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YMCA Camping

## YMCA Day Camp FIELD GUIDE 2022

# Fun. Active. Unplugged.



**Registration Opens Online March 21st, 2022 • 8:30am**

**We will continue to follow Public Health guidelines. Programs and locations are subject to change based on current protocols.**



# 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.

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## YMCA Core Values

The YMCA is committed to helping children grow by teaching and reinforcing BELONGING, CARING, HONESTY, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.

## Building Blocks of Success

The YMCA believes that every child is worth investing in. It's not only an investment in their future but an investment in our community. Assets are 40 key building blocks that help youth grow up healthy, positive, confident and competent. The more assets youth have, the more likely they will succeed. For more information, visit [ymcahbb.ca](http://ymcahbb.ca) or the Search Institute at [search-institute.org](http://search-institute.org).

“ I appreciated the communication from staff about my child's day! My son came back feeling part of a community and singing camp songs. He has asked to go back to YMCA camps in the future. ”

Parent



## Note to Families

Dear Families...

**We are thrilled to welcome you to YMCA day camp this summer!**

If you are a returning camper, we look forward to having you join us again. To all our first-time campers, welcome to our YMCA camp family!

We have so many fun activities planned for you this summer. We are excited to be bringing back our specialty outdoor camps for the summer season, including Canoe and Kayak camp, Eco-Explorers, and Camp Fundamentals! These specialty camps give kids the opportunity to explore the great outdoors and learn new skills along the way (details on page 7).

We are committed to following all health and safety protocols to ensure your child's camp experience is as safe as possible.

Our camp team is looking forward to another summer filled with all the things kids love most - running, playing, swimming, laughing, making new friends, crafts, and so much more.

See you at camp!

Natalie Verschueren,  
*Manager, YMCA Day Camps*

**Camp COVID procedures** will be under the direction of public health. We will be reinforcing masking and hand hygiene etiquette, physical distancing, limiting interactions between cohorts, health screenings and cleaning and disinfecting equipment. We will update families with COVID policies as we learn more.



## YMCA Staff Team

Our counsellors are university, college and high school students who are trained to ensure your child's experience is one that will be cherished and remembered for many years. In addition to refining their leadership and program skills, these individuals also concentrate on developing and preparing the summer day camp programs. Many counsellors and support staff have been with us for several years. These individuals make a wonderful camping experience possible by providing a safe and welcoming environment in which your child will learn, play and have fun. All counsellors are First Aid and CPR certified and have been trained on YMCA Healthy Child Development. We welcome staff and volunteers of all communities including, but not limited to, women, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity.

## Variety of Camp Choices

From traditional outdoor nature camps at Camp Chippewa to urban camps focusing on sportsmanship and fun, the YMCA has the right Day Camp experience for children of all ages from kindergarten through teens. Please see page 4 for a listing of all camp programs, locations, and age requirements. Each program offered will incorporate a variety of active, quiet, and traditional camp activities daily. Parents registering their child for multiple weeks are encouraged to alternate the camp programs chosen.










# Selecting the Right Camp

A variety of fun programs and locations are available for children and youth aged 4 to 15. Selecting the camp that interests your camper is essential for ensuring an enjoyable stay at YMCA Day Camps. Use the chart below or call your local YMCA to determine which program is right for your camper. When signing up for several weeks, parents are encouraged to choose a variety of program options. *\*Locations are subject to change based on availability.*

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



	CAMP NAME	LOCATION	CAMPER AGE												FEE
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
OUTDOOR	Chippewa	Christie Lake Conservation Area 			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$201
	Eco-Explorers						X	X	X	X					\$223
	Canoe Skills						X	X	X	X	X	X			\$237
	Kayak Skills								X	X	X	X			\$250
	Fundamentals								X	X	X	X			\$256
	LIT 1												X	X	\$223
	LIT 2 (Prerequisite)												X	X	\$223
	Helping Hands -Special Needs	Available at all locations except Laurier Brantford YMCA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$383
URBAN	Stepping Stones*	Tansley	X	X											\$229
		Queen Victoria School	X	X											\$212
		Laurier Brantford YMCA	X	X											\$190
	Kidventure	Tansley 			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$221
		Queen Victoria School 			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$207
		Laurier Brantford YMCA 			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$185
	Sports	Tansley 			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$221
		Queen Victoria School 			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$207
		Laurier Brantford YMCA 			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$185
	LIT 3 (Prerequisite)												X	X	FREE
	Helping Hands -Special Needs	Available at all locations except Laurier Brantford YMCA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$383

 Swimming at this location    *\*Please note: Stepping Stones campers will not be swimming but will be participating in water-based activities.*

*Fees for Week 5 will be reduced by 20% due to holiday closures*

Week 1	July 4-8
Week 2	July 11-15
Week 3	July 18-22
Week 4	July 25-29
Week 5	August 2 - August 5*
Week 6	August 8-12
Week 7	August 15-19
Week 8	August 22-26
Week 9	August 29 - September 2

\* Indicates short week due to holidays.

*Please note: Not all locations operate for full 9 weeks. See pages 6-11 for operating weeks.*





Chippewa Activities

Throughout the week, campers will have the opportunity to challenge themselves and develop skills in these camp activities:

**Swimming:** Safe and fun water games will be provided for all who attend camp. Everyone will be tested to determine swimming capabilities before doing any water-based activities. Campers swim once per day (weather and water permitting), and 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 to explore hiking trails, stocked ponds, and boardwalks at Christie Lake Conservation Area with their group.

**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. Be prepared for wonderful creations from your child, presented to you with a beaming smile.

**Archery:** 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.

**Please note:** Campers will participate in the following activities: arts and crafts, archery and canoeing twice a week (weather permitting).

Camp Chippewa (ages 6-13)

Located in the majestic surroundings of Christie Lake Conservation Area, Camp Chippewa includes spacious playing fields, a beautiful wooded area for supervised explorations, and a safe waterfront setting. Campers will have the opportunity to experience a combination of traditional outdoor day camp activities such as arts and crafts, waterfront swimming, archery, canoeing, and wilderness/environmental science pursuits.

- \$201/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-9)
- \$161/week (week 5)
- Staff to Camper ratio is 1:10. Campers are grouped according to their age.

“ My child had an awesome time, made new friends, gained independence, and skills like archery and canoeing. ”  
Parent



What Does a Typical Day at Chippewa Look Like?	
9:00-9:30	Bus arrival/games with bus groups
9:30-10:00	Flagpole (camp gathering)
10:00-10:45	Hiking
10:45-11:00	Snack/Sunscreen Application
11:00-12:00	Low Organized Games or Outdoor Field Game or Team Building Initiatives (ex. Drumming, Capture the Flag, etc)
12:00-12:45	Lunch/LOGS (low organized games)
12:45-1:00	Transition to Swimming
1:00-2:00	Swimming
2:00-2:15	Transition from Swimming
2:15-2:30	Snack/Sunscreen Application
2:30-3:30	Canoeing/ Arts and Crafts/ or Archery
3:30-4:00	Flagpole/Bus Lines/ Departure
<i>Note: 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. 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. Refunds will not be given for inclement weather or waterfront closure.</i>	

Specialty Programs at Camp Chippewa



Specialty programs provide children with a skill-based alternative to the general Camp Chippewa program. Specialty programs blend traditional camp activities with a focus on experiential learning and progressive skill development.

Canoe & Kayak Skills

These programs will provide campers with an introduction to canoeing or kayaking skills. Instructors will develop fun activities that emphasize safety and the fundamentals of canoeing or kayaking. Campers will also have the opportunity to participate in traditional camp activities at Camp Chippewa. Children must wear a life jacket while in the canoe or kayak. Campers will receive a skill assessment at the end of the week. Staff to Camper ratio is 1:10.

Canoe Camp (ages 8-13)

- \$237/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-8)
- \$190/wk (week 5)

Kayak Camp (ages 10-13)

- \$250/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-8)
- \$200/wk (week 5)

Eco-Explorers Camp (ages 8-11)

Campers will learn about their environment and the world around them through exciting activities and wilderness games. Activities will focus on nature education, science and outdoor games that promote learning through fun. Weekly themes include: air, water, weather, animal tracks and eco-systems. Staff to Camper ratio is 1:10.

These campers will enjoy a full camp program, including camp classics such as swimming, archery, arts & crafts and canoeing.

- \$223/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-8)
- \$178/wk (week 5)



Bussing provided (see pages 14 and 15 for locations & times)

Those wishing to drop their children off at Christie Lake Conservation Area can do so at 9:00 am and pick up at 4:00 pm at the YMCA camp office.



Fundamentals Camp (age 10-13)

Fundamentals Camp allows older campers to experience the magic of the outdoors and to learn valuable camping skills in a fun environment. Offered at Chippewa, Fundamentals Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for campers to experience the outdoors and to spend time with new friends. Campers are taught camping skills, such as setting up a campsite, cooking over a fire, fire building and starting, no-trace camping, and a variety of survival techniques.

These campers will enjoy a full camp program, including camp classics such as swimming, archery, arts & crafts and canoeing. Staff to Camper ratio is 1:10

Includes lunch and snack on Thursday and snack on Friday

- \$256/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-8)
- \$205/wk (week 5)



URBAN - Camps



Urban Camp Locations Include:

(subject to change based on availability)

- Laurier Brantford YMCA (100 Water Street, Brantford)
- Queen Victoria School (166 Forest Ave, Hamilton)
- Tansley Woods Community Centre (1996 Itabashi Way, Burlington)



Stepping Stones (ages 4 to 5)

A fun-filled program that allows young campers to play, learn and discover in a safe and supervised setting. Stepping Stones is an age appropriate full day program with a 1:8 staff to camper ratio. Your little ones will begin to learn basic movements such as throwing, hopping, running and kicking a ball. Activities include arts and crafts, songs and music.

*Please note: Stepping Stones campers will not be swimming but will participate in water-based activities.*

This summer we will be collaborating with the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts Artasia Program. Artasia is a project of Culture for Kids in the Arts that engages children and youth in visual arts and led by a professional arts educator and arts instructor, in cooperation with the YMCA.

Laurier Brantford YMCA

- \$190/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-9)
- \$152/wk (week 5)

Tansley Woods Community Centre

- \$229/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-9)
- \$183/wk (week 5)

Queen Victoria School (8 weeks only)

- \$212/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-8)
- \$170/wk (week 5)

*May include walks to local park and splash pad*

KidVenture Camp (ages 6-13)

KidVenture Camp provides campers with the opportunity to explore their creativity in a safe and fun environment. Activities include: arts and crafts, drama & dance, swimming, co-operative games, and outdoor play. Each week, campers will have a special guest speaker. Staff to Camper ratio is 1:10 (children age 6) & 1:12 (children age 7-13).

Laurier Brantford YMCA

- \$185/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-9)
- \$148/wk (week 5)

Tansley Woods Community Centre

- \$221/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-9)
- \$177/wk (week 5)

Queen Victoria School (7 weeks only)

- \$207/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-7)
- \$166/wk (week 5)

*May include walks to local park and swimming off-site*

Sports Camp (ages 6-13)

Sports Camp focuses on sportsmanship, participation and fair play, fitness and team spirit. Children have the opportunity to learn basic fundamental movement skills through fun and interactive activities. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, soccer, basketball, volleyball, football and team games. Staff to camper ratio is 1:10 (children age 6) & 1:12 (children age 7-13).

Laurier Brantford YMCA

- \$185/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-9)
- \$148/wk (week 5)

Tansley Woods Community Centre

- \$221/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-9)
- \$177/wk (week 5)

Queen Victoria School (7 weeks only)

- \$207/wk (weeks 1-4 and 6-7)
- \$166/wk (week 5)

*May include walks to local park and swimming off-site*



What does a typical day at Sports Camp look like?

9:00-9:30	Flagpole (songs, skits, rules/routine reminders and introduction to the day)
9:30-10:15	Skills and Drills e.g. Basketball
10:15-10:45	Outdoor Sports Game e.g. Touch Football
10:45-11:00	Snack
11:00-11:30	Craft
11:30-12:15	Outdoor Field game e.g. Crab soccer
12:15-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:15	Pool Transition
1:15-2:15	Swimming
2:15-2:45	Pool Transition/Snack
2:45-3:30	Camp-wide game
3:30-4:00	Flagpole





Leader in Training Level 1

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 as well as:

- Planning and delivering a new group game
- Observing campers in various age groups
- Debriefing about observation experiences through journaling and reflection
- Goal setting
- Discovering personality styles
- Communication styles
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Program planning and facilitation
- Youth gambling prevention
- LIT Campers will be guided through these sessions by our trained staff. A certificate outlining the LIT campers achievement will be awarded to each participant.
- Prerequisite: turning 14 years old in 2022
- Staff to Camper ratio is 1:15
- Bussing provided (see page 14 and 15 for locations & times)
- \$223/2 wk session (available weeks 1-2 and 3-4; must attend full two week session)
- LIT Level 1 participants will receive a verification letter of volunteer hours in the fall. Participants will receive a maximum of 37.5 hours based on attendance

Leader in Training Level 2

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:

- Team building, communication, trust, and support
- Conflict resolution
- YMCA Healthy Child Development and safety awareness at camp
- Behaviour management techniques and inclusive practices
- Job search, resume building, and interview skills
- Placement within specialized camper groups & program areas
- Journaling and reflection
- Facilitation of skill-building activities

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

- Prerequisite: turning 14 years old in 2022; Completion of LIT Level 1
- Bussing provided (see page 14 and 15 for locations and times)
- Staff to Camper ratio is 1:15
- \$223/2 wk session (available weeks 5-6 and 7-8; must attend full two week session)
- LIT Level 2 participants will receive a verification letter of volunteer hours in the fall. Participants will receive a maximum of 37.5 hours based on attendance

Leader in Training Level 3

The Leader in Training (Level 3) (LIT) will have the opportunity to improve their skills by volunteering at an urban camp and preparing themselves to be a Junior Counsellor in the following year. During this program, the LIT will have an opportunity to complete a 4 week placement at one of the day camp's urban locations (see page 8 for all locations). The LITs will be responsible for observing and shadowing a camp counsellor at an urban camp program and during the last week, they will be responsible for delivering a large group game, a low organized game (LOG) and an arts and crafts activity.

- Weeks 2-5
  - \*Weeks 6-9
- \* Please note, not all urban locations operate 9 weeks and may only offer a placement weeks 2-5.*
- Prerequisite: LIT 1 & 2
  - Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the urban location
  - Register by completing the online registration. Link located on page 17
  - This volunteer position will be documented and verified for school requirements. A verification letter will be sent to participants in the fall
  - If interested in having a LIT 3 placement with children who have special needs please call 905-317-4907
  - LIT Level 3 is FREE

**Junior Counsellor Positions** - Once LIT participants complete Level 3 and reach the minimum age of 16, they can apply to be a YMCA Day Camp Junior Counsellor (JC). JCs are responsible for attending pre-camp training, co-facilitating a group of campers with a staff member, and developing their own leadership style. Applicants who have completed the LIT levels and have demonstrated the competencies and skills for becoming a JC will receive first consideration. To apply, email your resume to [hbb.daycampjobs@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:hbb.daycampjobs@ymcahbb.ca). This position is unpaid, however, JC's will be reimbursed with a bi-monthly honorarium.

Helping Hands

**Helping Hands offers 1:1 support for children with physical and/or developmental disabilities so they can enjoy a summer camp experience alongside their peers.**

All children deserve the opportunity to make new friends, try new things and enjoy the exciting opportunities that are part of a summer experience.

As a camper attending one of our Day Camp programs, your child can receive 1:1 support from trained YMCA Helping Hands staff. 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!

Special needs integration is available for all Day Camp programs offered by the YMCA of Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford. Children must meet the age criteria for the selected camp but after that, the choice is up to you and your child.

- \$383/week (pro-rated at \$306 for week 5). This fee covers the camp program and the 1:1 Helping Hands staff support.
- You can register your child for a maximum of two weeks. (Registration is limited to give summer Day Camp opportunities to more children. Additional weeks may become available throughout the summer.)

In order to register your child in Helping Hands, please contact:

**Christina Wood**  
General Manager of Inclusion Services for Children  
p. 905.317.4907 Email: [christina.wood@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:christina.wood@ymcahbb.ca)  
79 James Street South, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 2Z1

As regulations and protocols continue to evolve during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will adhere to our local Public Health guidelines and this may impact registration. If interested in Helping Hands, please complete the Helping Hands Interest Form that will be available on the YMCA website and a member of our Inclusion Team will respond confirming space or placement on the waitlist.







# Extended Camp Care Options

## Extended Camp Care (ages 4-12)

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

- \$30/week; \$24/week (week 5) - Burlington, Hamilton, Flamborough, Stoney Creek  
\$32/week; 25.40/week outdoor & 25.60/week indoor (week 5) - Brantford
- Operates from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- **Space in the extended care program is limited. Please register early to avoid disappointment.**
- Some child care subsidy contracts require campers to enroll in the extended camp care program.

Extended Care Location	Camps Served	Weeks
Burlington		
St. Paul School – 530 Cumberland Avenue	Camp Chippewa	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Tansley Woods Community Centre - 1996 Itabashi Way	Tansley   Camp Chippewa	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Hamilton   Flamborough   Stoney Creek		
Norwood Park School - 165 Terrace Drive	Camp Chippewa	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Stoney Creek YMCA Child Care Centre - 105 King Street East	Camp Chippewa	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Queen Victoria School - 166 Forest Avenue	Queen Victoria   Camp Chippewa	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Brantford		
Laurier Brantford YMCA-100 Water Street	Camp Chippewa   Laurier Brantford YMCA	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 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 an urban camp (Stepping Stones, Sports, KidVenture programs), the urban camp location and extended care location must be the same.

**Note 2:** Queen Victoria School extended care will be open weeks 1-7 for Sports and KidVenture, weeks 1-8 for Stepping Stones and Specialty, and weeks 1-9 for Chippewa.





Bus Routes (for Camp Chippewa Campers Only)

Bussing Reminders

- 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).
- 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. Please include cell phone numbers for all authorized pick-ups in the event of a delay.
- The bus you choose to transport your child must be the same for drop off and pick up for the entire week.
- Busses will wait 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 (for Hamilton - lower city routes will go to the Downtown YMCA; mountain routes will go to the Les Chater YMCA or at a future bus stop on the route). The \$20/half hour or part of, late fee will be applied.



How was your  
YMCA Day Camp this summer?

Hamilton Busses (Lower City)

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
BLACK BIRDS (Binbrook, Stoney Creek)		
8:25	Stoney Creek Day Care, 105 King St. East, Stoney Creek*	4:45
ORANGE OWLS (Downtown Hamilton)		
8:15	Queen Victoria Elementary School, 166 Forest Avenue North*	4:40
8:30	Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre, 192 Wentworth St. N	4:35
RED RHINOS (Hamilton East and West)		
8:15	Dalewood Middle School, 1150 Main St. West	4:45
8:30	Sir William Osler Elementary School, 330 Governors Road	4:25
BROWN BEARS		
8:10	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, 1715 Main St E	5:00
8:30	Norwood Park School, 165 Terrace Drive*	4:35

Hamilton Busses (Mountain)

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
GREEN GORILLAS (Hamilton Mountain)		
8:05	Highview Elementary School, 1040 Queensdale Ave	5:00
8:25	Corpus Christi Elementary School, 25 Alderson Drive	4:45
GOLDEN GOOSE		
8:15	Les Chater YMCA, 356 Rymal Rd E	4:45

Burlington Busses

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
BLUE BUFFALOS		
8:10	Frontenac Public School, 5140 Pinedale Ave	4:55
8:20	St. Paul Elementary School, 530 Cumberland Ave*	4:40
TURQUOISE TURTLES		
8:25	Tansley Woods Community Centre, 1996 Itabashi Way*	4:40
MAROON MOOSE		
8:05	St. Timothy, 2141 Deer Run Ave	4:55
8:20	Brant Hills Community Center, 2255 Brant St	4:45

YMCA Day Camp Parent Survey

On our online registration form we have included a line for your e-mail. We will be e-mailing families at random to send you our Parent Satisfaction Survey in order to learn more about how we can meet the needs of our families.

Burlington/Flamborough Busses

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
PURPLE PENGUINS		
8:20	Holy Rosary, 261 Plains Rd East, Burlington	4:55
8:45	Allan A. Greenleaf, 211 Parkside Drive	4:25

Brantford Busses

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
PINK PANDAS		
8:10	Assumption College, 257 Shellard Lane (Front doors of staff parking lot)	4:50
8:30	Laurier Brantford YMCA, 100 Water St. (doors located on Water St.)*	4:30

Brantford/Ancaster Busses

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
SILVER SHARKS		
8:10	Three Bears Preschool, 160 Brantwood Park Rd	4:55
8:35	Spring Valley Elementary School, 99 Dunham Dr	4:30

\* Those stops highlighted in blue indicate an extended care site. Locations subject to change



Start and end every school day with the YMCA School Age Child Care (SACC)

The YMCA of Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford’s School Age Child Care Program; is a unique partnership between various elementary schools, the YMCA and the families participating in the program. At the YMCA, we pride ourselves on our ability to provide the best in value based programming.

The YMCA School Age Child Care Program is committed to the core values of belonging, responsibility, caring, honesty and respect, and we further each child’s personal development through;

- Strengthening values and fostering personal growth
- Building a sense of responsibility within the community
- Encouraging and teaching respect for the environment
- Developing an understanding of global issues

The YMCA School Age Child Care Program is in operation every regular school day between September and June from 7:00 am until school begins, and from the end of the school day until 6:00 pm. Select locations will also run programs on PA Days, Winter and March Break. To see if SACC is offered in your neighbourhood please visit [www.ymcahbb.ca](http://www.ymcahbb.ca).



Hours of Operation

Day Camps operate from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (if your child is taking a bus to Camp Chippewa – please refer to the bussing hours on page 14 and 15 of this field guide for drop off and pick up times). If you require a longer camp day, extended care programs are offered. Please see page 13 for more information and extended care locations.

Please note that all day camp and extended care locations will be closed on Statutory Holidays: Monday August 1st, 2022

Sign In and Out of Campers

Campers must be signed in/out by an adult 16 years of age or older. The staff will ask for photo identification. Campers will be released only to those authorized to pick up as indicated on the registration form.

If a child is picked up past the time of the camp closure (or bus drop off), a late fee of \$20 per half hour or part thereof per child will be charged to the parent’s account.

Personal Belongings

Please label all of your child’s belongings with their first and last name and leave all valuables at home.

The YMCA is not responsible for any items your child loses at camp. Please label all clothing and belongings that come to camp. Campers are asked not to bring valuables. The YMCA will not provide refunds for damaged or lost belongings. All clothing and belongings will be held at the on-site lost and found up to two weeks after the camp session. Any unclaimed belongings will be donated to a local charity after the 2 weeks has passed.

No electronic devices (personal gaming systems, cell phones, etc.) are permitted at camp.

Hot Weather Policy

YMCA staff will modify camp activities to accommodate for hot weather in order to ensure the health and safety of all participants. This will include frequent water breaks, water activities, less active games and the use of shaded and cooler areas of the camps. These precautions will allow all campers to enjoy a fun and safe camp experience, even on the hottest of days.

What Your Child Needs To Bring

To be prepared for all activities, campers will need:

- Running shoes
- Sunscreen\*
- Water bottle\*
- Swimsuit and towel
- Nutritious nut-safe lunch and snacks \*\*
- Light jacket
- Hat
- Weather appropriate extra clothing
- Bug Spray (optional)

\* Please ensure each camper has their own sunscreen and water bottle. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, sharing is not recommended.

\*\* Campers are active and busy all day. Please ensure they bring a healthy lunch, snack and drinks (water bottle is best) to nourish them throughout the day.

Medication at Camp/Extended Care

Day Camp staff can administer drugs/medication to a child when the parent/guardian has completed the Administration of Medication Form. All medication must be in the original container labeled with the child’s name and prescription number (when applicable). Medication will be collected on the first day and returned on the last day of the camp week. Please send only enough medication for the week. If your child requires an inhaler, please indicate whether your child’s counsellor or your child will carry and administer the inhaler.

Allergies and epi-pens

If you identify your child as requiring an epi-pen for life-threatening allergies, the epi-pen will need to accompany your child to camp each day. For their safety, they will not be admitted to camp without their epi-pen. The Anaphylaxis Plan and Administration of Medication Forms must be returned with the registration to complete enrollment. The anaphylaxis and medication administration form can be found on our website at ymcahbdaycamps.ca.

Behaviour Guidance Procedures

It’s our goal to provide a healthy, safe and secure environment. The YMCA teaches core values through activities based on belonging, caring, honesty, 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.

Behaviour Guidelines

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 will care for ourselves and those around us

We're committed to following all health and safety protocols to ensure your child's camp experience is as safe as possible. Please note that procedures and guidelines may change as new camp COVID-19 directives are released from Public Health.

Online Registration

YMCAHBBDayCamps.ca

ymcahamiltonburlingtonbrantford.campbrainregistration.com

Fast and easy online registration.

Families in receipt of subsidy have the opportunity to register online. Registration instructions for families in receipt of subsidy can be found at ymcahbdaycamps.ca

Payment Schedule

Payments can be made:

- In full at time of registration (Credit card or EFT)
- In full post-dated to either May 15th or June 15th (Credit card or EFT payments)
- Post-dated and split between May 15th and June 15th (Credit card or EFT payments)

Please note, if you are in receipt of subsidy and registering online, you will need to post-date your payment to allow administration to change your payment to reflect your contract.

Once the Post-Dated Deadline has passed payment is due at time of registration.

Pay online via Visa, MasterCard, or EFT  
Note: We do not accept VISA Debit or American Express.

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 hamburl.daycamps@ymcahbb.ca

Registration Reminders

- Payment details must accompany completed registration.
- Full or post-dated payments must be made on-line by Visa, MasterCard, or EFT at time of registration.

Payments that are returned as NSF will be re-processed by the YMCA within 10 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 20th, 2022.

Registrations will not be accepted after Monday at 4:00 pm for attendance in the following week.

Families that indicate their child requires medication or an epi-pen at camp must ensure all forms are complete prior to the camp session. Campers will not be able to attend until forms are complete.

Please ensure all fields are filled out accurately. Incomplete registration forms will not be processed and will be considered void.

Completed registrations will receive an email confirmation regarding the status of your campers enrollment.

Changes to camp preference or dates must be made 5 business days before the registered camp week by submitting a completed Change of Status form which is available at ymcahbb.ca.

Any refunds requested after May 16th, 2022 will be subject to a \$35 administration fee per registration. No refunds will be given if less than 5 business days notice in writing is provided.

Refunds are not issued for inclement weather or pool/beach front closures.

If your child needs additional support during their camp day or an outside support person please call 905-317-4907 for more information and to discuss the process of bringing in your own personal support person.

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. Some child care subsidies require children to attend Extended Camp Care in addition to camp (this will be identified on the subsidy contract). Participants receiving regional subsidy in Hamilton may register for a maximum of 2 weeks in specialty camp programs (listed on page 7). Participants receiving regional subsidy in Brantford cannot register for specialty camp programs. Limits for specialty programs do not apply to Halton subsidies. There is no registration limit for Camp Chippewa or Indoor 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

YMCA Financial Assistance

Through the generosity of donors from across our community, the YMCA can assist with the payment of one week 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. To book a financial assistance appointment, please call:

- Flamborough, Hamilton and Burlington Financial Assistance: 905-317-4929
- Brantford School Age Child Care Office: 519-752-4568

How to prepare for your appointment:

- Complete your camper's online registration
- Post-date your payment to June 15th, 2022
- Bring supporting documentation (2021 Tax information, pay statements, government assistance statements, etc)





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## 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

**BELONGING, CARING, HONESTY,  
RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.**

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