camps begins at 8:45 am to 5:15 pm, Monday to Friday.
- Summer Fun Camp is for ages 4 ½ to 12 years of age; campers must turn 5 by December 31 of camp year to register.
- Full-day Specialty Arts Camps begin at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Half-day Specialty Arts Camps begin 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.
- City staff will be required to complete a daily self-assessment and will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as required. Non-city support staff must provide their own personal protective equipment. For more information visit [Recreation Support Program](#)
- Physical distancing of 2 metres between cohorts when not wearing masks will be encouraged, with the exception of staff interventions for behaviour management and issuing first aid.
- Please arrive to camp at the scheduled start time. Arrival and dismissal will take longer due to physical distancing adherence as in compliance to the province's Ministry of Health guidelines.
- Routine cleaning, disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces and sanitization of all camp spaces will take place at the end of each camp day.

What to Wear and Bring

Each day includes crafts and outdoor activities. Clothing should be casual and comfortable. Please dress your camper appropriately for weather conditions (rain or shine). Label all items with your camper's name:

- Dress for the weather – Warm clothing and rain gear may be required.
- Lunch, two snacks and a refillable, non-breakable water bottle each day.
- We are a nut aware facility but encourage a nut free lunch.
- Leave personal items & toys at home. The City of Mississauga is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items brought to camp.

Camper Code of Conduct:

Everyone must understand the rules and expectations on safety and behaviour when at camp. On the first day, camp staff will review and discuss the rules and expectations with campers. Not following the rules and expectations may lead to the dismissal of the participant from camp.

- Complete daily health checks at home and in person.
- Respect staff, other campers and equipment.
- Include others in activities and play without bullying or teasing others.

- Be cooperative and willing to participate in the activities.
- Respect other campers wearing masks and/or gloves.
- Use appropriate language while on City of Mississauga property.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted in cases where children are behaving inappropriately or irresponsibly and will be asked to be picked up from camp.
- Tell your camp counsellor if you feel unwell anytime during camp.
- Leave personal belongings at home (i.e. toys, books etc.).
- Wash hands when instructed or use hand sanitizer multiple times throughout the day.
- Do not share food and/or drinks with other campers.
- Cover your mouth/nose appropriately when you sneeze/cough to avoid the spread of germs.
- Maintain and respect physical distancing between campers and staff.
- Follow instructions when transitioning between program rooms, outside and washrooms (i.e. following floor markers and physical distancing).
- Must remain in designated group for the entire week.

Medications

Children requiring medication (prescription, non-prescription, natural) at camp must have:

- Completed a [Medication Consent form](#).
- Campers must be able to self-administer medication under the supervision of program/camp staff.
- If a camper cannot self-administer their medication, arrangements must be made for another individual to administer. A completed Third Party Administration of Medication Consent form must be completed.
- Medication must be stored in its original container, labelled with the pharmacist/pharmacy label.
- Only one day's dosage may be given to camp staff each day.
- If a dosage instrument is used (i.e. teaspoon) it must be supplied with the medication and labelled with the child's name.

Emergency and Illness

- Should it be necessary for you to contact your child due to an emergency, please call the community centre and we will assist to make whatever arrangements are necessary.
- If a camp participant shows symptoms of COVID-19 or illness while at camp, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately to pick up their child. The camp participant will wait in an isolation area with an employee until picked-up.

- If your child becomes ill with anything other than COVID-19, regular communicable disease standard will be followed. Depending on the symptoms, a doctor's note or clear daily health screening will be accepted.
- If your child is ill, please do not send them to camp to help prevent the spread of the illness to other campers and staff.

Life Threatening Allergies

We are committed to providing an "allergy-aware" environment. Camp staff has received training to administer an epinephrine auto-injector in an emergency situation. If your child has a potentially life threatening allergy please notify us.

Children with a potentially life threatening allergy while at camp must have:

- Two (2) doses of current (not expired) epinephrine medication (Epi-pen®) that will be carried at all times on them, preferably in a waist pouch
- A completed [Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan Package](#).

Staff Qualifications

- Camp staff are certified in Emergency First Aid/CPR B.
- They also are trained in [HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Child Development](#).