

# YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP



## FIELD GUIDE 2026

Registration  
Opens Online:  
**MONDAY,  
MARCH 23RD  
8:00AM**

# Welcome to Camp!

Meeting new friends, learning new skills, and enjoying fun-filled days in a caring, supervised environment is what YMCA Day Camps is all about! We are committed to giving your child the support, care and fun that they deserve.



**Registration link:**  
[ymcahbb.campbrainregistration.com](http://ymcahbb.campbrainregistration.com)



**Website:**  
[YMCAHBBDayCamps.ca](http://YMCAHBBDayCamps.ca)



**Email:**  
[ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca)

## YMCA Core Values

The YMCA is committed to helping children grow by teaching and reinforcing:

**CARING  
HONESTY  
INCLUSION  
RESPECT  
RESPONSIBILITY**

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## YMCA Healthy Child Development

The YMCA believes in every child's potential to shine. Day Camp Staff are trained in YMCA Canada's nationally recognized YMCA Healthy Child Development curriculum.

The principles of the Healthy Child Development focus on the "Y Way of Working with Children" including the impact of YMCA core values, creating developmentally appropriate programs and activities, and the importance of relationship building.

Healthy Child Development is a cornerstone of the YMCA Day program, and helps campers and staff feel included, build developmental assets, and feel supported to reach their full potential.



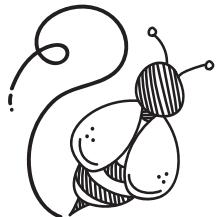
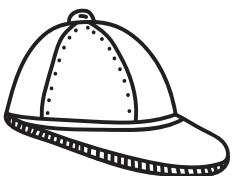
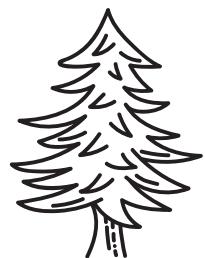
**Our son had an amazing first experience at camp and is already excited to return next year! The counselors were friendly, fun, and professional. We truly appreciated their enthusiasm. It was an amazing experience with great social opportunities, giving kids and teens the chance to just be themselves. You do a fantastic job creating memories that last a lifetime!**

Parent

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# Dear Families...

## Shine On at YMCA Summer Day Camps

At the YMCA, our greatest strength is our people. Our camp staff, including supervisors and counsellors, are university, college, and high school students who bring energy, enthusiasm, and a genuine commitment to helping your child with experience that will be cherished for years. Many of our team members are former YMCA campers themselves!

At camp, our staff and campers model the YMCA values of Caring, Honesty, Inclusion, Respect, and Responsibility. These values shape the way we welcome every child, build community, and create spaces where all campers feel safe to explore, try new things, and ignite the spark that makes them shine.

Every staff member receives training that builds strong leadership and program-planning skills, ensuring our summer experiences are safe, engaging, and developmentally supportive. Many of our counsellors and support staff return year after year, creating a consistent, caring environment where children feel welcomed, included, and ready to thrive.

All staff are certified in Standard First Aid and CPR-C, trained in administering EpiPens, and prepared to respond to emergencies. They also receive training in YMCA behaviour management strategies, programming fundamentals, and YMCA Canada's Healthy Child Development Curriculum.



**“Every day at camp brings something new and exciting. Watching kids try something new, and see such growth is such a fulfilling moment to be a part of”**

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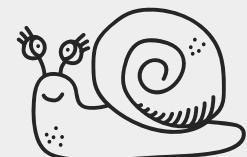
YMCA Day Camp Staff  
Three Years at Camp

YMCA Hamilton | Burlington | Brantford is committed to fostering an inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible environment. We proudly welcome staff from all communities, including, but not limited to, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+, BIPOC, and those of all abilities.

Your child's joy, safety, and sense of belonging are at the heart of everything we do. We can't wait to see them shine on this summer.

See you at camp!

**AJ Phillips,**  
Manager, YMCA Day Camps



# Planning Your Summer – Selecting the Right Camp

All YMCA Day Camps include outdoor play, and campers participate in a wide variety of active games, quiet games, and traditional camp activities. Selecting the camp that interests your child is essential to ensuring an enjoyable experience at YMCA Day Camps.

The YMCA offers two types of camps:

- **Community Camps**
- **Outdoor Day Camps** (Christie Lake Conservation Area)

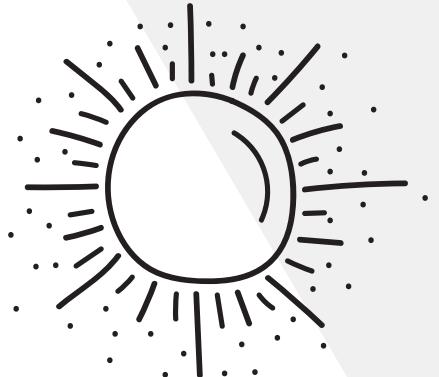
Community Camp programming is offered indoors and outdoors. Outdoor Camp is offered entirely outdoors.

## Swimming

Outdoor camps at Christie Lake Conservation Area swim at a YMCA lifeguard-supervised waterfront. Community Camps swim at local YMCAs and community pools.

## Christie Lake Conservation Area

Christie Lake Conservation Area is an outdoor camp with covered pavilions available. During inclement weather, children will participate in low-activity games under the pavilions. There is no indoor option at Christie Lake Conservation Area. Please send warmer clothes for these days. Use of Christie Lake Conservation Area's beachfront is dependent on clear water tests from the Ministry of Health. Christie Lake Conservation Area is a fully outdoor environment and campers spend time in forested areas. Please send your child with appropriate clothing or bug spray to avoid mosquito bites. Refunds will not be given for inclement weather, matters of environmental surroundings, or waterfront closure.



## Camp Hours and Session Length

All our camps run from **9am to 4pm**, Monday to Friday. Each session is one week in length. If you need care outside these hours, **Extended Care** is available at select locations. Please visit our Extended Care on page 15).

## Age Requirement

To ensure developmentally appropriate activities and programming, children must meet the age requirement before the camp session begins.





# Camp Locations and Sessions

## Hours of Operation

### All Day Camps:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

If your child is taking a bus to Camp Chippewa, please see the bussing schedules (page 17 & 18) for drop-off and pick-up times.

**Need a longer camp day?** Extended care is available at select locations for an additional fee (see page 15 for details)

**PLEASE NOTE:** All day camp and extended care locations will be closed on Statutory Holidays:

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

**Monday, August 3, 2026**

### Christie Lake Conservation Area:

1000 Hwy 5, Dundas

Campers are bussed to Christie Lake from Hamilton, Burlington, and Brantford at no extra charge or can be dropped off at 9:00 am and picked up at 4:00 pm at the YMCA Camp Office at the Lakeside Pavilion at Christie Lake Conservation Area.

### Burlington Community Camp:\*

Tansley Woods Community Centre - 1996 Itabashi Way

### Brantford Community Camp:\*

Laurier Brantford YMCA - 100 Water Street

### Hamilton Community Camp:\*

Queen Victoria Elementary School - 166 Forest Avenue

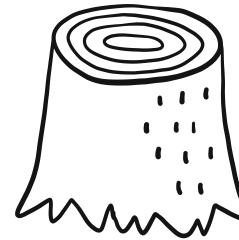
\*Community Camps do not offer bussing. All campers must be dropped off and picked up from their chosen camp location.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Locations are subject to change on availability.

Subsidies are available to support access to camp for children. Please see page 22 for more information.

SESSIONS	JUNE/JULY				
Session 1**	Jun 29	30	1	2	3
Session 2	6	7	8	9	10
Session 3	13	14	15	16	17
Session 4	20	21	22	23	24
Session 5	27	28	29	30	31
SESSIONS	AUGUST				
Session 6**	3	4	5	6	7
Session 7	10	11	12	13	14
Session 8	17	18	19	20	21
Session 9	24	25	26	27	28

\*\*Indicates a 4 day week due to holidays.



# Day Camp Overview

## Outdoor Camps

AT CHRISTIE LAKE CONSERVATION AREA			BUSSING AVAILABLE FROM LOCATIONS IN HAMILTON, BURLINGTON AND BRANTFORD	
Camp Name	Ages	Sessions Available	Fees (Week 1 and 6)	Fees (2-5, 7-9)
Chippewa General	6-13 yrs	Weeks 1-9	\$227	\$284
Eco- Explorers	8-13 yrs	Weeks 1-9	\$240	\$300
Paddle Skills	8-13 yrs	Weeks 1-9	\$248	\$310

## Leadership Camps

Camp Name	Ages	Sessions Available	Fees
LIT 1	14 and 15 yrs*	Weeks 1-2, 6-7	\$290
LIT 2	14 and 15 yrs	Weeks 3-4, 8-9	\$290

\*Campers can turn 14 in calendar year

## Community Camps

CHOOSE FROM 3 CAMP STREAMS: ART SPARK, KIDVENTURE, AND ACTIVE KIDS

Location	Ages	Sessions Available	Fees (Week 1 and 6)	Fees (2-5, 7-9)
Queen Victoria Elementary School*	6-12 yrs	Weeks 1-8	\$223	\$278
Tansley Woods Community Centre	6-12 yrs	Weeks 1-9	\$241	\$301
Laurier Brantford YMCA	6-12 yrs	Weeks 1-9	\$227	\$281

\*All Queen Victoria Camps run 8 weeks (no camp Aug 24-28)

## Helping Hands 1:1 Day Camp Inclusion Program

Camp Name	Ages	Sessions Available	Fees (Week 1 and 6)	Fees (2-5, 7-9)
All Camp Programs/Locations (Please see page 13 for more details.)	6- 15 years	Available all weeks- limit 2 weeks per camper	\$371	\$464

# Camp Chippewa – Christie Lake Conservation Area

Campers will be organized into developmentally appropriate age sections as follows:

- **Juniors Section:** Ages 6–7 years
- **Intermediates Section:** Ages 8–9 years
- **Seniors Section:** Ages 10–13 years

Our traditional camp activities will be thoughtfully tailored to suit each developmental age group, ensuring that every camper enjoys a fun and engaging experience.

- **Session 1, 6 (short weeks): \$227**
- **Session 2-5, 7-9: \$284**



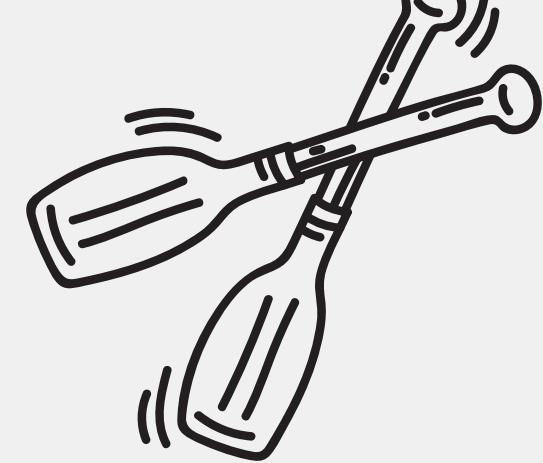
Staff to Campers Ratio: 1:10

## Juniors Section: Ages 6-7 years

Get ready for a week full of exploration, creativity, and fun tailored specifically for our youngest adventurers! This section is designed to introduce 6–7-year-olds to the wonders of nature and teamwork through engaging, age-appropriate activities. Campers will participate in guided hikes, creative activities, team games, and beginner skills in archery and canoeing, with a strong focus on safety and fun.

## Intermediates Section: Ages 8-9 years

Get ready to expand your outdoor skills and embrace exciting new challenges. This section is designed for campers to level up their outdoor skills. Campers will participate in a wide variety of activities designed to deepen their love for the outdoors and build confidence in their abilities.



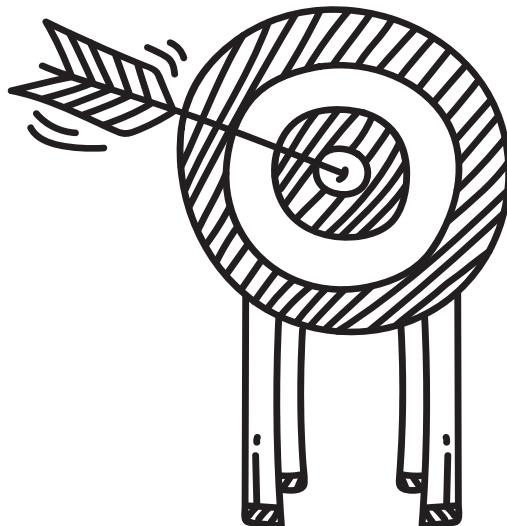
## Seniors Section: Ages 10-13 years

This section offers exciting opportunities for campers to develop leadership skills, foster independence, and tackle outdoor challenges. Campers will explore longer and more challenging trails throughout Christie Lake Conservation Area and learn navigation basics. They will have the opportunity to further develop their archery knowledge, focus on precision and technique, explore Christie Lake by canoe, and practice teamwork and paddle skills.



# Camp Chippewa – Christie Lake Conservation Area

## ACTIVITIES



### Swimming

Safe and fun water games will be provided for all who attend camp. All campers in the Junior section (campers ages 6-7 years old) must wear a lifejacket. Everyone will be tested to determine swimming capabilities before doing any water-based activities. Campers must pass a swim test to enter the deeper area.



### Field Games/Initiatives

These activities blend traditional and wacky games using a team approach.



### Hiking

Throughout the week, children will have opportunities as a group to explore hiking trails and boardwalks through the southern Ontario Wetlands, which are some of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world.



### Arts and Crafts

Campers will have the opportunity to work individually and in groups, using many different mediums to explore their creative and artistic side. Take-home crafts include friendship bracelets and working with natural and foraged materials.



### Archery and Sports

Campers will learn the proper use of a bow and arrow. Each participant will be assisted by staff and taught the parts, proper use of the equipment, and the safety procedures. Campers must adhere to all safety regulations in order to participate in this program.



### Canoeing

During the week, campers will have the opportunity to go canoeing (weather permitting) and learn the basics of paddling and canoe safety. While canoeing, all participants must wear a life jacket and adhere to all safety regulations.

# Specialty Camps – Christie Lake Conservation Area

Transportation  
Included



**Bussing:** Routes available from Hamilton, Burlington, and Brantford. See page 17 & 18.

YMCA Specialty Camps learn about the environment around them, and participate in a wide variety of activities focusing on nature education, science, and wilderness exploration.

Specialty Camps offer a Camper's Choice Block on Wednesday mornings, where campers select one of five activity blocks to join including:

- Paddle Sports (Canoe/Kayak)
- Swimming
- Sports and Archery
- Shore to Shore Hike
- Creative Crafts

Each Camper's Choice Block has a limited amount of space. Campers will choose their top three activity preferences and every effort will be made to give a camper their first choice.

Eco-Explorers	Paddle Skills
Ages 8-13*	Ages 8-13*
Sessions 1,6 (short weeks): \$240	Sessions 1,6 (short weeks): \$248
Sessions 2-5, 7-9: \$300	Sessions 2-5, 7-9: \$310

Staff to Camper Ratio : 1: 10

\*Campers will be grouped by age.



## Eco-Explorers

Campers will learn about their environment and the world around them through exciting activities and wilderness games. Activities will focus on nature education, leave no trace principles, and a variety of different wilderness survival techniques. Eco-Explorers campers will enjoy a full camp program including archery, arts and crafts, and canoeing!



## Paddle Skills

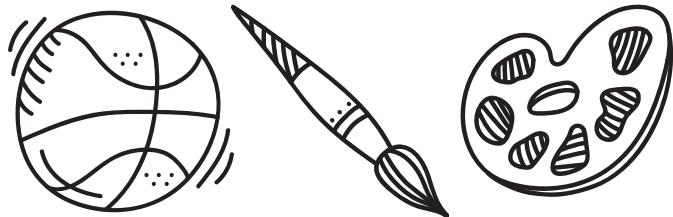
Perfect for new and experienced paddlers! Campers will learn the fundamentals of both canoeing and kayaking, including essential techniques like backpaddling, the draw stroke, the J stroke, proper paddle grip, and kayak control. The counsellors emphasize safety and skill development while making the experience fun and engaging.

In addition to time on the water, campers will enjoy traditional camp activities like swimming, arts and crafts, and archery. Life jackets are mandatory for all water activities to ensure safety. At the end of the week, campers will receive a skill assessment to celebrate their progress.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Campers will spend time in boats every day. If unforeseen weather conditions arise, makeup sessions will be scheduled as weather permits.

**Heads up, campers!** To make sure you get the most out of our specialty activities and boating, you'll be swimming three times a week. Plus, you'll have opportunity swim during Camper's Choice Blocks on Wednesday mornings.





Hamilton	Burlington	Brantford
Queen Victoria Public School (166 Forest Ave)	Tansley Woods Community Centre (1996 Itabashi Way)	Laurier Brantford YMCA (100 Water St)
Ages 6-12*	Ages 6-12*	Ages 6-12*
Sessions 1-8**	Sessions 1-9	Sessions 1-9
Sessions 1, 6 (short weeks) Fee: \$223	Sessions 1, 6 (short weeks) Fee: \$241	Sessions 1, 6 (short weeks) Fee: \$227
Sessions 2-5, 7-8 Fee: \$278	Sessions 2-5, 7-9 Fee: \$301	Sessions 2-5, 7-9 Fee: \$281
Swimming: Camps swim once a week	Swimming: Camp swims every day, with the waterslide on Fridays!	Swimming: Campers swim 4x per week  Outdoor Trips: Campers will attend Brant Park 2x/session

Staff to Camper Ratio : 1: 10

\*Campers will be grouped by age.

\*\*Session 9 is unavailable at Queen Victoria Public School

# Community Camps

This summer, campers aged 6–12 can choose from three exciting streams: **Art Spark**, **KidVenture**, and **Active Kids**. Each day includes four activity blocks, with two focused on the camper's chosen stream and the rest dedicated to traditional day camp favorites like active games, sports, arts and crafts, swimming, and outdoor play. Campers will be divided into developmentally appropriate camper groups.



## Art Spark

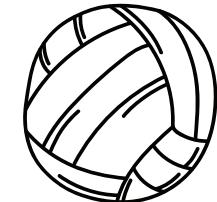
**Unleash your creativity this summer with Art Spark!** Our camp offers an exciting mix of artistic activities, including painting, sculpting, making friendship bracelets, and much more. Campers will collaborate on a unique art project each week. Whether you're a budding artist or just looking for a fun way to express yourself, Art Spark is the perfect place to explore your imagination and make lasting memories!

### Sample Activities:

- Air Dry Clay Projects
- Collage Making
- DIY Friendship Bracelets
- Nature Collage
- Rock Painting
- Watercolour Art



# Community Camps



## KidVenture

**Celebrate Discovery with KidVenture!** Dive into a world of curiosity and creativity where science experiments, games, and weekly guest speakers bring learning to life. Campers will tackle exciting challenges, collaborate on innovative projects, and explore new ideas through hands-on activities. Packed with fun and discovery, KidVenture is the perfect place for young explorers to ignite their passion for science and teamwork!

### Sample Activities:

- Catapult Creation
- DIY Terrarium
- Egg Drop Challenge
- Oobleck Discovery
- Scavenger Hunts
- Tower Building



## Active Kids

**Get ready to move, groove, and play at Active Kids!** This dynamic camp combines a variety of sports and movement activities to keep campers energized and engaged. With a focus on building fundamental movement skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship, Active Kids is the perfect place for young campers to stay active, make friends, and have a blast!

### Sample Activities:

- Basketball
- Cardio Circuits
- Dodgeball
- Gym Games like Octopus
- Soccer
- Yoga

# Helping Hands Inclusion Support Program

As a camper attending one of our Day Camp programs, your child can receive 1:1 support from trained YMCA Helping Hands Counsellors. Helping Hands Counsellors are Day Camp Counsellors with previous experience working with children.

This support enables your child to be included in all aspects of regular camp programming. The YMCA Helping Hands staff are trained to attend to the unique needs of children with physical or developmental disabilities including personal care and safety—while facilitating friendships, skill development, independence and fun!

**Fees:** Sessions 1, 6 (short weeks) \$371  
Sessions 2 - 5, 7 - 9 \$464

**Ages:** 6-15

**Location:** Available at all Day Camp locations

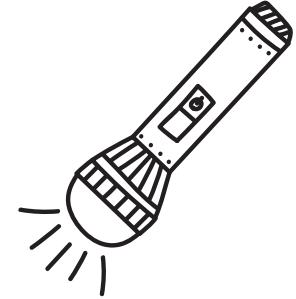
Extended care is not available for campers registered in the Helping Hands program.

## External Support Person

You may provide your own support person to assist your camper. We welcome external support persons who can help campers participate fully in the camp day. Support persons are hired or chosen by the camper's family to provide assistance throughout the day, and there are no fees charged for their attendance.

If you choose to use this option, the camper must be registered before June 15, 2026, to allow time for onboarding the support person and must be indicated on the Day Camp registration.

For more information about the Helping Hands program or External Support Persons, please email [helpinghands@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:helpinghands@ymcahbb.ca).

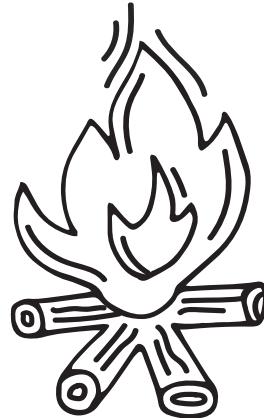


## How to Register

To provide the best fit and experience for campers, we ask parents to complete an application for the Helping Hands program when registration opens on Monday, March 23rd at 8:00am. This can be completed at [ymcahbb.campbrainregistration.com](http://ymcahbb.campbrainregistration.com)

- This application does not guarantee you a spot in the Helping Hands program.
- Once your application has been submitted, a member of the Helping Hands team will reach out to confirm spaces available, and complete a more in-depth intake with you to learn how best to support your camper.
- Due to high demand, spaces are not guaranteed or confirmed until a member of the Helping Hands team has reached out to complete the intake process and confirm your registration in the program.
- We do not require any forms, or intakes to be completed before registration opens, and encourage families to complete their application as soon as possible given the demand for the program.
- Children must meet the age criteria for the selected camp but after that, the choice is up to you and your child.
- Registration is limited to two weeks per camper to give Day Camp opportunities to more children. Additional weeks may become available throughout the summer.

# Leadership Development Programs



## Leader In Training – Level 1

**Location:** Christie Lake Conservation Area. Bussing is provided

**Sessions:** 1-2, 6-7 \*must attend a full two-week session

**Prerequisite:** Campers aged 14-15 years old (campers who are turning 14 in 2026 are accepted)

**Fees:** \$290

The Leader In Training program (Level 1) is an engaging program designed for participants to acquire camp related skills (canoeing, archery and large group leadership) while learning how to work as part of a team. Participants will learn about the YMCA and its core values. Participants will participate in activities geared towards group management, activity planning and team building. Participants will complete volunteer hours supporting a camper group during the second week of the program.

## Leader in Training – Level 2

**Location:** Christie Lake Conservation Area. Bussing is provided

**Sessions:** 3-4, 8-9 \*must attend a full two-week session

**Prerequisite:** Campers aged 14-15 years old, campers who are turning 14 in 2026 are accepted. Completion of LIT Level 1 is required.

**Fees:** \$290

The Leader In Training program (Level 2) enhances the learnings of Level 1. While canoeing, swimming and playing games, participants will also learn the following skills through fun, creative sessions and hands-on experience. Participants will build on their skills and complete a placement within a specialized camper group in the second week of the program to develop their group management and leadership skills.

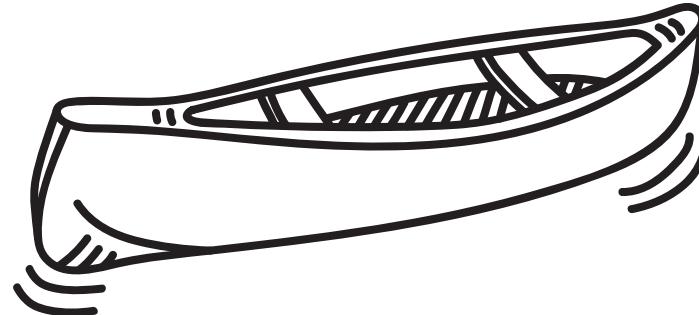
All LIT campers will be guided through these sessions by our trained staff. A certificate outlining the LIT camper's achievement will be awarded to each participant.

Staff to camper ratio is 1:15.

All participants will receive an emailed verification letter of up to 30 volunteer hours in September 2026 depending on attendance and participation.



# Extended Care Options



## Extended Care (ages 6-12)

Extended care is offered before and after camp at an additional fee. This safe, fun and supervised licensed child care environment is available at several locations.

- \$30/week; \$24/week (Weeks 1 & 6) - Burlington, Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Brantford
- Operates from 7:00 - 9:00am and 4:00 - 6:00pm
- Space in the extended care program is limited. Please register early to avoid disappointment.

Extended Care Location	Camps Served	Sessions
<b>BURLINGTON</b>		
St. Mark Catholic Elementary School - 2145 Upper Middle Road	Camp Chippewa	1 - 9
Tansley Woods Community Centre - 1996 Itabashi Way	Tansley Woods Community Camp	1 - 9
<b>HAMILTON   STONEY CREEK</b>		
Chedoke Elementary School - 500 Bendamere Ave	Camp Chippewa	1 - 9
Stoney Creek YMCA Child Care Centre - 105 King Street East	Camp Chippewa	1 - 9
Queen Victoria School - 166 Forest Avenue	Camp Chippewa Queen Victoria Community Camp	1 - 9 1 - 8
<b>BRANTFORD</b>		
Laurier Brantford YMCA - 100 Water Street	Camp Chippewa Laurier Brantford Community Camp	1 - 9 1 - 9

Extended care locations and times are subject to change based on availability.

**Note 1:** If you wish to enroll in extended care and attend Art Spark, Active Kids or Kidventure, the Community Camp location and extended care location must be the same.

**Note 2:** Queen Victoria School Extended Care will be open Sessions 1-8 for Art Spark, Active Kids and Kidventure, and Sessions 1-9 for Camp Chippewa.

**Note 3:** Tansley Woods Community Centre does not have Extended Care for Camp Chippewa campers.



# Bus Information and Bus Routes – Available for Christie Lake Conservation Area

## Preparing for the Bus Trip

- On the first day of camp, your child will be given a wristband colour corresponding to their bus – please leave this bracelet on for the remainder of camp as it will be used to identify your child at camp.
- All busses have at least one staff person (bus monitor) who rides the bus from beginning to end. **All children under the age of 16 must be signed out by an adult (over the age of 16).**

**PLEASE NOTE:** As a part of the YMCA's Child Safeguarding procedures, anyone signing a camper out must be on the Authorized Pick Up list and provide government issued photo ID at the time of pick up.

## Bus Delays

- While we make every effort to adhere to the bus schedule, we place an emphasis on safety and ask parents to arrive 5-10 minutes before the scheduled time.
- Day Camp Senior Staff are in contact with the busses and track their progress to ensure safety for both campers and staff. Once underway, our schedules account for typical traffic, but buses may fall behind in case of major congestion on bus routes.
- The Day Camp Office will send an email and a text blast to notify parents if there is more than a 15-minute delay from the scheduled arrival time. To receive YMCA Day Camp texts, please Opt-In for text messages during the registration process.

## Choosing a Bus Route

- The bus you choose to transport your child must be the same for drop off and pick up for the entire week. If your child requires more than one bus option throughout the summer, please contact the Day Camp Office at [ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca) to ensure these changes can be reflected on your account.
- For extended care families, pick up and drop off must be completed at the extended care site.

## Late Pick Ups

- Busses will wait for 5 minutes for children to be signed out before moving on to the next stop. Adults who arrive after the bus has departed must then pick up their child at their local YMCA. Parents will be charged a late fee if their child is not picked up by the end of the route.
  - Hamilton Busses (Lower City) - Downtown YMCA
  - Hamilton Busses (Mountain) - Les Chater YMCA
  - Burlington Busses - Ron Edwards YMCA
  - Brantford Busses - Laurier Brantford YMCA

# Bus Information and Bus Routes

## Hamilton Busses (Lower City)

LOCATION	Depart at (AM)	Drops off at (PM)	Extended Care Site
<b>DOWNTOWN HAMILTON - ORANGE OWLS</b>			
Queen Victoria Elementary School, 166 Forest Avenue N	8:25	4:30	X
<b>ANCASTER AND DUNDAS - PURPLE PENGUINS</b>			
<b>NEW</b> Spring Valley Elementary School, 99 Dunham Drive	8:15	4:45	
<b>NEW</b> Sir William Osler Elementary School, 330 Governors Road	8:35	4:50	
<b>EAST/WEST END HAMILTON - RED RHINOS</b>			
<b>NEW</b> Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre, 192 Wentworth St N	8:05	5:00	
<b>NEW</b> Dalewood Middle School, 1150 Main St. West	8:20	4:40	
<b>STONEY CREEK - BLACK BADGERS</b>			
Stoney Creek Day Care, 105 King St. East, Stoney Creek	8:25	4:35	X

## Hamilton Mountain Busses

LOCATION	Depart at (AM)	Drops off at (PM)	Extended Care Site
<b>WEST MOUNTAIN - PINK PARROTS</b>			
Corpus Christi Elementary School, 25 Alderson Drive	8:15	4:55	
Chedoke Elementary School, 500 Bendamere Ave	8:30	4:35	X
<b>SOUTH HAMILTON MOUNTAIN - GOLDEN GOOSE</b>			
Les Chater YMCA, 356 Rymal Rd East	8:15	4:45	

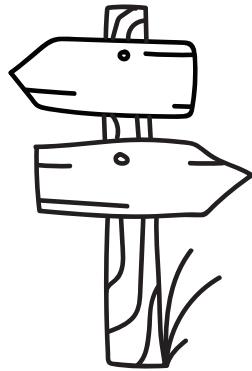
# Bus Information and Bus Routes

## Burlington Busses

LOCATION	Depart at (AM)	Drops off at (PM)	Extended Care Site
<b>BURLINGTON NORTH - BLUE BIRDS</b>			
Frontenac Public School, 5140 Pinedale Ave	8:10	4:50	
Ron Edwards YMCA 500 Drury Lane	8:20	4:35	
<b>BURLINGTON SOUTH - TURQUOISE TURTLES</b>			
Tansley Woods Community Centre, 1996 Itabashi Way	8:25	4:40	
<b>BURLINGTON AND WATERDOWN - YELLOW YAKS</b>			
St. Marks Catholic Elementary School, 2145 Upper Middle Road	8:15	4:50	X
Allan A Greenleaf, 211 Parkside Drive, Waterdown	8:45	4:25	

## Brantford Busses

LOCATION	Depart at (AM)	Drops off at (PM)	Extended Care Site
<b>BRANTFORD - SILVER SHARKS</b>			
Assumption College, 257 Shellard Lane (Front doors of staff parking lot)	8:05	5:10	
Laurier Brantford YMCA, 100 Water St. (doors located on Water St.)	8:20	4:55	X
Three Bears Preschool, 160 Brantwood Park Rd, Brantford	8:35	4:30	



## Behaviour Guidance Procedures

It's our goal to provide a healthy, safe and secure environment. The YMCA teaches core values through activities based on caring, honesty, inclusion, respect and responsibility. Children who attend programs are expected to follow the behaviour guidelines and interact appropriately within the group. Admission into and discharge from day camp will be at the discretion of the YMCA. On occasion, despite our Day Camp staff's efforts, there may be a situation where our program cannot reasonably meet the unique needs of a child.

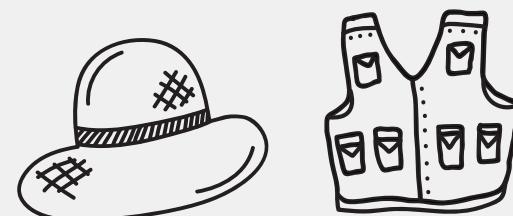
The following guidelines are put in place to ensure all campers enjoy their camp experience. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in suspension or removal from Day Camps.

- People are responsible for their actions
- We respect each other and the environment
- Honesty will be the basis for all relationships and interactions
- We strive to make healthy and safe choices
- We will care for ourselves and those around us
- We value diversity and seek to include others



All children are expected to follow the YMCA behaviour guidelines, and to interact in a positive and appropriate manner with their fellow peers, staff, and other members of the YMCA Camp community. Behaviour (including but not limited to: violence, swearing, harassment; verbal threats; physical behaviour; running away; destructive behaviour etc.) that negatively impacts others physically or emotionally may result in dismissal or permanent removal from camp at the discretion of the YMCA of Hamilton|Burlington| Brantford.

If you are currently experiencing a break in service from a YMCA program, it may affect your ability to register for other YMCA services. Please contact the Day Camp office for more information.



## Payment Schedule

Payments can be made:

- In full at the time of registration
- In full post dated to April 15 or May 15th
- Postdated and split between April 15, May 15 and June 15

Once the post dated payment of May 15th has passed, payment is due at the time of registration.

**Pay online via VISA Credit, MasterCard Credit, or EFT** (Direct Deposit information required for EFT includes: Transit Number, Institution Number and Account Number)

**PLEASE NOTE:** We do not accept VISA Debit or American Express. If you use a Visa Debit card, the system will accept the card, but will not process the payment. Parents will be responsible for making their missed payment within 3 business days and will be charged a \$10 service fee per failed transaction. Visa Debit users are required to use the EFT option, using Transit/Institution/Account number details. Any declines will result in a \$10 NSF Fee.

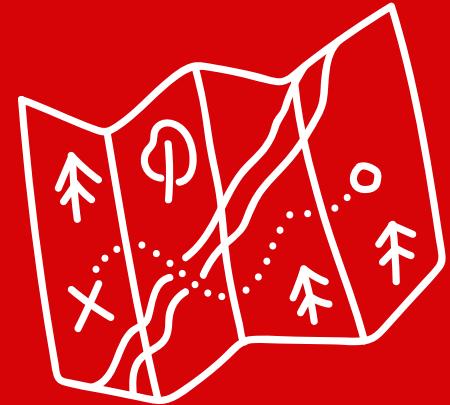
*Families can log in to their CampBrain accounts for access to receipts for tax purposes. If you need help accessing your account, please contact the Day Camp Office.*

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about your child's Day Camp registration. Please contact us at 905-317-4929 or email [ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca).

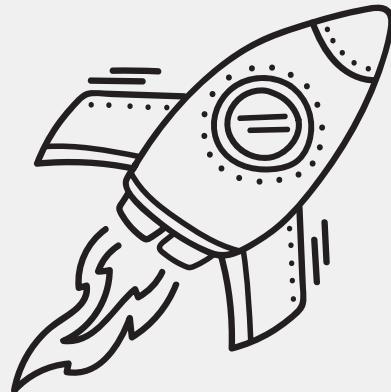
## Online Registration

[ymcahbb.campbrainregistration.com](http://ymcahbb.campbrainregistration.com)

Registration instructions for families in receipt of subsidy  
can be found at [ymcahbdaycamps.ca](http://ymcahbdaycamps.ca)



# How to Register – Payment Methods & Financial Assistance



## Registration Reminders

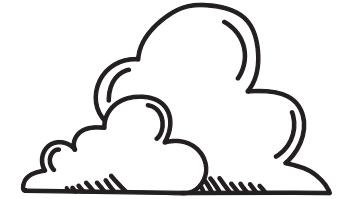
- **Payment details must accompany completed registration.**
- **Full or post-dated payments must be made online by Visa Credit, MasterCard, or EFT at time of registration.**
- Payments that are returned as NSF will be re-processed by the YMCA within 3 business days. A **\$10 service charge** will be applied to all returned payments. We cannot guarantee your camper's spot if payments are declined or outstanding as of **June 15, 2026**.
- Registrations will not be accepted after **Monday at 12:00pm** for attendance the following week.
- Families that indicate their child requires medication or an EpiPen at camp must ensure all forms are complete prior to the camp session. **Campers will not be able to attend until forms are complete.**
- Completed registrations will receive an email confirmation regarding the status of your campers enrollment.

## Changes, Cancellations and Refunds

We know plans can change. This policy keeps camp access fair and supports the staffing, supplies, and preparation needed for a great camp season.

### Cancellations

- Any cancellations on or before **May 14th, 2026**, will receive a full refund of camp fees.
- If you cancel on or after **May 15, 2026**, you'll receive a refund minus a **\$30 Administration Fee** per week cancelled. The Administration Fee applies to each week, and each camper registered.
- Cancellation requests must be submitted at least **10 business days** before the session to be considered for a refund.
- Cancellation requests fewer than **10 business days** before the session, or no-shows, are non-refundable.
- Please email **ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca** with any cancellations, including your child's name and the required changes. No other method of communication will be accepted.
- Late cancellations may affect eligibility for future programs.
- Refunds are not issued for activity or schedule modifications.



### Camp Changes

- To request a change in camp week or camp program, please contact the camp office at **ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca**.
- All change requests must be made by email at least **10 business days** before the camp week starts. Whether or not we can grant change requests will depend on camp capacity.
- Change requests are subject to a **\$30 Administration Fee** per emailed request.

### Refunds

- Requests for refunds within 10 business days are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Day Camp Manager and are not guaranteed. Documentation may be requested.
- All refund requests must be sent via email **ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca** prior to the session starting.
- Approved refunds may take up to two weeks to process. All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to **ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca**

For more information visit [ymcahbbdaycamps.ca](http://ymcahbbdaycamps.ca)

## Financial Assistance Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy is available to families that qualify through the City of Hamilton, Brantford or Regional Municipality of Halton.

Registration limits for our Specialty Camps at Chippewa Christie Lake based on region.

- Hamilton - No limit
- Burlington - No limit
- Brantford - Cannot register for Specialty camps

**There are no registration limits for General Camp Chippewa or Community Camps.**

Please direct inquiries to:

- City of Hamilton - 905-546-4870
- City of Brantford Child Care Services - 519-756-3150
- Regional Municipality of Halton - 905-825-6000

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are in receipt of subsidy and registering online, you will need to post-date your payment to April 15, May 15 and June 15 to allow administration time to change your payment to reflect your contract. **Families are responsible for indicating their receipt of subsidy at the time of registration, or risk being charged the full fee.** Families must contact their subsidy worker to confirm summer camp subsidy. The YMCA highly encourages families to reach out as soon as possible to avoid processing delays.



## YMCA Financial Assistance

Through the generosity of donors from across our community, the YMCA can assist with the payment of two weeks of YMCA Day Camp fees. If your financial circumstances are limiting your ability to register for Day Camp programs, please contact the YMCA to arrange a Day Camp Assistance appointment. All inquiries will be confidential. All appointments will take place virtually and booked through an online booking portal.

- For families interested in Financial Assistance, email us at [ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:ymcadaycamps@ymcahbb.ca)

How to prepare for your appointment:

- Complete your camper's online registration
- Post-date and split your payments between April 15th, May 15th and June 15th
- Bring supporting documentation (2025 Notice of Assessment, pay statements, government assistance statement, etc)

## Charitable Mission

The YMCA of Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford is a charitable organization helping people achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body.

## Vision

Creating a vibrant and healthy community where everyone belongs and has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

## Core Values

CARING, HONESTY, INCLUSION, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.

[ymcahbb.ca](http://ymcahbb.ca)

## Contact YMCA Day Camps:

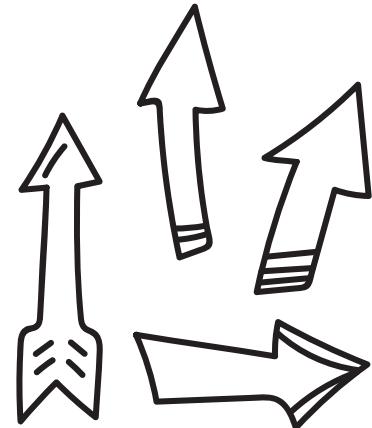
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