

SUMMER CAMPS – PARENT INFORMATION

RIM Park – 2001 University Avenue East
Albert McCormick Community Centre (AMCC) – 500 Parkside Drive
Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex (WMRC) – 101 Father David Bauer Drive

We hope this information is helpful as you prepare for camp. We are excited to meet our campers and look forward to a great summer together! For information about all City of Waterloo camps, visit waterloo.ca/camp

This information package is for the following camps:

- **City of Waterloo – Fun Centres**, ages 4-6 (offered at RIM Park and WMRC)
 - **City of Waterloo – Day Camps**, ages 7-12 (offered at RIM Park and WMRC)
 - **Focus on Nature- Photography Camp**, ages 8-12 (offered at AMCC)
 - **Little Medical School**, ages 5-10 (offered at RIM Park)
 - **Stemotics Camp**, ages 6-8 (offered at RIM Park)
 - **Film Camp in a Box**, ages 8-13 (offered at RIM Park)
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Questions or feedback?

Call: 519-886-1177 ext. 27280

Email: camp@waterloo.ca



<p>General Information</p>	<p>The City of Waterloo strives to provide a safe, inclusive, welcoming and fun camp environment for children to enjoy each summer. With a variety of programming to choose from, there is something for everyone! City camps offer a schedule and routine that incorporates crafts, songs, active and quiet games, special guests, water days and more! Our camp staff are certified in First Aid and CPR as well as HIGH FIVE for Healthy Childhood Development. A theme of the week helps guide our activities and infuses fun, creativity and imagination into activities.</p> <p>For more information on Contract camps, please see below.</p> <p>Thank you for choosing the City of Waterloo for your child/ren!</p>
<p>Consent Form</p>	<p>All camps require campers to submit a consent form before they are able to attend. Complete this form now to speed up sign in on the first day.</p>
<p>Contract Camps</p> <p>*Film Camp in a Box *Little Medical School *Stemotics</p>	<p>Contract camps are offered in cooperation between the City of Waterloo and the contracted agency to provide specialty programming in their area of expertise. They may also choose to offer other activities throughout the week such as crafts or outdoor time, for example.</p> <p>These camps are staffed by the contracted agency (not City of Waterloo staff) and are provided training on City of Waterloo processes and procedures and supported by City of Waterloo staff.</p> <p>All contract camps are eligible for Inclusion support.</p> <p>Little Medical School (Little Vet and Little Medical) and Stemotics camps are offered as hybrid camps in conjunction with the City of Waterloo. The contracted agency provides a half day of specialized programming, and City of Waterloo camp staff provide a half day of traditional camp programming such as crafts, active games, outdoor activities and more.</p>
<p>Things to Bring</p>	<p>All Campers will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Running Shoes or Crocs with back straps for safety • Lunch and two snacks (nut-free) • Reusable water bottle • Sunscreen (spray sunscreen is easiest application for campers) • Hat • Extra change of clothes in a plastic bag (for accidents or spills) • Comfortable clothing appropriate for active play inside and out that could get a little messy • Notice will be given in advance if bathing suit/towel are required • Please leave all toys, money and electronic devices at home

Lunch Orders	<p>For Campers at RIM Park or WMRC sites only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can order lunch packages when you register or by filling out this form. Please note lunches are not available at the AMCC location.
Nut Allergies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Our facilities are not nut-free.</u> Concessions and vending machines may contain peanut or nut products and patrons of our facilities may bring in peanut and nut products. Campers are asked not to purchase food at the facilities. To order a lunch, please use the link above. <u>Campers are encouraged to bring nut-free lunches.</u> Camp staff will do their best to ensure nut and peanut products are kept away from campers with nut allergies, and that everyone thoroughly washes their hands and disposes of garbage in a separate bag.
Child In Need of Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Waterloo staff and volunteers are legally obligated to observe the terms of the Ontario Child and Family Services Act and must report a child in need of protecting.
Extreme Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of extreme heat, campers will be kept hydrated and cool in air-conditioned areas whenever possible.
Behaviour Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the first day and throughout the week, campers will be reminded of the following expectations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Keep hands and feet to yourself ➤ Speak nicely and positively to each other ➤ Touch only what belongs to you ➤ Stay within the activity area ➤ Listen to your leaders
Behaviour Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-discipline is our aim for behaviour management. Consistent consequences are given for behaviours that do not contribute to the wellbeing of the team. Copies of our behaviour management form and program readiness log are available at camp. The purpose of the forms is to advise parents/guardians when their child has received a consequence for inappropriate behaviour. Follow-up discussions with your child are supportive and appreciated. Based on the intent and severity of the incident, a camper may be removed from the program. Confidentiality in this process is key; camp staff are instructed to keep forms in a secure location and do not share information with individuals outside the program setting.

<p>Program Ready & Inclusion Support Workers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the success and safety of all individuals registered and participating in City of Waterloo summer camps, it is important that all participants are program ready. Campers who demonstrate they are not program ready may be removed from the program. • Inclusion support workers can be engaged through City of Kitchener Inclusion Services to provide one-on-one support to campers with a disability. If your child requires accommodation to participate in camp, and you would like to engage the support of an inclusion worker, please call 519-741-2200, ext. 7229/TTY: 866-969-9994. Please do so in a timely manner as support requests fill up quickly.
<p>Withdrawals, Refunds & Credits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refunds and credits on account are pro-rated and subject to an administrative fee of 10%. Refunds of \$25 or less will only be available as a credit on account. To receive either a refund or credit on account, withdrawal requests must be made 14 days prior to first program date.
<p>Feedback</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We hope your camper(s) has/have a great time at camp, and we welcome your feedback! For any immediate kudos or concerns you wish to share, please connect with the site Coordinator listed on the weekly Welcome to Camp email. The Coordinators phone number and email address will be listed. • Once camp is over, we would appreciate your time to fill out the evaluation form so we can continue to provide you with the best programs and experience possible. You will also be entered for a chance to win 50% off a week of City camp in 2024!