



2026
DAY CAMP
Information Guide



Municipality of
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Welcome to Day Camp!

The Municipality of Leamington's Day Camp programs and activities include physical activity, outdoor play, swimming, crafts, science experiments, and more! Our programs are age-specific and foster creativity, teamwork, and friendship.

This guide contains all the information you need to properly prepare your child for our day camp.

Please review it prior to the initial drop-off.

We are committed to Quality

As a member of the HIGH FIVE® Quality Assurance Process, our Day Camp program is dedicated to quality. The team recognizes that childhood is a period of rapid growth—physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally. Our Day Camp program firmly adheres to the Principles of Healthy Child Development.

The Day Camp program has been designed to be a place where children feel welcome, safe, and have tons of fun.



Day Camp Hours

Camp activities begin promptly at 9:00 AM each morning. Campers can begin arriving for camp at 8:00 AM. Our regular day ends at 4:00 PM daily, with pick-up by 5:00 PM.

Early and Late Drop-off

Early and late drop-off options are available for an additional fee of \$10.00 per family. We strictly enforce this policy, and families will be charged for late pickups. There is no flexibility regarding these times. We schedule our counsellors according to these hours and specific needs, ensuring consistency for all families.

Early drop-off is available between the hours of 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM, and late pick-up will be available from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Day Camp Staff

Our summer camp staff are carefully selected for their experience, enthusiasm, and ability to work with children, and they undergo comprehensive training to ensure a safe and positive camp environment. All staff are at least 16 years of age and hold certifications in First Aid and CPR, HIGH FIVE Principles of Healthy Child Development, and the Lifesaving Society Safeguard Program.

We maintain a 10:1 camper-to-counsellor ratio across all age groups to ensure strong supervision and meaningful one-on-one attention.



Sign In/Out Procedures

It is mandatory for a parent or guardian to accompany campers during drop-off and pick-up at the Nature Fresh Farms Recreation Centre (NFFRC), 249 Sherk St, Leamington.

Day campers must be signed in and out with our Day Camp staff at our table in the lobby. Only individuals designated for pick-up/drop-off will be permitted to collect their camper. For safety purposes, parents/guardians will be required to show photo identification during pick-up.

Waitlists

Waitlists Work! NFFRC staff review waitlists on a daily basis and do their very best to accommodate as many campers as possible, while still maintaining the integrity and safety of the program.

Is Your Child Ready for Camp?

All campers must be program-ready to attend camp. Program readiness includes:

- ✓ Being fully toilet trained unless attending with one-on-one support.
- ✓ Using the bathroom and changeroom independently.
- ✓ Following direction and instruction from staff members.
- ✓ Participating and engaging in the camp environment (based on the camper's abilities).
- ✓ Participating in a way that is safe for themselves and others.
- ✓ Being able to attend school successfully.
- ✓ Being 4 years of age by the start of the program.

The Day Camp staff training includes sessions on inclusive recreation. While our staff are passionate about helping every child participate to their full potential, they are not able to provide the same level of support as educational assistants, behavioural therapists, teachers or other professionals in this field.

Inclusion Opportunities

Participants will require one-to-one (1:1) support to participate in camp if they:

- Require additional support at school, in the home, or in the community with basic needs such as dressing, toileting or feeding.
- Tend to exhibit aggressive behaviours.
- Do not understand danger.
- Have a tendency to run.
- Have a physical, developmental and/or learning disability that affects their communication, mobility, comprehension and/or socialization.

For more information regarding support staff or inclusion opportunities, please contact us at **complex@leamington.ca**.

We work with Family Respite Services Windor-Essex and can connect you with their support program. Our staff are not able to safely accommodate these individuals without additional support.

Day Camp Lunches

We are proud to partner with Green Heart Lunch Club. Lunches are available daily and must be ordered online at **greenheartkitchen.ca**

All lunch orders must be placed by 10:00 PM the day before.

What to Bring to Camp

To enhance your camper's experience, please remember to bring the following items in a bag/backpack with your child each day and clearly **mark your child's name on the items sent.**

- A lunch
- Healthy morning and afternoon snacks
- Bathing suit and towel
- Large refillable water bottle
- Comfortable clothing with layers (the building is air-conditioned during the summer, campers may get cold)
- Closed-toe indoor running shoes - sandals, slides and crocs are not appropriate for camp activities
- Send campers with sunscreen

Swimming is a daily activity, and all campers are required to participate.

Sitting out is not an option, as there will be no supervision outside the pool area since our counsellors are in the water.

Floatation devices are permitted for younger swimmers.

What to Wear to Camp?

Campers should wear comfortable clothing that is activity appropriate. Camp is active and being able to run, jump and play allows for a much more successful day. Dress in layers as our indoor locations may be cooler than the warm temperatures outside.

- Please discuss with your child(ren) the importance of caring for and keeping track of their belongings, as the Municipality is not responsible for lost, missing or stolen items.
- Please label your campers clothing and personal items so that lost items can be identified.

What to Leave at Home

Camp is a time to make friends and have fun! To avoid distractions and lost items, please leave all valuables at home. If these items are present, they must **remain in the camper's backpack while at camp.**

Cell phone usage at day camp is not allowed. Please leave all electronics at home.

We are a peanut/nut-free facility. To help keep all campers safe, peanuts, nuts, and food containing nuts are not **permitted at camp.**



Lost and found items will be kept at the Day Camp sign-in table and are kept for one week and then donated.

Illness Protocol

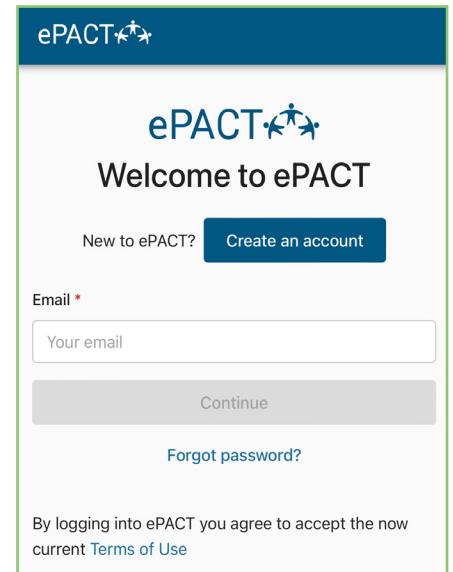
If your child becomes ill during camp hours, a parent/guardian will be contacted immediately for pickup, and refunds will not be issued. To help keep all campers healthy, please do not send your child to camp if they have a communicable illness (such as pink eye, chicken pox, or other infections). Campers may return once they have been fever-free and their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours, or 48 hours in cases of vomiting or diarrhea.

ePACT

We use an online Day Camp Information system called ePACT. ePACT offers a contactless, paperless method for us to securely collect, manage and access essential participant information and updates. This includes emergency contact information, medical forms, waivers, consent forms and personal health and safety needs.

ePACT ensures we have a way to contact you in the event of an illness, injury, or other emergency. With ePACT, **you will only need to enter your child's information once**, regardless of how many days he/she will be attending. Information entered is secure and can be updated at any time. Parents/guardians will be required to upload photos of their child and their approved pick-up contacts directly to ePACT.

All invitations to ePACT will automatically be sent with your initial registration in our summer Day Camp program. Parents will need to create an account if they haven't already signed up for an account in previous years.



Enrolment in ePACT is mandatory and must be completed prior to every child attending camp. No exceptions to this rule will be made.

Day Camp Refund Policy

Our refund policy is designed with your satisfaction and fairness in mind. Remember, policies are in place for a reason.

- Refunds will be subject to a \$15 administration fee per date/week. Transfers are only permitted if space is available and limited to one time. To secure a spot, payment must be received at the time of booking. Payment can be made by VISA/Mastercard or Debit. **We do not accept cash payments.**

Daily Registration

- Refunds are allowed up to **5:00 PM on the business day** before the scheduled activity to allow staff to make programming modifications for the next day's activities and coverage. For **Monday cancellations, they must be made by Friday night.**
- We do not offer half-day camp fees; parents requiring only half-day childcare must pay for the full day.
- No refunds will be permitted on the day of the activity, regardless of illness.

Weekly Registration

- Refunds are allowed up to 5:00 PM on the Friday preceding the weekly registration.
- No refunds will be given for a missed day during a weekly registration.

Camper Conduct

Camp staff strives to maintain an atmosphere of mutual caring, respect, and understanding throughout the summer. Proper participation and conduct by your child is expected and includes the following rules:

- Violence, bullying, abusive language, or any form of disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Respect other's feelings and property.
- Cooperate with each other.
- Listen to your group leaders.
- Stay with your group.
- No fighting, yelling, hitting, or cursing.
- Tell a group leader if someone/something is bothering or upsetting you.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Come to camp with the right attitude.

For the safety of everyone, campers are required to remain with their group and counsellor at all times. Any departure from the group requires permission from camp staff, whether for water breaks, restroom use, or any other reason. Before departing from Day Camp each day, campers are responsible for cleaning up the Day Camp space.

No refund will be given if your child is sent home because they are not meeting our Behaviour Standards. Failure to adhere to the behavioral expectations outlined above may result in the camper being sent home from our Day Camp program. Continued behaviour will result in removal from our Day Camp program altogether. Please discuss and reinforce these behavioural expectations with your child.

Behaviour Management

- The Municipality of Leamington recognizes the responsibility of staff to deal with disruptive behaviour of participants.
- Staff will use approaches that are positive, supportive, consistent, proactive, and based on logical consequences.
- Disruptive behaviour will be handled in a fair and consistent manner using progressive behaviour management strategies.
- The Municipality of Leamington reserves the right to withdraw your child from camp should their behaviour jeopardize the physical safety and security of themselves, participants, staff, or property.
- Communication will be provided to all parents/guardians should a situation arise

Photography Policy:

We love to capture our Campers in action!
Please speak to our staff if you have any concerns.



2026 DAY CAMP Theme Weeks



Week 1 – Welcome Week

Start the summer strong! Campers will jump right in by making new friends, learning camp routines, and building the connections that set the stage for an amazing summer.

Week 2 – Adventure Week

Explore. Discover. Play! Campers will dive into exciting challenges and new experiences that spark curiosity, creativity, and a love for adventure.

Week 3 – Spirit Week

Show your camp pride! Get ready for high-energy fun with team challenges, and unforgettable moments that bring camp spirit to life.

Week 4 – Challenge Week

Ready, set, go! Campers will take on a variety of fun and creative challenges designed to keep them active, engaged, and motivated all week long.

Week 5 – Sports Week

Get in the game! From classic sports to new favourites, campers will stay active while building skills, confidence, and a love for movement through daily activities.

Week 6 – Games Week

Let the games begin! A full week of classic camp favourites and exciting new games that keep campers laughing, moving, and having fun every day.

Week 7 – Arts Week

Create, imagine, express! Campers will explore their creativity through hands-on crafts, projects, and activities that inspire self-expression and fun.

Week 8 – Teamwork Week

Stronger together! Through group games and collaborative challenges, campers will build communication skills, friendships, and a true sense of community.

Week 9 – Celebration Week

Celebrate summer! A week full of special activities, and high-energy fun that keeps the excitement going strong.

Week 10 – Bring Back the Best

Your favourites, one more time! Campers will revisit the most-loved games, themes, and moments from the summer for an unforgettable grand finale.

Specialty Camps



Week 2 | \$220
Basketball Specialty Camp



Week 4 | \$220
Soccer Specialty Camp



Week 6 | \$215
STEM Specialty Camp



Week 8 | \$220
Multi-Sport Specialty Camp

Learn more at [learmington.ca/DayCamp](https://www.learmington.ca/DayCamp)

Contact Information

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