



# DAY CAMP INFO GUIDE



## IS MY CHILD READY FOR CAMP?

Attending a new full day camp program can be a big adjustment for some children.

To determine if your child is ready for our camp program, here are some indicators:

- They can take part in activities when given appropriate instructions.
- They are comfortable interacting with children their own age.
- They attend school or other extracurricular programs without any issues.
- They can follow safety rules.
- They can use the bathroom and dress themselves independently.

## WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ Swimsuit & Towel
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Bug spray
- ✓ Weather-appropriate clothing
- ✓ Non-marking closed-toe running shoes
- ✓ Bagged lunch and two snacks
- ✓ Water bottle (filled)
- ✓ Bicycle helmet
- ✓ Parent/guardian ID required for pickup
- ✓ Ensure all belongings are labeled
- ✗ Leave electronics and toys at home

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Will there be field trips?

Yes, during the summer field trips can be added to your child's registration at an additional cost.

### Are children required to bring lunch?

Yes, lunches, snacks and beverages should be sent each day. Optional hot lunch packages can be purchased.

### Can all campers swim anywhere in the aquatic facilities and use the slide?

Campers over the age of 7 must meet the Swim Admission Policy requirements in order to swim independently throughout the facility and use the slide or Tarzan Rope - a swim test will be provided. Campers under the age of 7 or who cannot complete the swim test will be required to stay within arms reach of an assigned counsellor and wear a PFD. Swim time is scheduled daily and there will not be alternate activities for children who choose not to participate in swimming.

### Do you accept children with special needs?

If your child requires accommodations, we ask that you talk with the Assistant Manager, Programs prior to enrolment to determine if our camp setting is appropriate. We have trained staff to meet some adaptability needs and have experience with children who require specific activity modifications. If more specific integration needs are required, we will look for options that will hopefully enable positive participation, such as the Town of Essex C.A.R.E. program.

The Town of Essex also partners with Family Respite Services and Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society to allow approved support persons to attend with participants if required. Please contact us for further information.

### Do all camp groups participate in the same activities?

In most cases, camp groups will participate in the same type of activities but campers will remain in their camp groups at appropriate supervision ratios.

### Do I need to register my child(ren) for the full week?

No, you can register for any number of days. There is a discount for full week registration. Early drop off begins at 7:30a and pickup runs as late as 6:00p.

## Camper Code of Conduct

Please review the Camper Code of Conduct with your child prior to their program start date.



All campers must;

- Be kind & respectful
- Be responsible for their actions, choices and words
- Make healthy & safe choices
- Value diversity and include others

Campers who cannot adhere to the Camper Code of Conduct may be removed from the program.