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2027 FIELD GUIDE

WELCOME TO YMCA WANAKITA

Dear Campers, past and present,

Welcome to YMCA Wanakita's 2027 Field Guide! If you're a returning camper, we look forward to seeing you back at your "home away from home." For those of you joining us for the very first time, welcome to our Wanakita Family!

Please take a few minutes and look through the variety of program offerings we have for each of our four beautiful seasons on Koshlong Lake.

YMCA Wanakita is about the people! Everything that makes camp so special is a result of the individuals who dedicate their time year after year to support this great tradition. We hope you'll join us for an amazing year ahead where we'll take on new challenges, appreciate nature and outdoor life, and make memories that last a lifetime.



Yours in camping,
Andy Gruppe

Vice President, Overnight Camp & Outdoor Education

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OUR STAFF

At YMCA Wanakita we believe that camp is more than just the land and the lake, it is the people. This belief is reflected in our experienced, dedicated, and talented team of full-time staff.

Andy Gruppe - Vice President, Overnight Camp & Outdoor Education

Dan Crawford - General Manager, Operations & Facilities

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Cameron van Velzen - Kids Camp Director

Wesley Burns - Kids Camp Assistant Director

Mercedes D'Almeida - Family Camp Director

Sandra Dabrowski - Outdoor Centre Director

Bennett Siaroff - Outdoor Centre Assistant Director

Each season we are supported by a staff team made up of outdoor specialists and teachers, as well as university, college, and secondary school students. All staff are selected based on their experience, expertise and commitment to the care, well-being and development of our campers. All staff hold current Standard First Aid and CPR C, and come prepared with a number of other certifications including National Lifeguard (NL), Wilderness First Aid, and various instructor levels.

To provide all campers with a safe, quality camping experience, we provide all staff with extensive training prior to each season.



LOCATION AND FEATURES

YMCA Wanakita boasts a beautiful 1,000 acre site, situated on the shores of Koshlong Lake in the Haliburton Highlands.

Features include:

- 25 km of trails for hiking, biking, and skiing
- More than 3 km of river and lake shoreline
- Two full service dining halls
- A large variety of comfortable, rustic cabins with bunk beds (many winterized)
- A variety of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and equipment

For information on accessibility please contact our office.



WHAT CAMPER SECTION AM I?

	Camper Section	Camper Age by Dec. 31*
	Junior	7
		8
		9
	Intermediate	10
		11
		12
	Senior Traditional	13-14
	Senior Specialty	13-14
	Senior Trippers	13-15
	First Year SC	15
	Second Year SC	16

** Camper age by Dec. 31 of the year attending camp.*



Junior/Intermediate Campers

Junior and Intermediate campers can choose to attend YMCA Wanakita's Summer Overnight Camp for one or two weeks.

ONE WEEK KITA JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE

The Kita program is YMCA Wanakita's one-week camp program providing a unique and supportive atmosphere with experienced counsellors chosen specifically to create a fun, inclusive, and welcoming environment. During their stay, campers will participate in personal choice activities (PCAs) each weekday morning. Campers can choose from any of the age appropriate PCAs and try to earn Wanakita levels or focus on experiential participation. Given the shorter stay at camp it may not be possible to experience all that Wanakita has to offer in one visit. The Kita program is a wonderful introduction to camp.

TWO WEEK JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE

Junior and Intermediate sections (JI) are a fantastic way to engage with the best that Wanakita has to offer. JI campers participate in a variety of activities that are fun, engaging, and instructive. During their stay, campers will participate in personal choice activities (PCAs) each weekday morning. Campers can choose from any of the age appropriate PCAs and try to earn Wanakita levels or focus on experiential participation. Campers also get a chance to challenge themselves on a trip tailored to their level of experience, exploring Koshlong Lake. Intermediates will be out for two nights, learning and developing a number of outdoor skills and Juniors will have a one night introduction to overnight camping. Our JIs also participate in Theme Days; friendly camp-wide games in the middle of each session.



Senior Campers

SENIOR TRADITIONAL (5-DAY CANOE TRIP)

The Senior Traditional Program has remained one of our most popular programs for over 60 years. With seven days at camp and five days on trip, "Trad" campers get the best of both worlds while enjoying the full extent of YMCA Wanakita's diverse programming. The five-day canoe trip in the Canadian wilderness provides each cabin group with a meaningful challenge to work toward. The sense of purpose and adventure fostered in this program will help any camper gain self-confidence and build lasting friendships.

Senior Trad First Year (13 by the end of the year attending camp)

The Senior Trad First Year trip offers an exciting trip for new and experienced campers alike as a grand welcome to the Trad program. Routes are selected to provide time to hone skills while taking in the beauty of rocky shorelines and sharing campfires under the stars.

Senior Trad Second Year (14 by the end of the year attending camp)

This five day trip is the flagship experience of our Senior Traditional program. With a little more age and experience, these campers are ready to venture out in smaller cabin groups to meet new challenges and enjoy the beauty of one of Ontario's iconic wilderness parks.

SENIOR SPECIALTY (3-DAY LAKE OVERNIGHT)

Senior Specialty campers spend two weeks at YMCA Wanakita refining skills and strengthening friendships. These campers also participate in a three-day, two overnight stay on Koshlong Lake where they can learn about camping basics, and bond with their cabin mates around the campfire. Spending the full two weeks at camp allows Senior Specialty campers to pursue more time-intensive skills such as paddle making and advanced wilderness skills.

SUMMER OVERNIGHT KIDS CAMP PROGRAMS

YMCA Wanakita offers an excellent and varied summer camp program. A unique balance between individual and group camp activities provides an opportunity for each camper to participate in all age-appropriate programs. Our balanced program also creates an atmosphere where both technical and social skills are fostered, providing a safe place for campers to take risks and grow. We believe that participating in any of our programs provides the potential for success that will stay with each camper well beyond their time at camp.

Personal Choice Activities (PCAs)

YMCA Wanakita provides a wide range of activities where campers are able to develop their technical skills under the instruction of our trained and experienced staff. While campers will have the opportunity to experience many of these areas with their cabin groups, they choose preferred areas of interest for their daily Personal Choice Activities.

How do PCA's Work?				
Week 1	Morning	9:45am	PCA 1	All Age Groups
		11:00am	PCA 2	All Age Groups
	Afternoon	2:30pm	Slots	Cabin Group
		3:30pm	Slots	Cabin Group
	Evening	6:30pm	Slots	Cabin Group
Week 2	Morning	9:45am	PCA 3	All Age Groups
		11:00am	PCA 4	All Age Groups
	Afternoon	2:30pm	Slots	Cabin Group
		3:30pm	Slots	Cabin Group
	Evening	6:30pm	Slots	Cabin Group
		7:45pm	Slots	Cabin Group

Meals not shown, occur at 8:15am, 12:30pm, and 5:30pm

ACOUSTIC GUITAR

(FOR INTERMEDIATES AND UP)

Learn how to play basic chords or move to the next level. Campers will have the opportunity to perform for other campers and staff.

AIR ADVENTURE & INITIATIVES

Based on the "challenge by choice" model, campers can participate in challenging and cooperative activities. Activities include team building, high ropes, low ropes, the climbing wall, and much more.

ARCHERY

Learn to shoot to varying distances and find out who the real Robin Hoods are! Participants are awarded Wanakita levels as they learn beginner and more advanced techniques.

ARTS & CRAFTS

From nature crafts to screen printing, typical activities include sketching, beading, tie dyeing, mural painting, collages, and much more!

CANOEING

Campers learn about boating safety, tandem and solo paddling skills, and play skill-enhancing and fun games.

COURT/FIELD SPORTS

Ultimate frisbee, basketball, pickleball, volleyball and soccer are some examples of the programs available. Campers will learn the rules of play and basic skills, while developing positive attitudes towards competition, health, and personal challenge.

DANCE

Campers learn new steps and styles of dance while working towards performing at our weekly arts presentation. The dance styles vary depending on the age, interests, and abilities of each PCA group.

KAYAKING

Campers learn about boating safety, flatwater skills, and advanced paddlers can progress to learning whitewater theory and techniques. Campers can earn YMCA Wanakita's own awards from levels I to III.



MOUNTAIN BIKING (SENIORS ONLY)

Safety and proper riding technique will be taught and then practiced on YMCA Wanakita's 25 km trail system. A great way to explore and discover the great outdoors.

PADDLE MAKING (SENIORS ONLY)

Selecting from a variety of pre-shaped templates, campers will learn to shape, sand, and finish a paddle that is truly unique to them. Please note that there is an additional cost of \$60 for the paddle blank.

SAILING

(Counts as 2 PCA choices for one week)

Experienced instructors teach basic sailing skills, knots, and tips on how to read the wind on our fleet of Hobie Wave catamarans and PICOs. Campers will have a chance to earn Wanakita sailing awards based on the practical skills they learn during their week of PCAs.

SWIMMING

Our qualified staff help develop campers' swimming skills and comfortability out in the water. Campers will also have an opportunity to participate in a variety of water based activities including the water trampoline.

THEATRE ARTS

Campers come away from this program with a sense of accomplishment and increased self-confidence while developing and performing plays, singing, and learning a number of drama games.

WILDERNESS & ENVIRONMENTAL PURSUITS (WEP)

Campers will gain an appreciation and knowledge of our natural world and their place in it. The focus will be on YMCA Wanakita's amazing wetland area and 1000 acres of flora and fauna. This program also includes an extensive outdoor living program including outdoor cooking and firebuilding, minimum impact camping, navigation skills, weather forecasting, knots and other camping skills.

ADVANCED WILDERNESS SKILLS (SENIORS ONLY)

Building upon the foundation of skills learned in the WEP program, participants develop further skills such as outdoor cooking, advanced fire-lighting, use of tarps and more. Participants will develop skills that can help them be more comfortable in a wilderness context.

WINDSURFING (12 YEARS AND UP)

(Counts as 2 PCA choices for one week)

Our hybrid Stand Up/Windsurf boards give campers a well rounded experience. Participants can become comfortable balancing on the stand up paddle board and then grab a sail to develop their windsurfing skills. Campers will learn safety tips, basic maneuvering skills and how to read the wind during their week of PCAs.

How many PCAs do you choose?

All campers select 4 PCA's except:

- Trad campers choose two PCAs
- Trippers do not choose PCAs
- SC's do not choose PCAs
- Kita campers choose two PCA's

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Senior Trippers

YMCA Wanakita has witnessed many campers grow into strong leaders through their experiences in the wilderness. Completing a canoe trip teaches campers that they are capable of more than they thought possible as they experience the rewards of their own hard work and determination.

SENIOR TRIPPERS

This specialized tripping program is a step up from the Senior Traditional trip with more paddling, portaging and back-country exploration. It begins in camp with two days of packing, preparation and fun before heading out for 8 days of trekking and canoeing deep into a provincial park to places other trips don't go. Supported by staff uniquely suited to this experience, trippers learn and grow throughout the trip. Back at camp for the final two days, trippers debrief and participate in YMCA Wanakita's closing traditions.

"Wanakita has been an overwhelmingly positive and transformational experience."





Student Counsellor Leadership Program (SCs)

The Student Counsellor program has been the culmination of the camper experience for over 50 years at YMCA Wanakita. We pride ourselves in taking our campers and transforming them into dedicated leaders for Wanakita and beyond. The program is rooted in our Core Values: **Caring, Honesty, Inclusion, Respect, and Responsibility**. *Participation in First Year SCs prior to Second Year SCs is recommended.*

FIRST YEAR SCS – 6-DAY CANOE TRIP 15 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR ATTENDING

First Year SCs embark on an exciting and intense month full of programming that will challenge them to develop their technical skills. Participants work towards Bronze Medallion/Cross and Canoeing ORCKA certifications throughout the month, while also working on their skills for all the major programs at camp including sailing, windsurfing, wilderness-environmental pursuits, and high ropes. These skills are transferable if they choose to be staff members in the future. Participants have the opportunity to interact with the Second Year SC program through a series of “SC Challenges” which helps to build the overall community of the SC Section.

Participants go on a 6-day canoe trip to Temagami which they will help pack & prepare for, before taking skills learned at camp & putting them into practice. First Year SCs receive a Salus PFD embroidered with the Wanakita logo as part of the program fee.

SECOND YEAR SCS – 3-DAY OR 6-DAY CANOE TRIP 16 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR ATTENDING

Second Year SCs continue to build on the foundational skills learned in the First Year SC Program, but focus on immersing themselves in the details of camp life and what it means to be a staff member. Second Year SCs attend a wide range of workshops, exposing them to the mechanics that make camp work harmoniously.

Hands-on learning opportunities, include a placement in a camper cabin and the chance to shadow support or leadership staff. The program challenges participants to be role models in the Wanakita community, they will:

- Help lead a campfire at Family Camp
- Plan & facilitate Theme Day for JI campers
- Put on a presentation highlighting YMCA Core Values

Participants will leave the program having developed interpersonal skills such as: positive decision making, giving & receiving feedback, public speaking, communication, basic counselling techniques, how to handle camper situations, camper physical & mental health, and group leadership.

Participants have the opportunity to interact with the First Year SC program through a series of “SC Challenges” which helps to build the overall community of the SC Section. **Graduates of the Second Year SC program make up for 95% of our All-Camp Counsellors each summer.**

At registration, Second Year SCs will choose between two trip options to practice their outdoor living skills:

- 3-day canoe trip on Koshlong Lake
- 6-day canoe trip in Temagami (requires a higher level of physical skill)

YMCA WANAKITA FAMILY CAMP



YMCA Wanakita offers nine weeks of Family Camp each summer. Find Family Camp Session dates on page 22.

- Arrival: Sunday at midday
- Departure: Saturday at midday
- Length of stay: 7 days, 6 nights

FAMILY CAMP PROGRAM

Our Family Camp program is designed for all ages and interests. Each day offers a variety of optional activities, giving families the freedom to participate as much or as little as they choose.

Families can enjoy activities together, explore independently, or simply relax by the waterfront.

FACILITIES

Family Camp operates on Wanakita East, separate from the Kids Overnight Camp. During Week 9, the final week of the summer, Family Camp takes over the entire camp property.

ACCOMMODATION

Each family stays in their own wood cabin featuring:

- Single and bunk beds
- Electricity
- Easy access to centralized washrooms and hot showers

CAMP AMENITIES

Family campers enjoy access to:

- A beautiful sandy beach
- Waterfront docks and activity areas
- Sports fields and courts
- Forested trails and outdoor program spaces
- Indoor activity buildings
- Campfire pits
- Shared outdoor gathering areas

MEALS

Family campers share meals together in our community dining hall, where our kitchen team serves healthy and delicious meals each day.

Our Food Services department is able to accommodate most dietary needs and food allergies with advance notice.

A FAMILY VACATION LIKE NO OTHER

Whether you're looking to try new activities, reconnect with loved ones, relax by the lake, or meet other families, YMCA Wanakita Family Camp offers a welcoming community and unforgettable experiences for everyone.



"It was more relaxing and more fun-filled...than we could have imagined."

REGISTRATION

Families returning to YMCA Wanakita's Summer Family Camp from the previous summer have the opportunity to pre-book throughout the month of October.

General registration for new families is available on November 15th. Please see page 19 for registration details. We encourage you to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Upon registration, further information regarding what to bring, policies on pets, alcohol, smoking, program themes, etc., will be sent to you.

Visit ymcawanakita.ca to register.

For more opportunities to get together with family or friends year round, see the Outdoor Centre programs starting on page 14.

"We had so much quality time together as a family and our stay was so memorable because of it."

Activities include:

- Sailing
- Windsurfing
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Arts & crafts
- High and low ropes
- Environmental and wilderness activities
- Yoga
- Dance
- Performing arts
- Music
- Kids' Corner (3-5 year olds)
- Sports
- Archery
- And many more!

YMCA SHINE ON CAMPAIGN

How you can help

At Wanakita, children and families have fun, make lifelong friends, and learn how to shine. But for many, the camp experience is out of reach. Each year, more than 900 children, youth, and families receive financial assistance to attend YMCA Wanakita in a variety of programs.

By giving the gift of camp you're making sure every child and family can have the time of their life at Wanakita.

Click the **Give Now** button at **YMCAWanakita.ca** or contact to Ashley.Laing@ymcahbb.ca to donate monthly and become a Campfire Keeper.



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"The financial assistance program is so valuable to me and my kids; without it, my kids wouldn't have had this amazing experience."

2027 Camper T-shirt Design Contest!

Do you love camp? Are you creative?

Design a YMCA Wanakita t-shirt and have your design featured on the 2027 camper t-shirt available at the Tuck Shop! The winner will also be featured in the Spring 2027 Koshlong Current!



Must be 17 or younger to participate.



Scan the QR code or head to

ymcahbb.ca/wanakita-tshirt-contest
to learn more!

"It's been invaluable because it's given them experiences they don't get elsewhere."

"Camp is the first place that I felt a strong sense of belonging. At camp I am free to be me."

"They hug more, they connect more, they appreciate more."

"It's been such a vital and positive component of my children's childhood."

"This experience will definitely be with him in the years to come. Thank you!"



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Our annual June Strawberry Social provides an excellent opportunity for campers and friends from all seasons to visit YMCA Wanakita and meet the summer staff team. The waterfront will be open for swimming, canoeing, and kayaking.

Guests will have a chance to try the trails, archery, ropes course, basketball and much more. A special YMCA Wanakita buffet lunch with dessert treats and strawberry delights will be served throughout the afternoon.

**Sunday, June 27, 2027
12 Noon - 4pm**

Family: \$50.00

Adult: \$20.00

Child (16 & Under): \$16.00

OUTDOOR CENTRE (YEAR-ROUND CAMP)



Year-Round Camp at YMCA Wanakita

Camping at YMCA Wanakita is a year-round experience and each season has something new to offer. Throughout the fall, winter and spring, YMCA Wanakita offers a variety of programs for schools, universities, colleges, businesses, adults, families and special interest groups of all ages. Whether venturing to camp for one, two, or even five days, our staff take pride in ensuring that all individual and group goals are met.

CUSTOM DESIGNED PROGRAMS

Custom designed programs are planned and delivered cooperatively between group leaders attending the program and YMCA Wanakita's exceptional Outdoor Centre staff.

Whether you are a school, business, or club, the activities, schedules, goals, and objectives are created to meet the needs of each group. Spring activity options include: canoeing, kayaking, low and high ropes, outdoor pursuits, hiking, group team building, archery, campfire and much more! Winter activity options also include: cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, tubing/tobogganing, and skating on the lake.

Our Outdoor Centre group rates are offered in 24 hour billing periods. Prices are all inclusive (meals, equipment, instruction, and lodging). Please contact us for rates.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT GOALS

- To be motivated by the YMCA values of Caring, Honesty, Inclusion, Respect and Responsibility, while participating in all aspects of programming.
- Developing self-reliance and responsibility, leadership potential and placing a high value on having a positive attitude.
- To be socially cooperative by relating positively to others; understanding interdependence and friendships; group building and cooperative living.
- To develop positive attitudes towards health, fitness, the importance of active lifestyles, and learning new skills that carry forward through life.
- To understand the work of the natural world, our impact on it, and our place in it.



"Kids come back with skills we simply cannot provide in a regular school setting. The confidence and leadership skills that are gained are lifelong and life-changing!"

Year-Round Getaway Programs

There is nothing like escaping to Wanakita for a weekend to recharge the batteries of life. Join some friends or family to experience the beauty of YMCA Wanakita during the fall, winter, or spring. Our Outdoor Centre provides a number of opportunities to choose from.

FOR ADULTS

WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKENDS

Winter: Jan 22 - 24, 2027 | Fall: Sept 24 - 26, 2027

Reconnect with friends, enjoy the outdoors, eat healthy, delicious meals and be physically active at this wellness-themed weekend retreat. Try something new and revisit traditional camp activities such as paddling, ropes courses and interpretive nature walks. We offer fitness classes and activities designed to enhance well-being in spirit, mind and body.

SENIOR DAY PROGRAMS

June 12, 2027

Our Senior Day Program provides older adults 65+ a chance to socialize and partake in various activities, games, arts and crafts, and gentle exercises while enjoying nature. These program activities are critical to supporting overall health and wellness, providing a wonderful opportunity for seniors living in the community to have a day out, participate in social programming and connect with peers and the environment.



VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKENDS

Spring Work Weekend: April 23 - 25, 2027

Fall Work Weekend: Oct 29 - 31, 2027

If YMCA Wanakita has impacted you or your family, consider giving back to our community by volunteering for one of our adult work weekends. All must be ready and able to work, eat lots of food and have a wheelbarrow full of fun. Help keep your camp the best it can be.

FOR FAMILIES

Family members can choose to participate in program activities together or independently and as much or as little as they like. Family camp is a great way to reconnect and strengthen family bonds.

SPRING FAMILY CAMP

May 21 - 24, 2027

Now taking place over the course of the May long weekend, this family camp is a great chance for multiple generations to come together and enjoy a weekend retreat in the great outdoors of the Haliburton Highlands. Enjoy the warmth of a new spring while being active on the waters of Koshlong Lake or exploring our extensive trail system. Spring Family Camp provides an ideal mix of activity, adventure, and relaxation.

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND

Feb 12 - 15, 2027

Join us at YMCA Wanakita for a weekend away with the family. Our Outdoor Centre staff provide a variety of age appropriate programs, allowing family members to either participate together or independently. A great way to refresh and strengthen your family.

NEW YEAR'S FAMILY CAMP

Dec 30 (2026) - Jan 2 (2027)

This four-day winter extravaganza is our most popular Outdoor Centre family program. Activities focus on participating and enjoying Haliburton's winter wonderland. Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and broomball are some of the ways that your family can experience our site in the winter. A highlight of New Year's Family Camp is celebrating the big night on Greenland time, allowing the youngsters to celebrate Greenland's New Year with a fantastic New Year carnival and party.

MARCH BREAK DAY CAMP

March 15 - 19, 2027 • 8:00am - 5:00pm

For ages 7 - 13

Wanakita is hosting a March Break Day Camp for local families, filled with all winter activities we have to offer! Please email the camp office for any questions you may have! Lunch is provided. No bus service provided.

Cost for the week is \$385 (no HST) per camper.



PREPARING FOR CAMP

FOOD SERVICE

An integral part of YMCA Wanakita's commitment to healthy living is to serve delicious and nutritious food. Meals and snacks are planned by our full time Food Services team. We give special attention to special diets, age of participants, program content, and length of stay. If your camper has a special diet that needs accommodation, please complete the required fields of the "Camper - Dietary Allergies, Dietary Restrictions & Specialty Diets" form in the Camp Brain registration portal.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Feeling safe and comfortable in your surroundings is essential for a meaningful camp or outdoor centre experience. We do everything possible to ensure that this occurs. We emphasize that wellness is about taking care of yourself while looking out for others. Staff are certified and trained in administering first aid in all seasons and conditions. YMCA Wanakita is located only 10 kilometres away from the Haliburton Hospital, open 24 hours a day for any serious illness or injury. During our summer months, we have certified medical professionals (nurses and/or doctor) on site 24 hours a day to meet the needs of campers at Overnight Kids Camp.

LAUNDRY

Campers attending our Summer Overnight Camp for two weeks or more may pre-pay for laundry service upon registration. Laundry will be washed, dried, folded and returned within a 24-hour period. Please select laundry on your registration form.

Laundry service must be purchased at least one month before camp. (Laundry service is not offered to participants of the Senior Tripper and Senior Trad programs as they are on trips when service is available.)

Summer Kids Camp Sessions are now Sunday to Friday!

TRANSPORTATION – (FOR SUMMER OVERNIGHT CAMPERS ONLY)

There are a few ways to get to and from YMCA Wanakita. Please indicate your method of transportation on the registration form.

BY CAR When dropping campers/SCs off on the first day, please arrive at camp between 12:15pm and 1:15pm. When picking up your camper/SC, please arrive between 10:15am and 10:30am.

BY BUS You can choose from three stops, either in Hamilton, Burlington, or North Toronto. Specific times and locations provided upon registration.

TUCK SHOP

The Wanakita store is open for campers during our summer season. The store sells a variety of items including YMCA Wanakita custom clothing, souvenirs, and snacks.

Each spring we offer an Online Tuck Shop. An email announcing the opening of the Online Tuck Shop will be sent to all registered campers in the spring.

"The kids love, love, love it and insist on coming back year after year. Who could say no?"

CANCELLATION

Each season's programs have specific refund and cancellation policies related to program dates. In general, YMCA Wanakita applies a small administrative fee to all cancellations. Program deposits are non-refundable and full payments are non-refundable after a set date.

Please read your program information carefully. Participants will not receive a refund if they arrive late, leave early (including for homesickness), or for those asked to leave due to inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour. In the case of major illness, injury or a family emergency, refunds will be given less an administrative fee and days spent at camp.

"It is just really nice to be separated from the bombardment of news and social media."



Financial Assistance

At YMCA Wanakita, we believe that everyone deserves to experience camp, regardless of their financial status. If your current financial circumstances make it difficult for you to register for any of YMCA Wanakita's programs, you may be eligible for financial assistance.

Please contact our office for more information or visit our website to access the forms and application instructions.

All inquiries are private and confidential.

Inclusion

YMCA Wanakita's inclusion program provides 1:1 support for campers attending Day Camp, Overnight Camp and Family Camp. Through this program, campers receive the support that they need for a successful camp experience.

To inquire whether this program would be a good fit for your camper, please email Cameron van Velzen at cameron.vanvelzen@ymcahbb.ca.



YMCA WANAKITA 2027 - DATES AND RATES



Summer Overnight Camp & Leadership Development

SESSION	2027 DATES (Sunday-Friday)	PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
One Week Programs		
A1	July 4 - July 9	Kita - J, Kita - I
A2	July 11 - July 16	Kita - J, Kita - I
B1	July 18 - July 23	Kita - J, Kita - I
B2	July 25 - July 30	Kita - J, Kita - I
C1	Aug. 1 - Aug. 6	Kita - J, Kita - I
C2	Aug. 8 - Aug. 13	Kita - J, Kita - I
D1	Aug. 15 - Aug. 20	Kita - J, Kita - I
D2	Aug. 22 - Aug. 27	Kita - J, Kita - I
Two Week Programs		
A	July 4 - July 16	J, I, Sr. Spc, Sr. Tr, Trippers
B	July 18 - July 30	J, I, Sr. Spc, Sr. Tr, Trippers
C	Aug. 1 - Aug. 13	J, I, Sr. Spc, Sr. Tr, Trippers
D	Aug. 15 - Aug. 27	J, I, Sr. Spc, Sr. Tr, Trippers
Four Week Programs		
AB	July 4 - July 30	SC (1st & 2nd Year)
CD	Aug. 1 - Aug. 27	SC (1st & 2nd Year)

*J=Junior; I=Intermediate; Sr. Spc.=Senior Specialty; Sr. Tr=Senior Traditional; SC=Student Counsellor

PROGRAM	FEE
Kita - J, Kita - I	\$1,255
Two Week - J, I	\$2,320
Two Week - Sr. Spc, Sr. Tr	\$2,440
Trippers	\$2,440
1st Year SC	\$4,325
2nd Year SC	\$4,275
2nd Year SC Tripper	\$4,325
Laundry	\$38.50
Bus Transportation (1-way)	\$100
Bus Transportation (round trip)	\$200

*Please note that all fees are subject to 13% HST





Summer Family Camp

SESSION	2027 DATES (Sunday-Saturday)
Week 1	July 4 - July 10
Week 2	July 11 - July 17
Week 3	July 18 - July 24
Week 4	July 25 - July 31
Week 5	Aug. 1 - Aug. 7
Week 6	Aug. 8 - Aug. 14
Week 7	Aug. 15 - Aug. 21
Week 8	Aug. 22 - Aug. 28
Week 9 West	Aug. 29 - Sept. 4
Week 9 East	Aug. 29 - Sept. 4

AGE AT CAMP	FEE
Adult (17+ years)	\$950
Youth (10-16 years)	\$705
Child (3-9 years)	\$660
Less than 3 years	FREE

*Note all fees are subject to 13% HST

*"Our kids LOVE camp and as a parent,
there is simply nothing better than seeing
their happy, confident smiles at pick-up."*



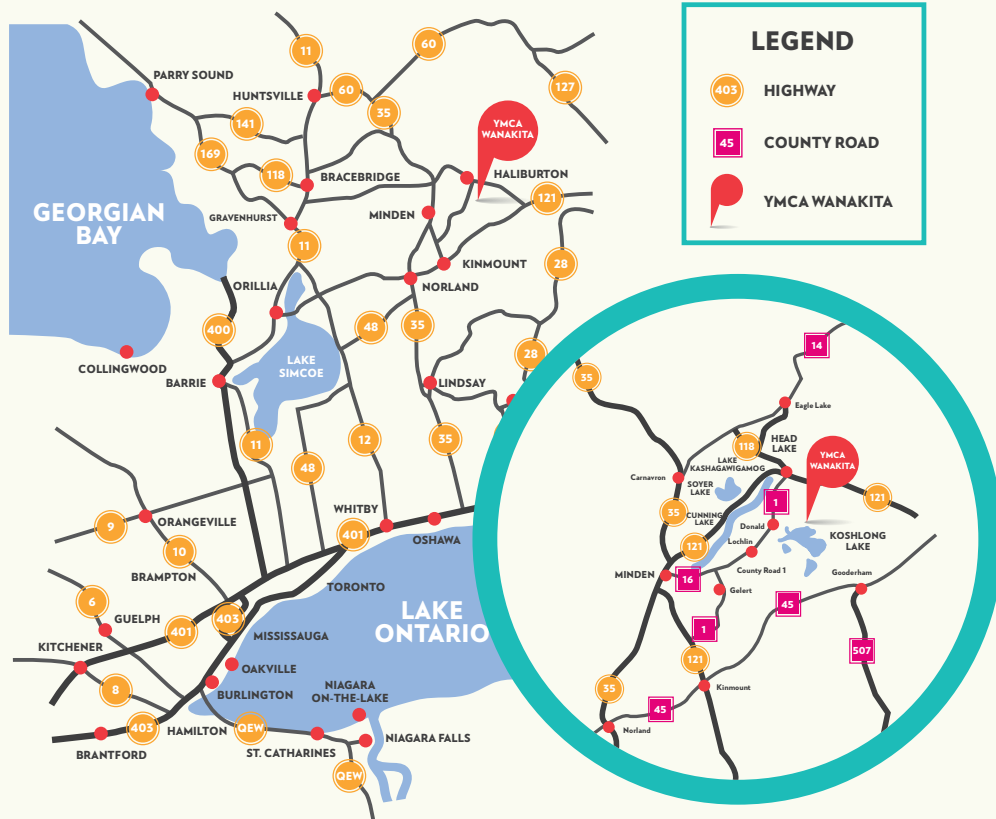
Specialized Programs

PROGRAM	2027 DATES	FEE
New Year's Family Camp	Dec. 30 (2026) - Jan. 2	Adult (17+) - \$495 Youth (10-16) - \$355 Child (3-9) - \$330
Winter Women's Weekend	Jan. 22 - Jan. 24	\$335
Family Day Weekend	Feb. 12 - Feb. 15	Adult (17+) - \$495 Youth (10-16) - \$355 Child (3-9) - \$330
March Break Day Camp	March 15 - March 19	\$385 (after tax)
Spring Work Weekend	April 23 - April 25	FREE
Senior Day Programs	June 12	\$22.12
Spring Family Camp	May 21 - May 24	Adult (17+) - \$495 Youth (10-16) - \$355 Child (3-9) - \$330
Fall Women's Weekend	Sept. 24 - Sept. 26	\$335
Fall Work Weekend	Oct. 29 - Oct. 31	FREE

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MAP



LEGEND

-  HIGHWAY
-  COUNTY ROAD
-  YMCA WANAKITA

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Our Mission

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

Our Vision

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

Partners in Camping

YMCA Wanakita proudly partners with a number of exceptional organizations. We are accredited by the Ontario Camps Association, and abide by a number of additional standards as a YMCA camp.

We also work with organizations such as Hemophilia Ontario and AMICI to make YMCA Wanakita possible for all children and youth.

Registration opens November 15th!

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