

V.R.C Summer Day Camp

2020

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Welcome to our annual summer day camp at Vanastra Recreation Centre! We are excited to have you aboard for a few days, weeks, or even the whole summer! We have been working very hard to make this summer not only enjoyable, but safe for all. Our day camp is filled with fun games, crafts, swimming, and special events and days to engage and include all campers. This summer will be a blast! Participation is mandatory because we want all campers to be involved and enjoy every activity to the fullest. As parents/guardians, we want you to take the role of encouraging your child(ren) to make the most of their time here at day camp for themselves and those around them.

**What Should My Child(ren) Bring to Camp?**

We will be spending much of our days enjoying the summer sun, so please ensure that your child(ren) packs sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle every single day! If you and your child(ren) could get into a habit of putting sunscreen on before even coming to camp that would be a huge help and is greatly appreciated. Your child should bring a lunch every day. We also have two snack breaks throughout the day; our first snack must be a nutritious snack. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we go swimming in the pool and on hot days we play water games, so ***please ensure that your child(ren) have a bathing suit and towel, and footwear that can get wet every day.*** We also make use of the ball diamond, so please ensure that your child(ren) have shoes that they can run in. You are more than welcome to pack an extra pair of shoes for this purpose as children cannot be barefoot inside or out!

**Conflict Management**

It is our hope that we will all have a great summer and all our campers will enjoy every minute of it! However, there may be times that conflict arises. In this case, we will complete a behaviour form indicating what happened and the actions that were taken by our day camp staff. This form will be given to the child’s parent/guardian to be signed and returned in recognition of the conflict. If there are any problems that persist we may need to ask you to find alternative arrangements for your child. We want to ensure that this is a safe, enjoyable summer for all campers.

**Lost & Found**

We recommend that your child not bring expensive or valuable things to camp. Please ensure that your child understands that he/she is responsible for his/her belongings. We cannot take responsibility for money that is brought to camp. If your child does feel the need to bring an electronic game, IPod, or cell phone, they will be asked to leave them in their backpacks until they have free time. If they are seen out during an unauthorized time they will be confiscated by a day camp leader until the end of the day. Please remember to label all valuables. **We are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.**

**Day Camp Fees**

Please see our day camp brochure for fees. We ask that you pay the full amount for the week(s) your child(ren) will be attending in advance. New this year, ***we will not be accepting cash*** – only cheque or e-transfer. Cheques should be made payable to Vanastra Recreation Centre, e-transfers can be sent to [soliver@huroneast.com](mailto:soliver@huroneast.com) , please use *Day Camp* as the security code. Please note staff is scheduled to meet the required ratio leader to child based on registration. If your child(ren) are unable to attend any of the dates they are registered, there will be no refunds or credit for unattended day.

**Day Camp Dates and Hours**

Day camp will begin on July 2nd and run through to August 30th. Day Camp hours are 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Programs will start at 9:00 am and run through till 4:00 pm. Extended care hours are available from 7:00-8:00 am and 5:00-6:00 pm. A four-dollar charge applies for both morning and evening extended hours. Every ten minutes after 6:00 pm there will be a one-dollar charge if the child(ren) is still not picked up. There will be no camp on Monday August 5th.

**Special Events Information**

We have three different bus trips planned for this summer (see brochure for dates). Due to cost of bussing and entrance fees, there will be an extra charge on these special event days. If you have any questions regarding our special event days, please do not hesitate to ask one of our Day Camp staff. On days of special events all campers and leaders go on the trip, therefore no campers are able to stay at camp. Attendance is not mandatory for these days. If your child(ren) have shown poor behaviour consistently, he or she may not be allowed on the trip as these are ‘special’ days and bad behaviour will not be tolerated.

**Climbing Wall**

At Day Camp we have a transverse rock climbing cube that is installed and remains in the gymnasium. The goal of our climbing wall is to innovate activity that captivates all learners and to build physical, cognitive, and social/emotional skills. Climbing develops cardiovascular fitness, strength, flexibility, and coordination. Climbing activities are integrated with emotional and intellectual characteristics such as problem solving, patience, perseverance and courage. Students will be supervised while using the climbing wall at all times. However, as with all climbing walls there is an element of risk involved. This being the case, we request that you fill out a letter of permission for your child(ren) to participate on the climbing wall. This permission form is **mandatory** for your child(ren) to participate in our activates on the climbing wall.

**Allergy Information**

Please make staff aware of any allergies your child(ren) may have (food, medication, other) if you require staff to administer medication to your child, you will be required to fill out an information and permission form. Please ask staff for details.

**Click!**

We will be taking pictures throughout the summer of the crafts, games, activities and day trips that your child(ren) will participate in. With your permission, we wold like to use some of these pictures next year when promoting our summer programs at Vanastra Recreation Centre. Please check the photo consent box attached in the newsletter if your child(ren) may be photographed.

We encourage all parents to visit [www.huroneast.ca](http://www.huroneast.ca) for the camp information and Parent Handbook and further information about Day Camp such as a typical day at day camp, policies and procedures, trip days, special needs, and more.

If you have any further comments or questions, please feel free to reach out to a camp staff member. We are looking forward to a great summer with your child(ren)! See you at Day Camp!☺