

# 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. The following information will assist parents and guardians in becoming familiar with our operating standards. For more information, please call your local Community Centre.

## General Camp Information

- Full day camps run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.
- Half Day Camp options run 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Extended hours options are available for an additional cost at most locations.
- For the safety of participants and staff, the City of Mississauga has specific procedures for the administration of medication to participants during program hours (see medications).

## Inclusion

All of our camps and programs welcome children of all abilities to participate. Children who have a physical or intellectual disability are included into program activities. Inclusion staff do not provide the same level of support as educational assistants or behaviour therapists. Inclusion staff can provide verbal prompts for going to the washroom and changing. They cannot lift or transfer the participant or administer medication. For further information or for assistance in developing a recreation plan for your child or to find out about our Inclusion support program, please call the Recreation Programmer, Inclusion at 905-615-3200 ext. 8147.

## Safe Arrival and Dismissal

- Camper Information such as emergency contact information and those authorized to pick-up will be collected at the point of registration.
- Parent/legal guardians/caregivers must accompany child to sign-in area.
- Anyone listed as an authorized person to pick-up, must show photo ID, each day.
- Children under 10 years of age are not permitted to leave unescorted.
- Children 10 years and older may leave unescorted only if indicated at the time of registration.

## Late Fees

- A late pick-up fee of \$5.00 for each 15 minute interval (or part thereof) will be charged.

## What to Wear and Bring

Clothing should be casual and comfortable. Please dress your camper appropriately for weather conditions. Label all items with your camper's name:

- Indoor running shoes are recommended.
- All Summer Camps: dress for the weather - rain gear, hat, bug spray, and sunscreen.
- All Winter Camps: be prepared to go outside – boots, snow pants, winter jacket, hat and mittens.
- Full Day Camps: bring lunch, two snacks, and beverages. Non-breakable water bottles are recommended.
- Half Day Camps: bring one snack each day, beverage.
- We are a nut aware facility but encourage a nut free lunch.
- Leave personal items, including electronic devices, and toys at home. The City of Mississauga is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items brought to camp.
- If your camp goes swimming or participates in water day activities, campers need to bring a bathing suit(s) and/or change of clothes, towel, bag for wet bathing suit and towel, water footwear and anything else they may need for water day activities. Please ensure your child can dress themselves.

## Respect: give it to get it

To ensure that the camp experience is fun and safe for all, campers will:

- Respect other campers and their belongings.
- Respect staff
- Respect the facility and equipment
- Use friendly and appropriate language.
- Listen to staff and follow instructions.
- Dress for the weather and outdoor play ( hat, sunscreen, bug spray, running shoes, rain gear )
- Share smiles and stories but not your lunch, sunscreen and belongings
- Keep personal items at home to keep them safe.
- Clean up after snack and lunch.
- Keep camp a fun and inclusive environment for all.

On the first day of camp, camp leaders will review and discuss respect and safety with campers.

Discussing the importance of respect and safety prior to camp will help campers understand expectations.

Campers who are not able to follow these expectations may be dismissed from camp. If dismissed, you will receive a call to pick your child up from camp. You will be given 60 minutes to arrange this.

## Medications

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

- Complete a [Parent/Legal Guardian Medication Consent](#) form.
- Campers must be able to self-administer medication under the supervision of camp/supervisory staff (through injection or otherwise), with the exception of epinephrine auto-injector for life threatening allergies in the event of anaphylactic shock.
- If a camper cannot self-administer his/her medication, arrangements must be made for parent/legal guardian or another qualified and trained individual to administer on site at the prescribed time. A completed [Third Party Medication Administration Consent](#) form must be on site.
- Medication must be stored in its original container, labelled with the pharmacist/pharmacy label, the child, doctor, and medication name, dosage and how medication is to be administered and stored.
- Only one day's dosage may be sent each morning to camp staff for secure storage.
- If a dosage instrument is used (i.e. teaspoon) it must be supplied with the medication and labelled with the child's name.

## Life Threatening Allergies

We are committed to providing an "allergy-aware" environment. Camp staff have 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:

- One (1) dose of current (not expired) epinephrine medication (Epi-pen®) that will be carried at all times on them, preferably in a waist pouch. We do recommend providing Two (2) doses, if possible.
- A completed [Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan](#) form **on site**.
- A completed [Parent/Legal Guardian Medication Consent](#) form **on site**.
- A completed Epinephrine Administration Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity, Assumption of Risks and Consent to Medical Treatment Agreement form **on site**.

These forms may be obtained in advance by visiting our [camp website](#) or by contacting the Community Program Supervisor at the community centre.

### **To be admitted to camp, you must ensure that:**

- All forms have been completed
- Medication is provided and has not expired
- One (1) required dose has been provided

## Staff Qualifications

- Camp staff are certified in Emergency First Aid/CPR B.

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- They are trained in [HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Child Development](#).
- Additional on site and City Wide training is provided for all staff.

### **Additional Questions?**

Contact your local **community** centre and staff will be happy to assist you.