

# WINTER BREAK WONDERLAND CAMP

RIM Park  
2001 University Avenue East, Waterloo

Entrance B

January 2-5, 2024

Parent information package

## Welcome to the City of Waterloo Winter 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](mailto:camp@waterloo.ca)

For information about all City of Waterloo camps, visit [waterloo.ca/camp](http://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 (including outdoor shoes/boots)
- 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)

## 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.

## 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. Program readiness includes:

- A child is able to take instructions from a staff person and participate in programmed activity.
- A child is successful doing daily activities (such as using bathroom) without a known guardian around and not have regular accidents.
- A child feels comfortable interacting in a group environment, to the best of their ability.
- The child can participate in a way that is safe for themselves and others.

A program readiness log may be used to determine if a camper is program ready. Staff will engage caregivers/guardians in solution oriented discussions regarding how to help the camper become program ready. Campers who demonstrate they are not program ready may be removed from the program. If you require further information on 'program ready' requirements please call 519-886-1177 x 27280 or email [camp@waterloo.ca](mailto:camp@waterloo.ca).

## INCLUSION SUPPORT

Inclusion support and accommodations are available for campers with disabilities or additional support needs. Inclusion Support Workers can be coordinated through City of Kitchener Inclusion Services to provide one-on-one support to campers with a disability. Inclusion Support Workers are trained to assist with personal care, feeding, lifts and transfers, emotional regulation, and other support needs. If your child requires an accessibility accommodation to participate in camp and/or you are interested in your child receiving 1:1 support, 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](#) prior to sign in on the first day.
- Completion of the [Medical Administration](#) form, if required.
- Warm clothes for the outdoors.
- Indoor & outdoor shoes.
- Nut-free lunch and 2 snacks, water bottle.
- Leave all toys, trading cards, electronic equipment and devices at home.
- Review the daily schedule & behaviour expectations with your child.
- Come ready for fun!