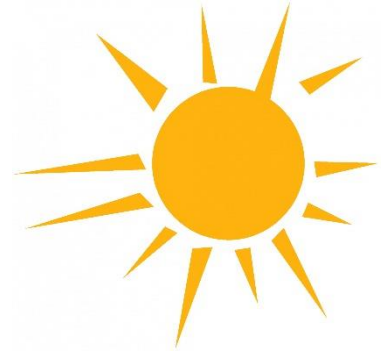


Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want this to be the best summer ever for your child!

What are you looking for in a summer day camp? A place for your child to feel special, succeed and flourish, have fun, make friends, develop memories, and look forward to coming back. A place designed for every child to fit in and be accepted.



In our day camps, your child will experience all this and more! Children will participate in a wide range of activities including: crafts, active games, team building, outdoor exploration, and food preparation.

In order to ensure the best of outcomes, we carefully select our staff - young people who are committed to creating an unforgettable experience for your child. Our staff team is selected for their warmth, maturity, ability, experience, and enthusiasm.

All of our day camps provide a fun, safe, active, inclusive and a positive environment for all children.

Our wish is that at the end of the summer your child will have truly enjoyed their experience.

We look forward to meeting both you and your child! We are excited about the opportunities we have planned for the summer and are confident that our day camp will be both a fun and memorable experience for all our participants.

Sincerely,

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What to bring to camp?

- ✓ Completed participant waiver package
- ✓ Peanut/tree nut free lunch and snacks
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Sunscreen (30 SPF recommended)
- ✓ Proper outdoor attire and running shoes (NO flip flops/crocs/sandals)

What should I leave at home?

- Electronics
- Valuable items

PARTICIPANT WAIVERS

All of our programs require parent/guardians to fill out waiver forms. To save time on the first day of camps, we recommend that the waiver forms to be filled in, signed and ready to hand in on the first day. When filling out the form, please take your time to ensure all sections are read and filled out.

LOST AND FOUND

All participants are responsible for any personal items brought to camp. Staff will put any lost and found items out for display daily. After that, we will hold items for 1 week and then send any unclaimed items to a local charity. Anything remaining after August 30th will be donated.

CAMPERS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The Children's Recreation Staff team strive to provide campers the opportunity to grow, develop, share and have fun in a group with their peers. Sometimes campers can become disruptive or disengaged with the program activities which affects all camper's enjoyment of the program. Further steps will be taken in the event of the following behaviours:

- A. Physical Aggression – i.e. hitting, kicking, etc
- B. Verbal Aggression – i.e. shouting, swearing, threats, etc
- C. Defiant or Uncooperative Behaviour – to the extent of the program disruption
- D. Unusual/Unpredictable Behaviour – i.e. running away from the group, tantrums or constant emotional outbursts, etc

The Children's Recreation Programmer reserves the right to cancel enrolment or send any child home after notification with a parent/guardian.

1. Warning about child's behaviour
2. Meet with parent/guardian and child to create behaviour plan
3. Behaviour plan is created and signed by child and parent/guardian
4. If behaviour continues, then could result in being asked not to return to camp

If Parks, Recreation & Culture deems it necessary to withdraw any child(ren) from the Summer Day Camp or Summer Programs. NO refunds will be provided.

Q: What is the staff to child ratio?

3-5 years old – 1:8
6-12 years old – 1:12

Q: Can my child leave camp to buy lunch?

No, it is important that you can always send your child to camp with a peanut/nut-free lunch. However, on out trip days only, if there is food available at the location of the out trip, staff will permit participants to purchase food.

Q: Can I drop my child off early for camp?

No, we do not have the ability to sign participants in before the designated start time. Staff will open the doors at the program start time. Please ensure you double check the start time of your camp.

Q: Can someone other than a parent or guardian pick up my child?

Yes, but you will need to add the authorized pick up to your child's waiver. For the safety of all participants, the authorized pick up may be asked to produce photo ID.

Q: Is my child(ren) able to sign themselves in and out of camp?

Children ages 10 and over may sign themselves in and out of programs with parent/guardian permission on the participant waiver. See section "Walk Home Authorization".

Q: If my child's camp has an out trip, am I allowed to attend with my child(ren)?

Unfortunately we are not able to have parents/guardians or other relatives attend the out trips with us for any of the camps.

Q: Can I pick up my child(ren) early from camp?

Yes, you are able to pick up your child early from camp. However it is important that you inform our staff when dropping them off so they can let you know where they may be located at the time you are hoping to pick them up as we often go on local out trips around the community such as parks, etc. Signage will be posted on the camp doors to inform parents/guardians of the current camp location.

Please note that pick-ups cannot happen during transition times.

Q: Can my child leave camp for appointments and etc and then return?

Yes, however you will need to sign them out when you pick them up and sign them back in upon return. You will also need to find out where the camp will be located when you are coming back to camp with your child.

Q: Are there forms that I need to fill out for the program?

You will need to fill out a participant package and waiver prior your child's(ren) participation in the program. These forms are located at the front desk of the Leisure Centre prior to the start of camp and a fillable PDF is available online to fill and print out at www.mapleridge.ca/1473.

Q: Why do I have to fill out forms for programs if I have already filled them out before?

We are required to have forms filled out for each program as we do not make copies to transfer to another program.

Q: Will there be volunteers in the programs?

We run a leadership program in the summer for youth ages 13-18 years old and you will see them throughout the summer in our various Children's programs. They are the ones wearing purple shirts.

Q: What happens if I am late picking up my child?

Please be advised that our policy is as follows: our staff will provide you with 2 reminders, upon the third occurrence of late pick-ups, unfortunately we will have to charge you \$1.00 per minute for the late incident as well as future occurrences. Late pick-ups create huge difficulties for staff as well as the children in their care.

For additional information, please refer to our Summer Guide at www.mapleridge.ca/151