

MARCH BREAK CAMP

RIM Park
2001 University Avenue East, Waterloo

Entrance B

March 13-17, 2023

Parent information package

Welcome to the City of Waterloo March Break Camp!

We hope this information is helpful as you prepare for camp. We are excited to meet our campers and look forward to a great break together!

Questions or feedback?

Call: 519-886-1177, ext. 27280

Email: camp@waterloo.ca

For information about all City of Waterloo camps, visit waterloo.ca/camp.



HOURS OF OPERATION

- Sign in: 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.
- Program runs: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please ensure your child **arrives by** 9 a.m.
- Sign out: 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Campers must be signed in and out each day. Photo ID will be required. Please ensure you have indicated the name as written on government ID in addition to a preferred name on the consent form, if applicable.
- Sign in and sign out times are free play times, and not programmed by staff.
- Please refer to the consent form for other sign in and sign out options.
- A late pick up fee of \$15 will be charged for every 15 minutes or less after 5 p.m.

THINGS TO BRING

- Winter clothing for outdoor play
- Lunch and 2 snacks
- Reusable water bottle, filled
- Comfortable clothing appropriate for active play
- A change of clothing in case of spills or mess
- Running shoes (indoor shoes)
- Masks if preferred

NUT ALLERGIES

- Campers are encouraged to bring nut-free lunches.
- Our facilities are not nut-free.
- Concessions and vending machines may contain peanut or nut products and patrons of our facilities may bring in peanut and nut products. Campers are not to access the vending machines or the concession stand.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

- On the first day and throughout the week, campers will be reminded of the following expectations:
 - 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

CHILD IN NEED OF PROTECTION

- City of Waterloo staff and volunteers are legally obliged to observe the terms of the Ontario Child and Family Services Act and must report a child in need of protection.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Self-regulation is our aim for behaviour management. Consistent consequences are given for behaviours that do not contribute to the wellbeing of the group. Copies of our behavior management form and program readiness log are available at camp. The purpose of the form is to advise parents/guardians when their child has received a consequence for inappropriate behavior. 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.

PROGRAM READY

To support the success and safety of all individuals registered and participating in City of Waterloo camps, it is important that all participants are program ready. Campers who demonstrate they are not program ready may be removed from the program. If you have questions, please call 519-741-2200/TTY: 866-969-9994.

INCLUSION SUPPORT WORKER

Inclusion support workers can be engaged through City of Kitchener Inclusion Services to provide one-on-one support to campers with a disability. Inclusion workers wear similar blue T-shirts as City of Waterloo camp staff to ensure the smooth integration of both the camper and the inclusion support worker. 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. An Inclusion membership is required.

CHECKLIST

- Consent form – Complete [this form](#) now to speed up sign in on the first day.
- Completion of the [Medical Administration](#) form, if required.
- Warm clothes for the outdoors.
- Indoor shoes.
- Nut-free lunch and 2 snacks, water bottle
- Label all personal items.
- Leave all toys, trading cards, electronic equipment and devices at home.
- Come ready for fun!