



Camper Information Packet

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DROP OFF:

How to get here: Turn off the highway at the sign marked Turtleback Ridge (look for the Wild Acres Camp sign as well). Follow the road up the hill and over the speed bump (PAST Turtleback Ridge and PAST Hawkbill Road), you will come to a tall old wall on your right with white lattice on the top. The walking entrance to Camp is the very next sharp right (look for the Wild Acres Sign), BUT you must drive PAST the entrance and park shortly after on either side of the road in the grassy area OFF of the road! (marked on the map with yellow highlight). Please then walk your camper to the sign in gate (following the yellow path on the map).

All Campers **MUST** be signed in by a parent or guardian in person each day. Please make a quick drop off at the gate part of your routine, this is better for the campers and an easier transition into the camp day.

For the safety of all campers only vetted adults will be attending camp. Parents are not permitted to be within camp premises without prior permission and escorted by the camp director. If you wish to visit camp at any point please make an appointment with Jenn. We will not be able to facilitate parents 'hanging out' at camp as this distracts the campers and detracts from all the wonderful things we have planned.

DROP OFF TIME IS 8:00AM - Early drop off begins at 7:30 and incurs an additional charge (see extended day camp fees below)

A leader will be on hand from 7:30am till 8:30 am at the sign in gate. If you are dropping off later than this please phone the camp director at 246 253 7485 once you are at the sign in gate. Parents are not permitted to enter camp un escorted, this is to protect our campers.

from Main
Road
(Hwy 2A)



PICK UP:

Pick up is the reverse of sign in: Campers will be in the free play garden near the sign in gate. parents are to park in the designated parking area (yellow on the map) and walk in to collect their campers. Parents will wait at the gate while we call campers by name and bring them out to meet you. Every effort is made to make this a quick pick up, with their items ready to go, but camp is a bit too fun at times, and getting campers to drop what they are doing goes against our ethos. Please plan time into your arrival window for an unrushed handover.

PICK UP TIME is a WINDOW Between 2:30pm and 3pm.

A leader will be on hand at the sign in gate for **pick up from 2:30-3pm daily**. If you are later than 3pm your camper will automatically go into the extended day camp programme and incur a charge. (see note on extended day camp fees below).

If you need to have a conversation with the camp director please arrive with ample time before 3pm. **Lost and found is displayed daily at the camp gate.**

If someone **OTHER THAN YOUR DESIGNATED** pick up names in your Camper Information Form are picking up, Please phone the camp director and be ready to give the persons ID / License plate number which will need to be shown at pick up, in addition to your camper identifying the person.

EVERY ITEM must have your CHILD'S NAME!

WHAT TO PACK:

Campers will move from area to area carrying their backpacks with them at times. This ensures that as a snack or change of clothes, is needed their things are on hand. Campers work on keeping their own things organized (with some guidance and prompting). Independence is strongly emphasized, please plan very carefully for your camper, have every item named and allow campers to pack the items in themselves so that they know what they look like! Bags do not need anything extra to make them heavy or disorganized. A back pack, with a water bottle holder side pocket, and separate lunch box is recommended. NB: water bottles go everywhere with the campers even if backpacks don't.

All campers must have a back pack with the following items **CLEARLY MARKED** with their **FULL NAME**

- ☒ Towel
- ☒ Water bottle
- ☒ Swim suit **IN** a waterproof (ziplock or other) bag
- ☒ Full change of clothes including underwear - packed **IN** a waterproof (ziplock or other) bag.
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Hat

What to wear:

We have some awesome **CAMP SHIRTS** available for order on our website at a cost of \$35 each. Campers are **NOT** required to wear a camp shirt every day. 2023/4 shirts designs are more than welcome. See the website for more info on the benefits of a camp shirt.

Other than a camp shirt we just suggest **NOT** wearing your favourite outfits! This is camp, we will be gluing, climbing, sitting in the grass, painting, sweating and getting a little dirt on us! **Send your campers in something cool and comfortable that you don't mind them getting messy in.** (We suggest older shirts and sport shorts). Please **NO** tank tops as the sun is a big factor. Coming dressed in your swim gear for the start of the day is a great idea.

Note on Swimsuits:

On very hot days we try to give campers extra water play sessions (sprinkler etc), having an extra swim suit is helpful. While swimming, water and sunscreen don't mix well no matter the brand. We will not be able to reapply sunscreen to wet campers to enable them to continue the activity. Sending a **rash guard, swim t-shirt or long sleeve swim suit is preferred.** Wet swimsuits and towels will be packed back inside of the backpacks to go home. Please send an appropriately sized water proof bag inside of the backpack to make sure that the wet suits are well contained. Goggles and swim caps with **NAMES** marked are welcome but not required

Note on Shoes:

We will be outside, running, hiking, playing games, please send your camper in shoes that they feel comfortable in. We know there are so many things to gain by being barefoot, but we need you to expressly give us permission to allow your camper to be barefoot at camp.

Appropriate shoes are: crocs, sport sandals, sneakers. Sandals and slippers are okay but may prevent your camper from partaking in games such as soccer, so be mindful. For little ones, please send shoes they can put on themselves, with velcro etc. **Rain boots and rain coats are welcome on sloshy days.**

Note on Sunscreen:

Campers are to bring their own, sunscreen **CLEARLY MARKED** with their full name each day. Please arrive at camp with sunscreen **ON!** Leaders will assist with applying sunscreen several times throughout the day. Campers will be encouraged to be as independent as possible and to assist each other in a supervised manner. If you forget sunscreen we will have a gentle sunscreen on hand and will request permission to use it. Campers refusing sunscreen will need to have a full covering outfit and hat for the day. we have a **No Suncare No Play** policy.

Note on Lunches and Water bottles:

We will be role modelling a Low Waste Camp: please be mindful of packages, disposable plastics and other discardable items sent for lunch. Please send water bottles which are refillable, pack healthy lunches, and ample snacks which are **NUT FREE.** We cannot heat or refrigerate lunches/ beverages. Campers will be more active than during a regular school day... send extra snacks. Please supply all cutlery needed, and **CLEARLY MARK** each container with your campers **FULL NAME.** Any compostable items brought for lunch will be composted on site by our campers.

WHAT NOT TO PACK:

Toys, Electronics of any sort, Nuts, Favourite Items, Umbrellas, Books, Sweaters, Medications, Money

We do not take responsibility for lost toys brought to camp. These distract campers from the day and inevitably cause ownership issues.

First aid, Sickness and Medications:

We have qualified leaders who are certified in First Aid and CPR should any major emergency arise.

We are a fun outdoor camp, we will be playing and running and having a great time, along with this comes a few bumps and bruises which are a rite of passage for all kids, especially in the summer! It's proof they've tried new things, developed new skills and learnt some lessons. All minor bumps and bruises will be attended to with a combination of any of the necessary ice pack, antiseptic, polysporin antibiotic cream and bandaids. For all bumps and bruises that involve tears or require any of those fancy medical things just mentioned, parents will receive a phone call / whatsapp to let them know what happened. If your camper arrives home with an unexplained scratch or bruise you can be sure that it was insignificant enough that there were no tears or attention required by first aid staff (ie: your camper kept playing or jumped straight up and didn't cry).

If your camper develops any of the following we will call and require them to be picked up from camp immediately: **Fever, thick mucus from the nose, vomiting, diarrhoea, rash, uncontrolled bleeding.** Campers who develop these symptoms or who are otherwise feeling too unwell to be at camp will be isolated from other campers and allowed to lay down in our dedicated sick area until pick up is possible.

Any medications which campers need to routinely take should be handed to a leader at drop off and accompanied by a doctors note including the campers name and dosage requirements. All emergency lifesaving medications should be accompanied by the campers list of usual symptoms and triggers.

(DO NOT send any medication, inhalers or epi-pens in backpacks!)

We will not give campers over the counter medications while at camp without express permission from parents in extreme circumstances.

Extended Day Camp:

Before Care drop off from 7:30 am is available for a limited number of campers - please contact us to discuss your camper attending the before hours care as this is NOT offered on a drop in basis. (We need to ensure we have enough staff on hand to supervise campers as well as the gate, dropping in early causes unnecessary supervision issues).

Aftercare will be offered each camp day on a weekly registered and drop in basis, this runs from 3pm till 5pm. Full weeks must be booked BEFORE each week begins. ie: let us know by the Sunday proceeding each week if your camper will be attending aftercare. Pick up from aftercare can occur anytime between 3 and 5pm, however later than 5pm will incur a \$15 charge for each additional half hour or part there of. Drop in aftercare is available on a day by day basis, however we cannot guarantee there will be space if you book the day of. For parents running late for regular pick up, your campers will automatically go into aftercare at 3pm and the \$15 charge is payable at pick up.

Full extended day Cost: \$25 per camper per day. (this covers you from 7:30-5pm) OR \$100 for the full week prebooked.

for early drop off only 7:30am \$10 per day OR \$45 for the full week prebooked

for aftercare only 3-5pm \$20 per camper per day OR \$80 for the full week prebooked.

After Camp Lessons:

Both swimming and academic lessons (maths, language and reading) are available to be booked after camp. If anyone is interested in these please let us know, they will be booked directly with the lesson providers and paid directly to the provider as well. On days your camper is attending an after camp lesson they will be 'signed out' from camp to the lesson provider, you will pick up directly from them at the arranged lesson completion time. Swimming lessons and Academic lesson providers will walk campers to the sign in gate for pick up at the same spot as usual. Please contact us for more information on lessons available each session.