



# HELLO PARENTS & GUARDIANS! WELCOME TO SUMMER CAMP 2021

Thank you for your interest in an exciting experience for your child this summer.

We are confident your child(ren) will enjoy themselves tremendously as they participate in a variety of creative, fun, active and exciting games, songs, sports, arts, drama, outdoor challenges, visits from special guests, swimming and so much more.

We hope you will partner with us this summer to provide the most positive experience for you and your camper. As a start, this Welcome Guide will answer many questions concerning your child's upcoming summer day camp experience.

Should you have any questions please email us at [camp@newtecumseth.ca](mailto:camp@newtecumseth.ca), or contact Customer Service at 705-435-3900 ext.1500/1621

## PROGRAM GOALS

The Town of New Tecumseth is committed to providing a positive, engaging recreation experience for all participants. To achieve this goal, we expect campers to:

- Show respect and consideration for staff and fellow campers
- Be cooperative and participate in camp activities
- Respect camp rules, the facility and program equipment
- Our camp staff will work with campers on the first day of camp to encourage their input in writing and reinforcing the camp rules and expectations.

## STAFF

- Our summer camp staff are carefully selected based on their past experiences, skills, enthusiasm and the ability to work with children.
- All our staff must attend mandatory training on topics such as leadership, motivation, teamwork, parent feedback, policies and procedures, as well as specifics about camp programs and management expectations.
- All our staff are certified in First Aid and CPR, as well as HIGH FIVE Principles of Healthy Child Development.

## SUPERVISION

We want you to know that your child is in a caring and safe environment. We guarantee the safe supervision of your child by monitoring and maintaining staff to child ratios for the appropriate age group and by completing head counts throughout the day, from one transition to the next.

## AGES

Children must be the minimum age required on the start date of the camp program. Age requirements are specific and indicated in the program description.

5 years - 11 years unless otherwise specified

*For exceptions please contact [camp@newtecumseth.ca](mailto:camp@newtecumseth.ca)*

## WAITLISTS

Waitlists Work! Camp staff review waitlists on a weekly basis and do our very best to accommodate as many campers as possible, while still maintaining the integrity and safety of the program. We encourage you to use our waitlist system!

## CAMP LOCATIONS

Museum on the Boyne (MOTB)  
New Tecumseth Recreation Centre (NTRC)  
Tottenham Community & Fitness Centre (TCFC)

## WEATHER

All camp locations have both an indoor facility and nearby outdoor play spaces. Campers will spend time throughout their day outside. In the event of inclement weather, program plans will be adjusted to ensure the safety and comfort of all campers. Outdoor activities will be relocated to a nearby indoor location.

## FULL DAY CAMP – DATES, FEES, HOURS & EXTENDED CARE OPTIONS

Camps are offered from July 5 to September 3, 2021 and are location specific.

\*Camps will not operate on Monday August 2, 2021 (Civic Holiday)

- Camps operate Monday – Friday
- Camp Fees are indicated online through our registration portal or on the town website, in the “**Day Camp**” section of the Parks, Recreation and Culture tab.
- Campers may not arrive earlier than 9:00am and must be picked up promptly at 4:00pm.
- Parents/Guardians requiring morning Extended Care may drop off their child(ren) between 7:30am - 9:00am.
- Campers must be picked up between 4:00pm - 5:30pm during afternoon Extended Care.
- Aqua Adventures – swim campers are to arrive at 8:45am at the Alliston Rotary Pool and are to be picked up from the Museum at 4:00pm
- Extended Care is not available at the Aqua Adventures – Swim camp being held at the Museum on the Boyne.

## SCHEDULES & ABSENTEEISM

If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please send a note to the Camp Staff and/or contact your local recreation centre at 705-435-3900 ext. 1500/1621 prior to 9:00am.

*Camp Staff will be calling home daily to confirm absenteeism.*

## LATE PICK-UP PROCEDURE

Campers must be picked up by 4:00pm or 5:30pm (if in EDC) at their camp location. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$5.50 per participant for every 15 minutes according to our clock and sign out sheets.

If for any reason you are running late please notify your local recreation centre at 705-435-3900 ext.1500/1621, indicating your child's name and their specific camp location/program. This information will be passed along to the Camp Staff.

## CAMPER PICK UP, DROP OFF AND SAFE ARRIVAL

- Each child is required have a completed **QUESTIONNAIRE – CAMPS** on their family account prior to attending camp. The questionnaire will be available during your online registration or Customer Service staff will review the questions when registering in person or over the phone.
- Children 9 years and under **MUST** always have adult supervision during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.
- Please ensure that regular chaperons and emergency contacts are indicated with your registration. Only those listed will be permitted to pick up your child(ren) and will be required to show proper identification upon pickup (i.e. driver's license). Campers are **NOT** allowed to leave the program without informed consent from a parent or guardian.

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Once your camper is registered, you will receive a camp newsletter, prior to the camp start date you have registered your child for, detailing the weekly schedule, daily routine and general camp guidelines.

*Please ensure we have your correct email address on file for all camp related information.*

- A different newsletter will be sent out for each camp, each week. The newsletter provides valuable information about your child's time with us, including the **THEME** details and any extra items to bring on a specific day.
- Theme details will be incorporated into a craft, special guest, game or activity.
- Camp Groups will follow a program plan created by Senior Camp Staff allowing for a consistent daily routine, scheduled guest visits and rotation within our facilities and around other user groups.

*Please review the camp details and expectations for a successful week with your child.*

## SWIMMING/SWIM TESTS

Unfortunately, our campers will not be visiting the Alliston Rotary Pool during the week this summer. We hope to resume this portion of our program planning next year.

- Public Swimming options and private swim lesson details are listed on the "**Swimming**" page on the town's website.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please ensure that all medical concerns and/or special care requirements are documented during your camp registration; if you have not done so, please contact your local recreation centre to update your family's account.

- Should your child require medication, use of an asthma inhaler or Epinephrine while at camp, additional medical forms will need to be completed and can be done on the first day of camp.

## SAFETY MEASURES – WHAT TO EXPECT

- Mandatory daily screening
- Physical distancing requirements
- Lower camper to leader ratios
- Campers will be divided into separate cohorts
- Designated camp rooms for each cohort with space for personal items
- Designated hand washing times and locations
- Dedicated supplies for each cohort and camper
- Frequent sanitization of high touch points and equipment
- Designated sign in/out locations
- Use of personal protection equipment by staff
- Increased outdoor programming (weather permitting)

## ILLNESS PROTOCOL

- If your child becomes ill during camp hours, a parent/guardian will be notified immediately to pick up your child.
- For the safety of all campers in the program, if your child has a communicable disease (i.e. pink eye, chicken pox, infection, etc.) and any COVID -19 symptoms, please refrain from bringing your child to camp until they are no longer contagious.

## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP?

Prior to the camp start date you have registered for, an email will be sent with the weekly camp newsletter attached.

To enhance your camper's experience, please remember to bring the following items with your child each day and clearly mark your child's name on the items sent.

- Well-fitting masks (e.g. non-medical), unless otherwise exempt.
- Hat and sunscreen (apply at home and pack in bag)
- Morning & Afternoon snack
- Lunch (no nuts please)
- Refillable water bottle
- Bathing suit, towel, water shoes(optional) – as required
- Closed toe/heel shoes – Open toe sandals and crocs are not appropriate for camp activities.
- Weather appropriate clothing for outdoor activities.
- Extra set of clothing and face masks – in a separate small bag, within your backpack.
- Any prescription medication that might be needed during the day in the original container.

Campers should wear comfortable clothing that is weather and activity appropriate. Camp is active, being able to run, jump and play allows for a much more successful day. Dress in layers as our indoor locations may be cooler than the warm temperatures outside.

- Please discuss with your child(ren) the importance of caring for and keeping track of their belongings, as The Town of New Tecumseth is not responsible for lost, missing or stolen items.

- Please label your campers clothing and personal items so that lost items can be identified. Campers are advised not to bring valuables to camp.

## WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME?

Camp is a time to make friends and have fun! To avoid distractions and lost items, please leave all valuables, electronics and toys at home. If these items are present, they must remain in the camper's backpack while at camp.

- Please be aware that each camp location and facility has its own LOST and FOUND box. Lost and found items are kept for one week and then donated.

## SNACKS AND LUNCHES

- Please remember to pack lunches and snacks that will not spoil. Two (2) or more drinks are advisable, preferably in a refillable container as campers will be outdoors and active throughout their day.
- Please be sensitive to those campers with life threatening food allergies. All camps are "NUT AWARE". We ask that you do not send products containing nuts or that may contain nuts listed on the labels. Strict guidelines will be followed to ensure all campers are safe.

- Please remind your child(ren) that they are not to share any food with the other campers.

## CAMPER CONDUCT WHILE ATTENDING CAMP

Camp staff strives to maintain an atmosphere of mutual caring, respect, and understanding throughout the summer. Proper participation and conduct by your child is expected and includes the following rules:

- Respect other's feelings and property
- Cooperate with each other
- Listen to your group leaders
- Stay with your group
- No fighting, yelling, hitting or cursing
- Tell a group leader if someone/something is bothering or upsetting you
- Clean up after yourself
- Come to camp with the right attitude

*Please discuss and reinforce these behavioral expectations with your child.*

## **BEHAVIOUR GUIDELINES**

• The Recreation and Culture Department recognizes the responsibility of staff to deal with disruptive behaviour of participants. These guidelines apply to children and youth participating in all recreation programs, including summer camps.

- Staff will use approaches that are positive, supportive, consistent, proactive and based on logical consequences.
- Disruptive behaviour will be handled in a fair and consistent manner using progressive behaviour management strategies.
- Please inform us of any family or behavioural concerns. Staff will make every effort to accommodate participant needs; however, The Town of New Tecumseth reserves the right to withdraw your child from camp should their behaviour jeopardize the physical safety and security of themselves, participants, staff or property.

- Communication will be provided to all parents/guardians should a situation arise.

## **PARENT CONDUCT**

Our staff seek to provide an excellent experience for your child during their time at camp. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed, feel free to discuss this with the staff in a manner that is appropriate and respectful.

Our aim is to exceed your expectations with the programs and instruction we offer. If you have any concerns, please feel free to speak with the Camp Staff on site or contact them at [camp@newtecumseth.ca](mailto:camp@newtecumseth.ca)

## **INCLUSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Campers of all abilities and/or special needs are welcome to participate in our summer camp programs. We are committed to providing positive accessible and inclusive experiences and recognize that some individuals require additional support in order to successfully participate.

Participants will require one-to-one (1:1) support to participate in camp if they:

- Require additional support at school, in the home, or in the community with basic needs such as dressing, toileting or feeding.
- Tend to exhibit aggressive behaviours.
- Do not understand danger.
- Have a physical, developmental and/or learning disability that affects their communication, mobility, comprehension and/or socialization.

*For more information regarding support staff or inclusion opportunities please contact the Day Camp Co-ordinator.*