

Summer Nature Camp

Parent and Guardian Information

Summer Camp operates Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Summer camp will take place in our environmentally friendly building, the Centre for Urban Ecology, located on the Arboretum grounds. Camp is an outdoors, hands on experience geared to specific age groups ranging from 5 to 13 years old. These *specialized nature programs* ensure a high level of activity and interest for each participant. Camp will be split into a junior and senior section. Ages in these sections will depend on registration.

Nature interpreters, who work regularly throughout the year with school classes and community groups, will be part of the staff at each camp session. There will be a minimum of one counsellor or leader-in-training for every five campers.



Registration begins April 1, 2010

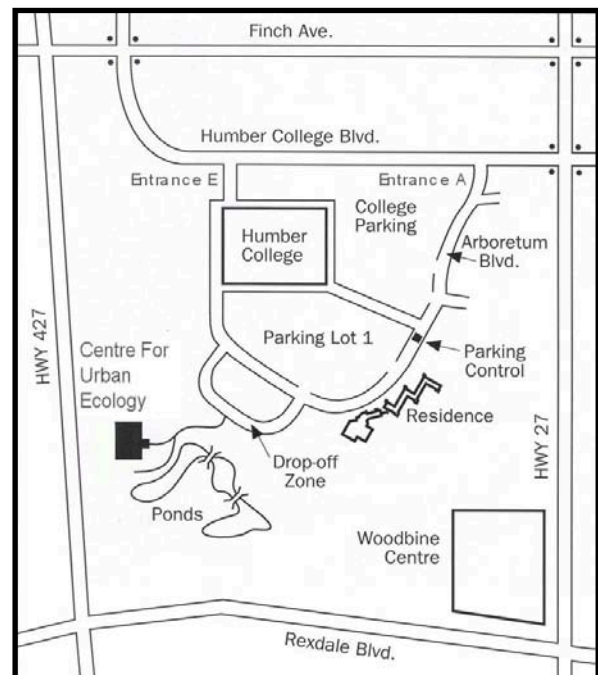


Meals

The children should bring their own morning snack, lunch and drinks each day except for Wednesday. Humber Nature Camps will provide a healthy afternoon snack each day; as well as a pizza or hot dog lunch every Wednesday. Please inform us of any food allergies and do not bring nuts of any kind to camp.

Transportation

The Centre for Urban Ecology is accessible by TTC. Please contact us for further details.



Weekly Schedules



Weekly

Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Swimming in the Humber Pool

Wednesday

- Lunch provided

Throughout the Week

- Canoeing in the big pond by HWY 27
- Nature Hikes
- Sing songs and storytelling

Other activities may include:

- Forest Exploration
- Insect Observation
- Pond and River Discovery
- Bird Watching
- Nature Crafts
- Outdoor sports and games

Litterless Lunches

We wish to reduce the amount of waste that is produced at the Centre. We will ask campers to:


- take their garbage and anything that can't be recycled here back home
- compost any food waste using our on site compost bins

[For more info on Litterless lunches check out www.wastefreelunches.org.](http://www.wastefreelunches.org)

Reduce

Avoid over packaged food such as pre-packaged or single use containers.

Buy Bulk foods such as dried fruit or snacks from a bulk food store.

Let Nature pack for you Hard boiled eggs and most fruit does not need to be packaged. They come in their own handy packaging. 

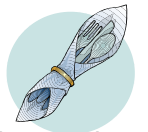


Reuse



Bring your lunch in reusable containers such as thermoses, water bottles, lunch boxes, and reusable plastic containers.

Use cloth napkins and reusable utensils.

Avoid disposable containers and utensils such as plastic bags, paper bags, Styrofoam containers, foil wrap, paper napkins and plastic utensils. These just end up in the garbage after one use! **Garbage must be taken back with you.**




Recycle

Recycling reduces waste. At our Centre, we can only  recycle aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles. Everything else  must be taken back with you.

Only recycle what you can't reduce or reuse. Recycling takes energy. Aluminum cans are able to be recycled many times but plastics can only be recycled and made into another product once.

Compost

Bring only what you can eat. **Compost food waste** at our Centre. We have an indoor worm bin and an outdoor compost bin. 



Family Day

Each session will end with a special family day presentation. Parents, guardians, siblings, and friends are invited to come see our campers' performances. Family Day takes place at 3:00pm on Friday July 9th, Friday July 23th, Friday July 30th, Friday August 13th, and Friday August 27th



What to Bring to Camp Checklist

Footwear

- Closed toed shoes for outdoor programs
- Water shoes/sandals (for running through soaker hose)
- Rubber boots (for river study day)

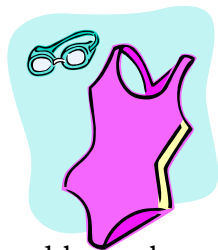
Outerwear

- Brimmed hat
- Rain coat
- Sunglasses



Everyday wear

- Extra socks
- Bathing suit (every day)
- Towel (every day)
- Light coloured long pants and long sleeved shirt (for nature hikes)



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Health and Safety

- Medications, inhalers etc. (in a fanny pack/bag)
- Swimming goggles (for use in the pool)
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Water bottle



Other

- Litterless lunch (except Wednesday)
- Backpack or cotton bag
- Plastic bag (to carry wet clothes home)

*Remember that as an outdoor nature camp, your child will be spending time playing outside rain or shine. Please dress your child in **weather appropriate clothing that can get dirty.**



One-Week Choices - \$195	Two-Week Choices - \$365	Nine day Camp - \$ 325
July 5 – 9	July 12 - 23	Aug 3 – 13
July 26 – 30	Aug 16 – 27	
Aug 9 - 13		
Aug 30 – Sept 3		

Before and After Care	
Before - 8:00a.m. to 9:00am	\$40.00 for 1 wk, \$70.00 for 9 day
After - 4:00p.m. to 5:30pm	\$45.00 for 1 wk, \$80.00 for 9 day
Both	\$80.00 for 1 wk, \$145.00 for 9 day

After Care ends promptly at 5:30pm. Late pick-ups will result in a \$5.00 per minute charge which MUST be paid on the spot or BEFORE sign-in the next morning.

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