

ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE DAY CAMPS

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ABOUT CAMP

WHERE IS CAMP LOCATED?

Camp takes place at the Ontario Science Centre. Each group of campers is given a space (lab, classroom or workshop) that serves as their home base.

Outdoor activities, demonstrations and recess are limited to Ontario Science Centre boundaries.

HOW WILL MY CAMPER SPEND THEIR CAMP DAY?

Time is spent exploring exhibit halls and participating in hands-on science activities.

At full-day camp, your camper will see a different IMAX® film each week. Half-day camps do not include an IMAX film.

WHAT ARE THE CAMPS SIGN-IN AND SIGN-OUT TIMES?

FULL-DAY CAMP

- Regular sign-in time is between 8:45 a.m. and 9 a.m.
- Regular sign-out is between 4 and 4:15 p.m.

HALF-DAY CAMP

- AM sign-in time is between 8:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. and the sign-out time is between 11:45 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- PM sign-in time is between 1 and 1:15 p.m. and the sign-out time is between 4 and 4:15 p.m.

Please note: If your child is not picked up on time, they may be taken into our Extended Care area. Additional fees will apply.

If you have questions about camp or wish to submit a Medical / Behaviour information form, please arrive by 8:45 a.m. (or 1 p.m. for PM half-day camp) on the first day of the camp week.

EXTENDED CARE

In order to make use of Morning and/or Afternoon Extended Care, you must pre-register and pre-pay. The fee is \$75.

Extended Care is not available for half-day camp.

Morning Extended Care begins at 7:30 a.m. and afternoon Extended Care begins at 4:15 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

A minimum \$15 surcharge (per day) may apply if a camper is picked up after 6 p.m. (at the manager's discretion).

CAMP'S SIGN-IN AND SIGN-OUT PROCEDURES

You must sign-in and sign-out your camper(s) every day at camp.

For 4 and 5 year-old campers, proof of age will be requested for age verification to ensure we are compliant with policy and legislation. Please have your camper's ID available on the first day of Camp.

For the safety and security of all campers, photo ID must be presented by the authorized pick-up person each day before your camper can be released from our care.

The name on the ID must match the name provided in the section "Person(s) Authorized to Pick Up" on your camper's application. Please do not provide us with the diminutive you may go by (tell us Michael instead of Mike or Christina instead of Chris if that is what is on the ID).

WHERE SHOULD I PARK FOR CAMPER DROP-OFF?

You must park on the **east side** (the side nearest Don Mills Rd.) of the **South Parking Lot** and enter the Centre through the IBM School and Tour Group Entrance. In the event the South Parking Lot is full, you will be directed to the North Parking Lot

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and into the Centre by Ontario Science Centre staff.

Parking for camper drop-off and pick-up is free of charge. Please arrive before 9 a.m. (or between 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. for half-day camp pick-up and drop-off) and again from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for full-day camp pick-up. Free access to our parking areas is strictly for the purposes of camper drop-off and pick-up.

LATE SIGN-IN AND/OR EARLY CHECK-OUT

If your camper is going to arrive after 9 a.m. or leave before 4 p.m., please contact the Camp Office at 416-696-3256 or by [email](#). Early pick-ups and late drop-offs take place at the Camp Office located at the North end of the Lobby. Please try to avoid late arrivals or early pick-ups if you are enrolled in half-day camp.

For full-day campers, we kindly request that late arrivals and early pick-ups not take place between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., and/or between 3:30 and 4 p.m., due to busy lunch time activities and end of day preparations. We appreciate your cooperation.

Due to busy Summer crowds, expect delays and line-ups for parking if you are arriving late or picking up early.

COMMUNICATING ABSENCES

If your camper cannot attend Camp, please contact the Camp Office at 416-696-3256 or by [email](#) before 8:45 a.m. to report their absence.

WHAT ABOUT HOLIDAYS?

Camp will not run on the Civic Holiday (Monday, August 3, 2020). Camp that week will be 4 days long, running from Tuesday to Friday, and will be priced accordingly.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

No refunds will be given for cancellations after Friday, June 5, 2020.

Cancellations received prior to June 5 and all modifications are fully refundable, less a \$70 administrative fee.

No refunds will be given for Camp days that a camper is absent and missed days cannot be made up.

A pro-rated (if applicable) refund due to medical reasons may be considered if a written request, **accompanied by a doctor's note confirming that the absence is due to medical reasons** are received within a week of the missed Camp.

Please note that the Science Centre reserves the right to terminate the registration of any camper if, in the opinion of the manager, it is in the best interest of the camper and /or Camp. If the Ontario Science Centre terminates a camper's enrollment, a pro-rated refund will be considered but is not guaranteed.

QUESTIONS

HOW DO I CHANGE MY CONTACT INFORMATION?

To make changes to your contact information before and during Camp, please contact our Camp Office with your confirmation number at: 416-696-3256 (Office Hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday) or by [email](#).

WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER WEAR TO CAMP?

Campers must be dressed comfortably and appropriately, based on the weather. They must also wear their Camp t-shirt every day while at camp. Camp t-shirts are handed out on Monday mornings.

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Open-toe shoes, roller shoes and Crocs are not considered safe for Camp.

Every Friday throughout the summer, campers and staff will be invited to dress-down as part of Pajama Day. Campers wearing their pajamas must still wear their Camp t-shirt.

WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER BRING TO CAMP?

Your camper's backpack should contain the following items:

1. A refillable water bottle (additional drinks optional)
2. A hat
3. Sunscreen "broad spectrum," SPF 30 or higher and insect repellent (to be self-applied)
4. A sweater / sweatshirt
5. **Full-day camp:**
 - Two snacks
 - Lunch (if not ordering a lunch from Compass Canada-Restaurant Associates)
Campers who order lunch should still bring a morning snack.
6. **Half-day camp:**
 - One snack
7. Birth certificate (**for 4 and 5 year-old campers only**) to show on Monday morning at sign-in

Belongings must be labeled clearly with the camper's full name. They will be stored in the camper's Camp room during the day.

Campers should not bring personal items such as iPods, electronic games, cellular phones, toys sport equipment or anything of personal value to Camp. There are no lockers available for storage and the Ontario Science Centre is not held responsible for lost or damaged goods. Please do not send money with your camper as there will be no opportunity for them to visit the vending machines or restaurant while at Camp.

WHAT HAPPENS TO LOST ITEMS?

Any lost items found in Camp rooms will be placed in the Camp's lost and found, located in the Camp Office. Any unclaimed items will be taken to the Centre's main lost and found which can be reached by calling 416-696-1000.

If items are lost or left outside of the Camp room they may be found by another visitor and returned directly to the general lost and found and so will not appear in the Camp Office.

WHAT WILL MY CAMPER EAT AT CAMP?

Campers should bring two snacks, a refillable water bottle and a packed lunch with them. Please note that refrigeration for lunches and snacks is not available to campers. Campers will also not have access to microwaves or vending machines.

We encourage litter-less lunches.

If you would like to order a lunch from our onsite food service provider, complete the Meal Plan order form and send it to Compass Canada-Restaurant Associates by fax to 416-696-3185 or by email to osc.meals@compass-canada.com

Campers who order lunch should still bring a morning snack as lunches are delivered at noon.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please DO NOT send food containing NUTS to Camp as many campers have severe, life-threatening allergies to nut products. Staff will not allow Campers to consume nut-related snacks at Camp.

The Ontario Science Centre cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment.

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WHAT ABOUT CAMPER CARE?

Camper safety and supervision is of the utmost importance. Camp programs are delivered by responsible, enthusiastic and caring counsellors with a broad range of expertise and experience working with children in an educational and / or recreational environment and have valid Vulnerable Sector Screening Checks. Our diverse staff includes teachers, science educators and university and high school level students with a science or education-related background.

CAN VISITORS ACCESS CAMP ROOMS AND/OR JOIN IN CAMP ACTIVITIES?

Ontario Science Centre visitors or camper parents / guardians are not permitted to enter Camp rooms or to join in Camp activities. If you would like to visit the Ontario Science Centre and / or the OMNIMAX[®] Theatre while your camper is busy at Camp, regular admission fees will apply.

WHAT ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY?

Please complete the [Medical/Special Needs Form](#) if you have information you need to provide us about your camper(s). This form is not mandatory for every camper; it is only required for children with a health condition that could impact their time at camp.

All members of the Ontario Science Centre's protective services staff, as well as Camp staff, are trained in First Aid and CPR. In addition, the Camp First Aid Liaison will assist ill or injured campers.

The First Aid Liaison can be reached by phone at 416-688-6916 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The First Aid Liaison is available in-person at the Camp entrance between 8 and 9 a.m. on Monday mornings.

Ontario Science Centre staff cannot administer medication. If your camper must take medication during their Camp day, please see the First Aid Liaison, a Camp supervisor or your camper's

counsellor to discuss options. While we will do our best to remind campers of their medications, we cannot guarantee this. The only exception to this is After-Bite or similar sting/itch relief product which may be applied by staff, if necessary.

For the health and safety of your camper(s) and because their activities take place throughout the Ontario Science Centre, we require camper(s) with EpiPens[®] to carry them at all times while at Camp.

WHAT IF MY CAMPER HAS SPECIAL NEEDS?

The Ontario Science Centre recognizes the individual needs of campers. Please indicate your camper's special need(s) or medical information on their [form](#). After receiving your form, we may be in touch with you prior to your Camp for more information.

The Science Centre does not provide one-on-one supervision or specific medical support, but **campers with special needs may have an adult support person accompany them free of charge.** Please inform us of your plan to provide a camper with a support person in advance so we may prepare accordingly.

PRIVACY

If there is information you want to share with us about your camper that will support them medically or behaviourally we request you send us a completed medical form or telephone us to arrange a conversation no later than the week prior to enrollment.

To protect your (and your camper's) personal information and privacy, we recommend Medical, Health and Special Needs Information be submitted to the Centre as paper – mailed, faxed or submitted by hand. Emailing private or personal information is not secure.

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AT CAMP

In order for all to enjoy their Camp experience, it is expected that campers will respect each other, their counsellors, supervisors and their environment while at Camp. It is also expected that no camper will exhibit behaviour that is harmful to them self or anyone else.

If a camper does not adhere to our Camper Code of Conduct or behaves in an unsuitable or unsafe manner their registering parent /guardian will be notified. If it becomes necessary to remove the camper, a partial refund will be considered. Violent behaviour or actions jeopardizing the safety of others will not be tolerated and will result in termination of the enrollment.

CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

- Respect fellow campers, volunteers, staff and other visitors.
- Treat people the way I would like to be treated.
- Cooperate with camp staff and follow their instructions.
- Stay with my group, unless I have special permission not to be with them.

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USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Camp Office

Phone: 416-696-3256

Fax: 416-696-3139

[Email:](mailto:RecreationalPrograms@OntarioScienceCentre.ca)

RecreationalPrograms@OntarioScienceCentre.ca

Compass Canada–Restaurant Associates (Lunch Provider)

Phone: 416-696-3230 option 1

Fax: 416-696-3185

[Email:](mailto:Osc.meals@compass-canada.com) Osc.meals@compass-canada.com

First Aid Liaison

(Available from June 1st onwards)

Phone: 416-688-6916

Fax: 416-696-3139

[Email:](mailto:CampFirstAidProvider@OntarioScienceCentre.ca)

CampFirstAidProvider@OntarioScienceCentre.ca

Office Hours from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please note: Our First Aid Liaison is a mobile position and you may be asked to leave a voicemail. You will be called back.

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DIRECTIONS TO THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE



TAKING PUBLIC TRANSIT?

Take the Yonge University Spadina subway line (Line 1) to Eglinton station and transfer to the Eglinton East bus #34. Get off at Don Mills Road.

Or, take the Bloor–Danforth subway line (Line 2) to Pape station and transfer to the Don Mills bus #25 or the #925 Express. Get off at St. Dennis Drive, right in front of the Science Centre.



DRIVING HERE?

If you're coming from downtown Toronto, take the Don Valley Parkway northbound until Don Mills Road north and then follow the signs.

If you're coming from elsewhere, take Highway 401 or 404 until you reach the Don Valley Parkway south. Continue southbound until Wynford Drive, then head west and follow the signs.

Street Address: 770 Don Mills Road, Toronto

For the most up-to-date information about road closures and construction disruptions, please visit:

www.toronto.ca/roadrestrictions

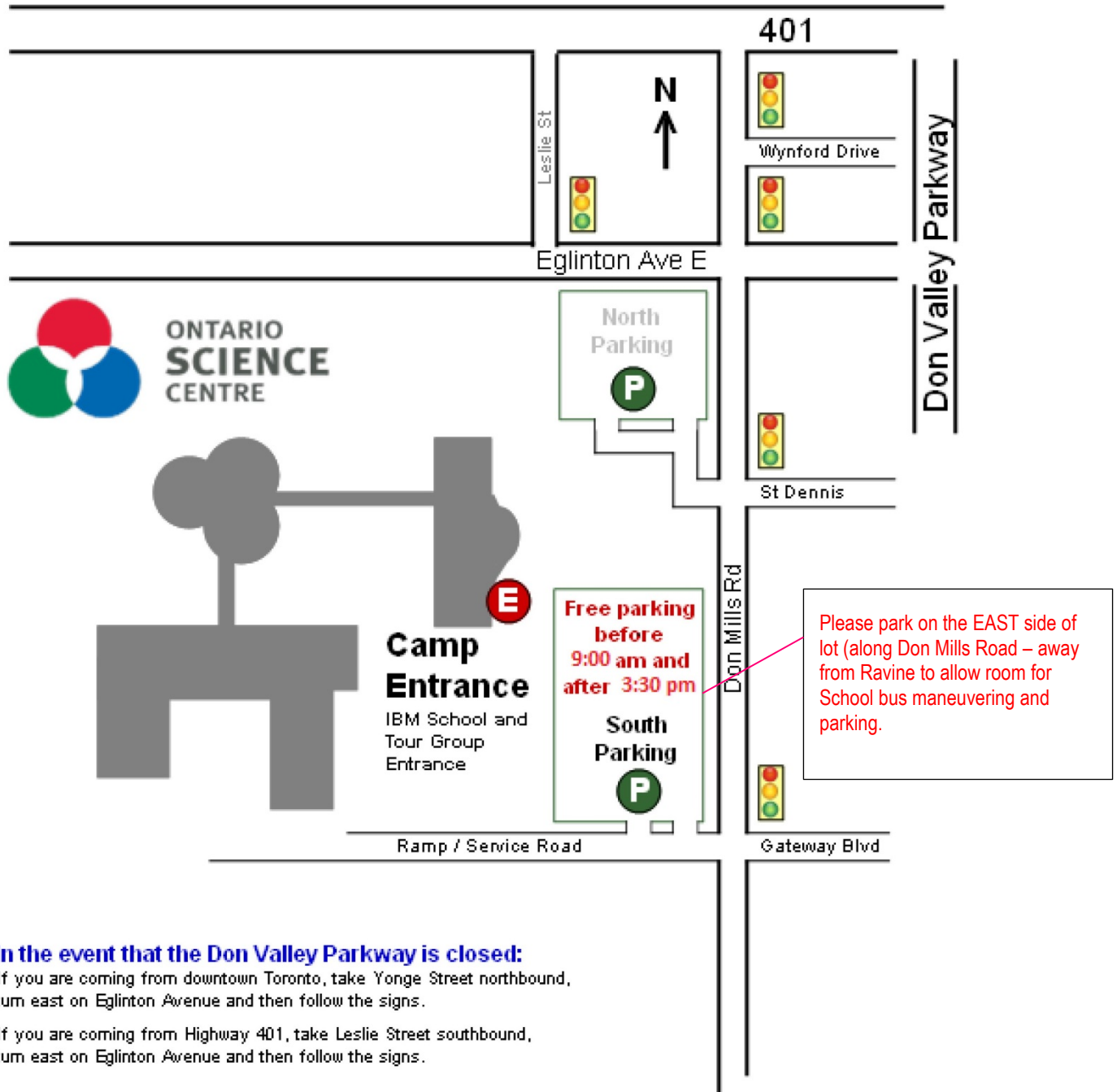
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ENTRANCE AND PARKING AREAS



In the event that the Don Valley Parkway is closed:

If you are coming from downtown Toronto, take Yonge Street northbound, turn east on Eglinton Avenue and then follow the signs.

If you are coming from Highway 401, take Leslie Street southbound, turn east on Eglinton Avenue and then follow the signs.

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MEDICAL / SPECIAL NEEDS FORM

Please submit this form for all campers listed on your confirmation, where applicable. If they have no medical/ special needs, you do not need to submit this form. To protect your camper's privacy, medical information is not kept on file.

Registering Parent _____
(Parent's first and last name)

Confirmation Number _____

Camper 1 _____ **Camp Date(s):** _____
(Child's first and last name)

Describe any medical conditions, allergies, dietary needs and / or medications your camper will be bringing.

Describe any special needs (physical / learning disabilities, behavioural concerns, etc.) and useful strategies.

Please describe other relevant medical information including health conditions not listed above, recent operations, illness or injuries any of the above campers has had that may impact their Camp experience:

This information is collected under the authority of the Centennial Centre of Science and Technology Act, for registration purposes. If you have any questions about this collection please contact: Manager, Recreational and Family Learning Experiences, Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Road, Toronto, ON M3C 1T3 Phone: 416-696-3256

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MEDICAL / SPECIAL NEEDS FORM

Camper 2 _____ **Camp Date(s):** _____
(Child's first and last name)

Describe any medical conditions, allergies, dietary needs and / or medications your camper will be bringing.

Describe any special needs (physical / learning disabilities, behavioural concerns, etc.) and useful strategies.

Please describe other relevant medical information including health conditions not listed above, recent operations, illness or injuries any of the above campers has had that may impact their Camp experience:

To protect your personal health information and privacy, medical and health information must be submitted to the Science Centre as paper – mailed, faxed or submitted by hand.

SEND FORM

By Fax: 416-696-3139

By Mail: Recreational Programs

Ontario Science Centre
770 Don Mills Rd.
Toronto, ON
M3C 1T3
Attn: Camps

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PLACEMENT REQUEST FORM

If you did not provide your placement preference when you booked, please use this form if any of the children listed on your confirmation want to be grouped with a friend at Camp. A maximum of one placement may be requested for each child. Campers are grouped according to age and cannot be more than one year apart in order to be placed together. Based on our experience siblings do better at Camp when placed in separate groups. **For your placement request to be considered, requests must be received by BOTH parties and submitted at least two weeks prior to the Camp date.**

We will make every effort to accommodate your preference but requests are not guaranteed and subject to change.

REGISTERING PARENT/GUARDIAN

First Name _____ Last Name _____

CONFIRMATION

CAMP DATES

MY CAMPER 1

Please group (my child's first and last name): _____

with their friend (friend's first and last name): _____

MY CAMPER 2

Please group (my child's first and last name): _____

with their friend (friend's first and last name): _____

MY CAMPER 3

Please group (my child's first and last name): _____

with their friend (friend's first and last name): _____

SEND FORM

Email: RecreationalPrograms@OntarioScienceCentre.ca

Fax: 416-696-3139

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