

All About Camps

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

All children are required to have a completed [Camper Information Form](#) on the first day of camp. Paper copies will be available.

Please review the following operational practices based on the Ontario Ministry of Health guidelines for day camps. 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 or face covering inside and outside with the exception of eating and drinking. Mask breaks will be scheduled outside where physical distancing is possible.
- Campers will be placed in groups of no more than 10 people.
- If your child is attending with a support person please contact the program supervisor or email staff at recreation@orangeville.ca.
- Staff will be assigned to one camper group only and every effort will be made throughout the day to have the least amount of cross-over possible between camper groups.
- Increased sanitation and cleaning procedures have been implemented to reduce the possibility of transmission.
- If at any time the camp is connected to a positive case of COVID-19, parents/guardians will be informed immediately and the camp location will be closed for a thorough cleaning and consultation with Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

Screening

A daily health screening will be required for campers and the parent/guardian accompanying him/her before the camper is permitted into the facility. Minimally, the following questions will be asked:

1. Are you experiencing a new or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, fever or feeling feverish?
2. Have you had close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?
3. Are you awaiting test results for COVID-19?
4. Have you travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

5. Have you been in contact with someone who is ill and who has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

If your answer to any of these questions is YES, we ask that you do not attend the program until you can provide staff with a doctor's note clearing any COVID-19 related symptoms and/or queries.

Safe Arrival and Dismissal

Children will be dropped off and picked up by their parent/guardian outside at the camp location. We encourage only one parent/guardian (14+ years) to complete all drop-off and pick-up wherever possible. Parents/guardians will not be permitted entry into the recreation centre or camp pavillion.

Drop-off is between 8:00am – 9:00am. Pick-up is between 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Please be respectful of staff and participant's time.

Extended hours are not available for this summer.

Please allow longer time for sign-in

- The sign-in and out process will be outside and physical distancing will be enforced. Campers must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- [Camper Information Form](#) will be collected at this time.
- Emergency information and those authorized to pick-up a camper will be collected at this time.
- Anyone listed as an authorized pick-up person must show government issued identification daily.

Location

Camp is offered at three locations this summer. Please review your Registration Confirmation to ensure you are attending the correct location.

Alder Recreation Centre – 275 Alder Street

Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre – 6 Northmen Way

Island Lake Conservation Area – 673067 Hurontario Street

- Please be advised that the speed limit in the park is 25km/h and is strictly enforced. Check in at the Gatehouse and proceed to the Pavillion at Parking Lot 4.

General Camp Information

Camp programming begins at 9:00am and concludes at 4:00pm. Time outside of these hours is considered supervised "free time" while drop-off and pick-up happens.

Camp age groups are as follows:

- Minis 4-5 years; campers must turn 4 by December 31st of the previous year to register.
- Juniors 6-8 years
- Seniors 9-10 years

- Pre-Teens 10-13 years

Town staff are required to complete a daily self-assessment and will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as required.

Physical distancing of 2 metres will be encouraged, with the exception of staff interventions for behavior management and issuing first aid.

Routine cleaning, disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces and sanitization of all camp spaces will take place periodically throughout the day.

All camper families will receive additional information by email on the Thursday prior to their scheduled week at camp. Please ensure that the email on your RecConnect account is current and checked frequently.

What to Wear and Bring

Each camp day will include cooperative games, songs and outdoor play. Clothing should be comfortable and casual. Please ensure your camper is dressed for the weather (rain or shine). Label all items with your camper's name. Please bring:

- Indoor running shoes
- Clothing appropriate for the weather
- Lunch, two snacks (nut free) and a re-fillable water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen

Please leave all personal items at home. This includes money, toys, electronics, etc. The Town of Orangeville is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items brought to camp.

Camp Readiness

All campers must be program ready. To be program ready, camper must be able to:

- Take direction and instruction from a staff person
- Interact and participate within the camp environment (based on the camper's abilities)
- Interact and participate in a way that is safe for themselves and others
- Attend school successfully

Some camper's may need additional support to help them be successful at camp. Please contact [Dufferin Child & Family Services](#) for more details on how to access additional support and resources.

Camper Code of Conduct

Campers and Staff attending or working at the Town of Orangeville camps are expected to show respect for themselves, their peers, the equipment they use, and the facilities they attend.

It is our intent to keep all Campers and Staff safe and maintain a positive camp environment.

Campers are expected to:

- Respect staff, other campers and equipment
- Include others in activities without bullying or teasing
- Be cooperative and willing to participate in activities (based on the camper's abilities)
- Use appropriate language
- Follow direction and requests from staff (including requests to wear a mask, wash hands, etc.)
- Do not share food and/or drinks with other campers
- Maintain and respect social distancing among campers and staff
- Follow instructions when transitioning between program rooms, outside and washrooms (i.e. follow directional signage and markings)

If required, staff will consult the parent/guardian to develop a plan to ensure the camper's success while at camp.

If the resources (i.e. staff involvement) required to manage a Camper's behaviour at camp exceeds our capacity (level of service we are reasonably able to provide), and the other Campers experience is being significantly impacted, staff reserve the right to dismiss a child from camp.

Please review our [Code of Conduct: Guidelines for Behaviour and Respect at Camp](#) document prior to attending camp.

Medications

The following details outline requirements for children with medication at camp:

- The child must have a completed [Camper Information Form](#), which includes medication details
- Campers should be able to self-administer their medication. Arrangements may be made for staff to assist, on a case-by-case basis. Please contact recreation@orangeville.ca for inquiries.
- Medication must be stored in its original container, labelled with a pharmacist/pharmacy label.
- Only one day's dosage may be brought to camp.
- If a dosage instrument is used (i.e. teaspoon) it must be supplied with the medication and labelled with the child's name.
- If medication has specific storage requirements, please inform staff upon arrival or contact recreation@orangeville.ca

Emergency and Illness

Should it be necessary to contact your child due to an emergency, please call the recreation department at 519-940-9092. We will assist to make whatever arrangements are required (i.e. calling the Camp Counsellor who is directly responsible for the child).

If a camp participant shows symptoms of COVID-19 or illness while at camp, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately to pick up the child. The camp participant will wait in an isolation area with a staff member until they are picked up.

If your child becomes ill with anything other than COVID-19, regular communicable disease standards 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. Help prevent the spread of illness to other campers and staff.

Allergies

We are committed to providing an "allergy-aware" environment. Camp staff have received training to administer an epinephrine auto-injector (Epi-Pen) in an emergency situation. If your child has a potentially life threatening allergy, please inform staff.

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. Requests may be considered for staff to carry one (1) of the injectors.
- A completed [Camper Information Form](#), which includes allergy details.

Staff Qualifications & Training

Staff are selected for their experience and enthusiasm as it pertains to summer camp. Staff participate in 40 hours of pre-season training that includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Program planning and implementation
- COVID-19 safety precautions and procedures
- General camp health & safety
- Participant supervision
- Volunteer management, etc.

Staff are certified in the following areas:

- Standard First Aid with CPR-C
- HIGH FIVE Principles of Healthy Child Development
- Safe Guard: a supervision training for guardians who accompany groups of young people to pools or waterfront