



YMCA
WANAKITĀ
THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE - SINCE 1953

2022 FIELD GUIDE

WELCOME TO YMCA WANAKITA

Dear Campers, Family and Alumni,

“My kids need Wanakita!”

You’ve shared this message with us countless times over the past two years and we’re getting ready to give them everything they need from a true Wanakita experience.

We are looking at 2022 with hope, optimism and excitement that we will return to our traditional summer programs and other year-round education opportunities. We will give your kids and family the outdoor camp experiences that you truly deserve.

We can’t wait to see you in 2022!



Yours in camping,
Andy Gruppe,
General Manager

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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 - General Manager

Cam Green - Program Manager

Mike Thaler - Kids Camp Director

Sarah Bell - Family Camp Director

Ann Creighton - Outdoor Centre Director

Kaitlyn Mainville - Kids Camp Assistant Director

Dan Crawford - Director of Administration

Ron Tenthorey - Director of Food Services

Dave Peer - Facility Services Manager

Each season we are supported by a staff team made up of outdoor specialists, teachers, 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.



*"I have never forgotten
the memories I cherish
from my years at camp."*

WHAT CAMPER SECTION AM I?

	Camper Section	Camper Age by Dec. 31*
	Junior	7
		8
		9
	Intermediate	10
		11
		12
	Senior Traditional	13-15
	Senior Specialty	13-15
	Senior Trippers	13-15
	First Year SC	15
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** Camper age by Dec. 31 of the year attending camp.*



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 morning, an overnight camp-out and a variety of camp activities. 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. Monday through Friday, campers spend the morning attending their preselected Personal Choice Activities (PCAs). 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 Traditional

The Senior Traditional Program has remained one of our most popular programs for over 60 years. With nine 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 end of year attending camp)

The Senior Trad First Year trip offers an exciting trip for first time 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 (15 by end of 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

Senior Specialty campers spend two weeks at YMCA Wanakita refining skills and strengthening friendships. These campers also participate in a three-day, two-night overnight 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 virtually 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 (PCAs).

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, 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

New in 2022, this PCA aims to build on participants knowledge and understanding of caring for the environment in their community through activities including gardening, composting and recycling. Participants will learn how to be environmental stewards who can help their home communities minimize their environmental impact.

KAYAKING

Earn YMCA Wanakita's own awards, from levels I to III. Flatwater skills are emphasized. Advanced paddlers can progress to learning whitewater theory and techniques on the flatwater.



MOUNTAIN BIKING (SENIORS ONLY)

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

PADDLE MAKING (12 YEARS AND UP)

Selecting from a variety of pre-shaped tulipwood 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 \$40 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 instruct campers in YMCA Canada Swim Program levels from Learn-to-Swim to Star 7. 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?

Choose two PCAs per week of camp unless you fall into the following:

- Campers choosing Sailing or Boardsailing, do not choose a second PCA.
- Trad campers choose two PCAs per 2 week session.
- Trippers do not choose PCAs.

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 10 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)



YMCA Wanakita's Student Counsellor Leadership Program provides two years of quality leadership development. Potential participants must be motivated, mature, and have a desire to learn. *Participation in First Year SCs prior to Second Year SCs is recommended.*

First Year SCs

Participants must be 15 years of age by the end of the attending year to participate in this program. This program focuses on technical skill development, with an introduction to group leadership skills. First year SC's will face the challenge of a six-day canoe trip, and the opportunity to earn nationally recognized certifications in lifesaving, first aid, and canoeing. Participants also refine their skills in YMCA Wanakita's other activity areas such as archery, sailing, kayaking, and outdoor living skills. Group cooperation, self-discipline and personal initiative are keys to a successful and fulfilling experience.

Included in the price of registration, First Year SCs receive a quality Salus Personal Floatation Device (PFD) with the YMCA Wanakita logo which can be worn for years to come!

Second Year SCs and SC Trippers

For 2022 we will be incorporating some of the technical skill development that was missed by not having the opportunity to attend the First Year SC program, as well as an option to secure a Wanakita branded Salus PFD!

Participants must 16 years of age by the end of the attending year to participate in this program. Our Second Year program focuses on camp and community leadership skills, group dynamics, understanding the counselling role, teaching skills, camp philosophy and program objectives. All participants will do a cabin placement where they will learn about camper care and gain first-hand experience. The skills gained will be widely transferable both at Camp and in their home communities.

Second Year Student Counsellor- Tripper (SC2T)

Focussing on many of the skills that have brought success to the SC2 program, the SC2T program adds an extended wilderness canoe trip as a 10 day "floating classroom." The SC2T program aims to help shape the next generation of trip leaders.



SUMMER DAY CAMP *Grades SK-7*

Day Campers

YMCA Wanakita Day Camp is available for those who reside or are visiting/cottaging in the Haliburton/ Minden area. Day campers participate in both land and water based programs and have the opportunity to participate in a one night overnight experience each week.

During each one-week session campers take part in group activities, as well as special theme programs. All activities emphasize fun, challenge, adventure, creativity, imagination, and cooperation. Kids enjoy age appropriate activities that suit the needs of our youngest and oldest campers.

Day Campers' activities include kayaking, canoeing, fun sumba, crafts, slip and slide, campfire, swamping, sports and games, swimming, water trampoline, low ropes, archery and more.

A Typical Day at Wanakita Day Camp

8:30 - 9:00	Camper Arrival
9:00 - 9:10	Flag Raising
9:15 - 11:15	Group Planned Activities
11:30 - 12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 3:30	Group Planned Activities
3:30 - 4:00	Buddy Swim
4:00 - 4:30	Campers Depart

*"It's a wonderful
place for kids to
learn and grow."*



Bus Transportation

Starting in Haliburton at the hockey arena, a chartered bus will travel down County Road 21 to Minden before looping back via South Lake Road and County Road 21.

If bus transportation is chosen on your registration, please indicate what stop(s) you would like. The exact stops will be confirmed in your confirmation letter.

OTHER TRANSPORT

For those choosing alternative transportation arrangements (i.e. boat, car), we ask that you drop-off campers between 8:45 and 8:55 am and pick them up at 4:30 pm.

Lunches

YMCA Wanakita provides a nutritious lunch service for all day campers. Our Food Services department will provide the same lunch that has been prepared for our overnight campers. Some menu examples include:

- Fresh pita sandwiches and soup
- Fajitas with all the fixings
- Burgers

Our Food Service department can accommodate most special diets. Please make sure that you detail dietary requests on your registration.

Campers are welcome to bring a snack, but please no peanut or nut products.



SUMMER FAMILY CAMP



Bring the whole family

YMCA Wanakita's unique Family Camp program has set the standard for family camps throughout the province. More than just a great family vacation, YMCA Wanakita Family Camp is ideal for developing and strengthening relationships with family and friends while building meaningful memories together.

YMCA Wanakita offers nine weeks of Family Camp program in the summer. Families arrive midday on Sunday and depart midday the following Saturday.

Program

Designed with all members of the family in mind. Each day is filled with activities and opportunities for family members to play independently and together. Our staff are well trained in age-appropriate programming, ensuring that campers of all ages enjoy their time at YMCA Wanakita. All programs are optional, giving families the opportunity to choose whether they would like to participate in programs or relax on the beach.

Facilities

Family Camp operates on Wanakita East separate from the Kids Overnight and Day Camp. (Week 9, the final week of the summer, Family Camp takes over the entire camp.) Each family occupies their own rustic wood cabin outfitted with single and bunk beds, shelving units, and electricity. Cabins are located moments away from centralized bathrooms with showers.

Family campers share meals together in our community dining hall, where YMCA Wanakita prides itself on healthy and delicious food. Our Food Services department is able to accommodate most dietary needs.

Family Campers enjoy an outstanding sandy waterfront with docks for various waterfront activities, fields, courts, and wooded areas for all land based programs, buildings for indoor activities, and access to fire pits and various other communal outdoor spaces.



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

"Every meal was a simple, joyful celebration of togetherness."

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 21 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 16.

Activities include:

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

YMCA WANAKITA DIRECTOR'S FUND

How you can help

Please help give a child a wonderful camp experience by making a donation. Each year, more than 700 children and youth receive subsidized access to YMCA Wanakita programming. One hundred percent of these donations will go to the Director's Fund which provides Wanakita the ability to make the biggest difference at camp.

Give the gift of camp. Simply click on the **Donate** button at YMCAWanakita.ca



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"Thank you so much for providing financial assistance; without it my child wouldn't have had this amazing experience."

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

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

"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 dinner with dessert treats and strawberry delights will be served throughout the afternoon. Please refer to our website for date and prices.

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, lodging). Please contact us for rates.

Program Participant Goals

- To be motivated by the YMCA values of Belonging, Caring, Respect, Honesty 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

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. Fitness classes and activities designed to enhance well-being in spirit, mind and body round out these popular fall and winter weekends.

VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKENDS

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.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER WEEKEND

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. Mother/Daughter weekend provides an ideal mix of activity, adventure, and relaxation.

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND

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

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 New Years with a fantastic New Years carnival and party.

MARCH BREAK FAMILY CAMP

Similar to our New Year's program, our March Break family camp offers a week long program for families to play together at YMCA Wanakita. If the weather cooperates, the maple sap will be running and campers will also get to learn about maple syrup production.

SPRING FAMILY CAMP

Experience camp with any or all members of your family! This is an opportunity to try camp for the first time or return to a place you love. Spring programs include canoeing, kayaking, high and low ropes, hiking and nature programs, drumming, outdoor cooking, campfires, crafts and more!



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.

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.

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.

BY AIR When arranging flights, please ensure that arrival and departures are scheduled for the day the camp session begins and ends, between 11am and 4pm. Staff will pick up, drop off and care for campers at Toronto International Airport. Please contact us to confirm details. Note: staff cannot pass security so are unable to wait with departing children. Travel time between the airport and YMCA Wanakita is 3 hours. If your camper requires an airline chaperone, this must be arranged and paid for in advance by the family.

Note: We require that all transportation arrangements be confirmed two weeks prior to your child's arrival.

Tuck Shop

Wanakita operates a year-round on site store for campers that sells a variety of items: YMCA Wanakita custom clothing, souvenirs, snacks, and staples.

Each spring we offer an Online Tuck Shop. Registered campers can pre-order items, including some items that may only be available by pre-ordering. On-line Tuck items are available upon arrival at 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, Senior Trad and SC2T programs as they are on trips when service is available.)**

Registration

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

Cancellation

Each season's programs have specific refund and cancellation policies related to dates of the program. In general, YMCA Wanakita applies a small administrative fee to all cancellations. Most deposits and full payments are not 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.



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

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. YMCA Wanakita offers 7 spots per session within it's inclusion program.

To inquire whether this program would be a good fit for your camper, please email Mike Thaler at mike.thaler@ymcahbb.ca.



YMCA WANAKITA 2022 - DATES AND RATES



Summer Overnight Camp & Leadership Development

SESSION	2022 DATES	PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
One Week Programs		
A1	July 3 - 9	Kita - J, I
A2	July 10 - July 16	Kita - J, I
B1	July 17 - July 23	Kita - J, I
B2	July 24 - July 30	Kita - J, I
C1	July 31 - Aug. 6	Kita - J, I
C2	Aug. 7 - Aug. 13	Kita - J, I
D1	Aug. 14 - Aug. 20	Kita - J, I
D2	Aug. 21 - Aug. 27	Kita - J, I
Two Week Programs		
A	July 3 - July 16	J, I, SS, ST, Trippers
B	July 17 - July 30	J, I, SS, ST, Trippers
C	July 31 - Aug. 13	J, I, SS, ST, Trippers
D	Aug. 14 - Aug. 27	J, I, SS, ST, Trippers
Four Week Programs		
AB	July 3 - July 30	SC (1st & 2nd Year)
CD	July 31 - Aug. 27	SC (1st & 2nd Year)

*J=Junior ; I=Intermediate; SS=Senior Specialty; ST=Senior Traditional; SC=Student Counsellor

PROGRAM	FEE
Kita - J, I	\$1,095
Two Week - J, I	\$1,895
Two Week - SS, ST	\$1,995
Trippers	\$1,995
1st & 2nd Year SC	\$3,595
Laundry	\$25
Transportation (1-way)	\$70
Transportation (round trip)	\$140

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



Summer Day Camp

SESSION	2022 DATES
Week 1	July 4 - July 8
Week 2	July 11 - July 15
Week 3	July 18 - July 22
Week 4	July 25 - July 29
Week 5	Aug. 1 - Aug. 5
Week 6	Aug. 8 - Aug. 12
Week 7	Aug. 15 - Aug. 19
Week 8	Aug. 22 - Aug. 26

* We will be open for the Civic Holiday

TRANSPORTATION	FEE
Day Camp	\$250
Transportation (1-way)	\$40
Transportation (round trip)	\$80

*Note all transportation fees are subject to 13% HST

Summer Family Camp

SESSION	2022 DATES
Week 1	July 3 - 9
Week 2	July 10 - July 16
Week 3	July 17 - July 23
Week 4	July 24 - July 30
Week 5	July 31 - Aug. 6
Week 6	Aug. 7 - Aug. 13
Week 7	Aug. 14 - Aug. 20
Week 8	Aug. 21 - Aug. 27
Week 9 West	Aug. 28 - Sept. 3
Week 9 East	Aug. 28 - Sept. 3

AGE AT CAMP	FEE
Adult (17+ years)	\$765
Youth (10-16 years)	\$560
Child (3-9 years)	\$520
Under 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	2022 DATES
New Years Family Camp	New Years: Dec. 30 (2021) - Jan. 2
Winter Women's Weekend	Jan. 21 - Jan. 23
Family Day Weekend	Feb. 18 - Feb. 21
March Break Family Camp	March 13 - March 17
Spring Work Weekend	April 22 - April 24
Mother/Daughter Weekend	May 6 - May 8
Spring Family Camp Work Weekend	June 17 - June 19
Spring Family Weekend	June 17 - June 19
Fall Women's Weekend	Sept. 30 - Oct. 2
Fall Work Weekend	Oct. 28 - Oct. 30

PROGRAM	COST
Spring Family Weekend Adult (17+) Youth (10-16) Child (3-9)	Adult (17+) - \$300 Youth (10-16) - \$220 Child (3-9) - \$205
Fall Women's Weekend-West Fall Women's Weekend-East	\$320 \$280
October Work Weekend	FREE

PROGRAM	COST
New Years Family Camp Adult (17+) Youth (10-16) Child (3-9)	Adult (17+) - \$450 Youth (10-16) - \$330 Child (3-9) - \$305
Winter Women's Weekend	\$320
Family Day Family Camp Adult (17+) Youth (10-16) Child (3-9)	Adult (17+) - \$450 Youth (10-16) - \$330 Child (3-9) - \$305
March Break Family Camp Adult (17+) Youth (10-16) Child (3-9)	Adult (17+) - \$600 Youth (10-16) - \$440 Child (3-9) - \$410
Spring Work Weekend	FREE
Mother/Daughter Weekend Adult (17+) Youth (10-16) Child (3-9)	Adult (17+) - \$300 Youth (10-16) - \$220 Child (3-9) - \$205

* Note all fees are subject to 13% HST. Children under 3 are free.

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.

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WHAT ANIMAL ARE YOU?



Eagle Rising above the material to see the big picture.



Owl A deep connection with wisdom and intuitive knowledge.



Fox A teacher providing guidance - swiftly finding your way around obstacles.



Bear Inner strength, courage and leadership.



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