

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.

Safe Arrival and Dismissal

Children must be dropped off by a parent or guardian (14+ years) daily.

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.

- [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.
- Campers will only be released to those listed as an authorized pick-up person on the Camper Information Form.

Government issued identification is required for pick-up daily.

Locations

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
- Juniors 6-8 years
- Seniors 9-10 years
- Pre-Teens 10-13 years

All camper families will receive additional information by email 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
- Swimming clothes and towel (if applicable)

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.

Swimming

All Junior, Senior and Pre-teen campers will swim throughout their camp week. As the Tony Rose pool is closed, campers will swim at the Alder pools. You will receive a schedule, including swim times, prior to attending camp.

Campers must pass the facility swim test (one test per week) to swim without a lifejacket.

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
- Feed, toilet and change themselves
- Attend school successfully

Some camper's may need additional support to help them be successful at camp. Please contact the camp team at camps@orangeville.ca 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
- Do not share food and/or drinks with other campers
- Follow instructions when transitioning between program rooms, outside and washrooms

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 camps@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 illness while at camp, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child.

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
- 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