

Summer Day Camp Information Package

Where is Camp located?

Camp takes place in the Ontario Science Centre and the adjacent parklands. Each group of campers is given a space (lab, classroom or workshop) that serves as a home base for the week.

How will my camper spend his / her Camp day?

Time is spent exploring exhibit halls, participating in hands-on science activities and playing outdoors during the lunch break (weather permitting).

In the 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 Camp's check-in and check-out times?

Regular check-in time is between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m..
Regular pick-up time is at 4:00 p.m..
Half day Camp check-out is at 11:45 a.m. or 4:00 p.m..

On **Monday**, please arrive by 8:45 a.m. or earlier if you have questions about your camper, placement, lunch or you need to talk to our First Aid Provider. **Please bring your camp reminder email that you will receive by Wednesday of the week prior to your 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 \$75.00.

Morning Extended Care begins at 7:30 a.m. (campers cannot be signed-in before this time.)

Afternoon Extended Care runs between 4:15 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m..

A minimum \$15.00 surcharge may apply if a camper is picked up after 6:00 p.m. (at the manager's discretion).

What are the Camp's sign-in and sign-out procedures?

You must sign-in your camper(s) in the morning and sign them out again in the afternoon. **For 4 and 5 year old campers, proof of age will be requested to confirm eligibility so please have your child's birth certificate available on the first day of Camp.**

Photo ID must be presented at sign-out each day before your camper can be released from our care.

Please note that 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 tell us in advance of any diminutives you go by (Michael / Mike; Christina / Chris, etc.).

Where should I park?

You must park in the **South Parking Lot** and enter the Centre through the IBM School and Tour Group Entrance **before 9 a.m.**.. In the event the South Parking Lot is full and/or after 9 a.m., you will be directed to the North

Parking Lot and into the Centre by Ontario Science Centre staff.

Parking for camper drop-off is free of charge before 9 a.m. and for pick-up after 3:30 p.m. (and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the half day Camps).

Can my camper be dropped off late and/ or picked up early?

If your camper is going to arrive after 9:00 a.m. or leave before 4:00 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.

We kindly request that late arrivals and early pick-ups not take place between 12 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.

What should I do if my camper is going to be absent?

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

What about holidays?

July 2 is a 4-day Camp **Space Explorers**
August 5 is a 4-day Camp **Making Waves**

Camp will not run on the holiday Monday, July 1 or Monday, August 5, 2019. These camps are 4 days long,

running from Tuesday to Friday and are priced accordingly.

What are the cancellation and refund policies?

No refunds will be given for cancellations after Friday, June 7, 2019.

Cancellations prior to Friday, June 7, 2019, and **all** modifications, are subject to a \$70 administration 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 will be considered if a written request ***accompanied by a doctor's note confirming that the absence is due to medical reasons*** is received within a week of the missed Camp.

Please note that the Ontario Science Centre reserves the right to terminate the enrollment 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.

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 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday (24 hour voice mail) 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 morning each week.

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 water bottle
2. A hat
3. Sunscreen "broad spectrum", SPF 30 or higher and insect repellent (to be self-applied)
4. A sweater/ sweatshirt
5. Two snacks & three drinks – Full-day Camp
6. One snack & two drinks – Half-day Camp
7. Lunch – Full-day Camp only (if not ordering a hot lunch through Restaurant Associates)
Campers who order lunch should still bring a morning snack.
8. Birth certificate – **4 and 5 year old campers only** – to show on Monday morning

All belongings must be labeled clearly with the camper's full

name. They will be stored in the camper's home base each day.

Campers should not bring personal items such as electronic devices, toys, sport equipment or anything of personal value to Camp. There are no lockers available for storage and the Ontario Science Centre cannot be 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 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.

What will my camper eat at Camp?

Campers should bring two snacks, three drinks, and a packed lunch with them each day for full day Camp. 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.

What will my camper eat at Camp? (cont.)

If you would like to order a lunch from our onsite food service provider, complete the enclosed **Meal Plan Order Form** and send it to Restaurant Associates: by fax to **416-696-3185** or by email to Osc.meals@compass-canada.com

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 a nut-free environment.

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 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).

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 Provider will assist ill campers and ensure that health and safety standards are maintained.

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

Ontario Science Centre staff, including the First Aid Provider, **do not administer medication.**

If your camper must take medication during their Camp day, please see 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 child(ren) and because campers' 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. If you indicated your camper's special need(s) or medical information on his/her Medical / Special Needs Form, we may be in touch with you prior to your Camp week for more information.

We regret that we cannot 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.**

How is my camper expected to behave 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 / unsafe manner, the Registering Parent / Guardian will be notified. If it becomes necessary to remove the camper, a partial refund will be considered. Violent behavior

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.

Useful contact information

Camp Office

Phone: 416-696-3256

Fax: 416-696-3139

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

Office Hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday (24 hour voice mail)

Restaurant Associates

Phone: 416-696-3158 or 416-996-2446

Fax: 416-696-3185

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

First Aid Provider

Phone: 416-688-6916

Fax: 416-696-3139

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

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

[www.twitter.com/TO_DVP](https://twitter.com/TO_DVP)

[www.twitter.com/TO_MainRoads](https://twitter.com/TO_MainRoads)



Medical / Special Needs Form

Please use this form for all camper(s) listed on your confirmation. To protect your camper's privacy, medical information is not kept on file. Please submit this form for each camp application. If you have no medical / special needs to report, you do not need to submit this form.

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

Confirmation Number CS _____

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 that may impact their Camp experience:

SEND FORM

Email: CampFirstAidProvider@OntarioScienceCentre.ca

Fax: 416-696-3139

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Medical / Special Needs Form (page 2 of 2)

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 that may impact their Camp experience:

Camper 3 _____ **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 that may impact their Camp experience:

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Placement Request (optional)

If you did not provide your Group Placement Request 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 _____
(Parent's first and last name)

Confirmation Number CS _____

My Camper 1

Please group _____ with their friend _____
(My Child's first and last name) (Child's Friend's first and last name)

My Camper 2

Please group _____ with their friend _____
(My Child's first and last name) (Child's Friend's first and last name)

My Camper 3

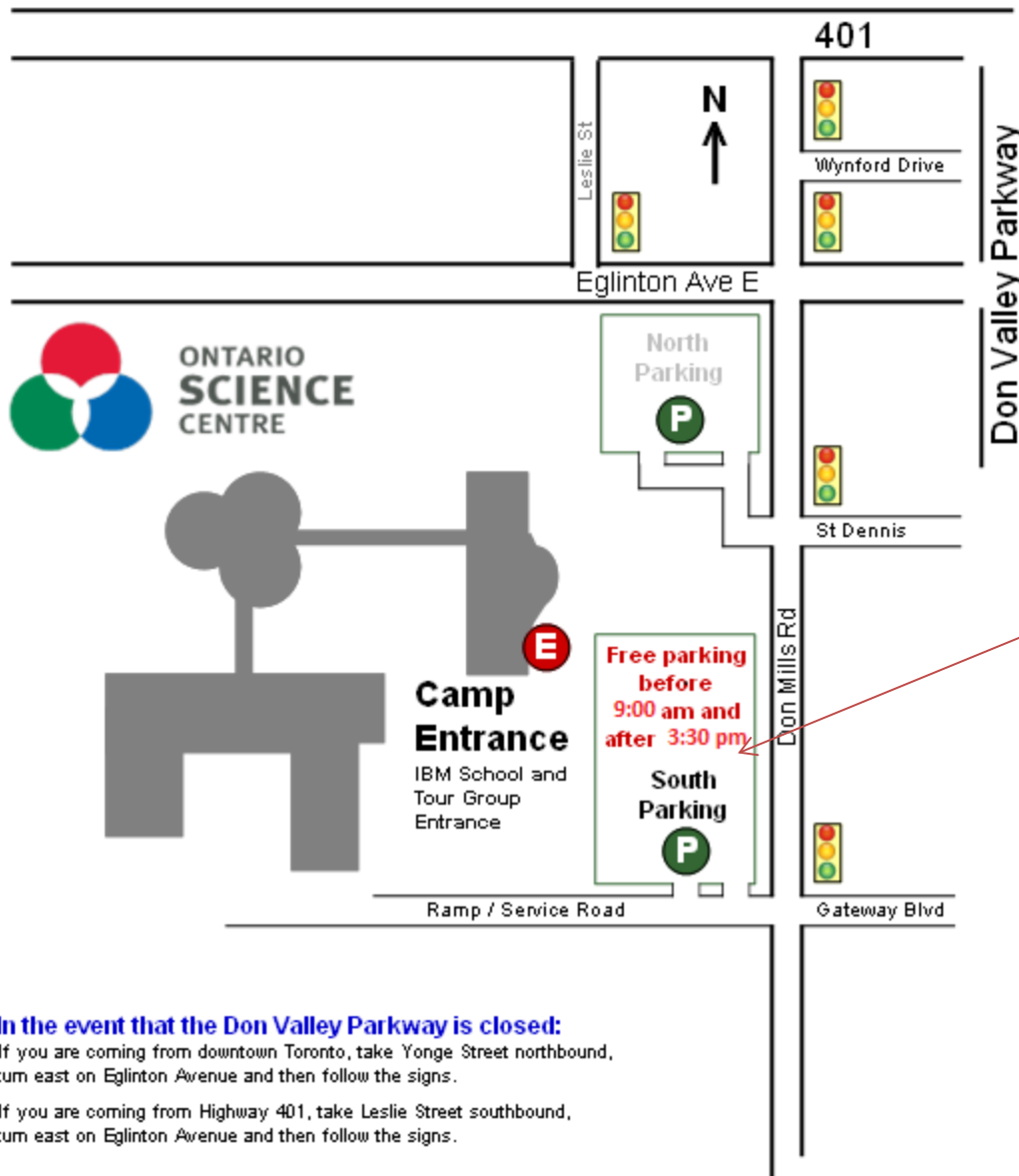
Please group _____ with their friend _____
(My Child's first and last name) (Child's Friend's first and last name)

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Entrance and Parking Areas



Please park on the EAST side of lot (along Don Mills Road – away from Ravine to allow room for School bus maneuvering and parking.

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.