



Children's  
MUSEUM

# Summer Day Camp

2024 Guide







# About Day Camp

## at the London Children's Museum

Thank you for choosing the London Children's Museum for your child's summer day camp adventure! This document contains important information to help you and your child prepare for camp.

London Children's Museum day camps are filled with interactive and hands-on learning experiences. Campers engage in play-based learning, interact with real museum artifacts, explore galleries and exhibits, and participate in outdoor activities.

Day camp contributes to a child's healthy social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. At camp, children are encouraged to ask questions, lead, guide, investigate, and wonder.

## Communication with Camp Staff

London Children's Museum camp counsellors are enthusiastic and energetic individuals, carefully selected to provide the best experience for your child. All camp staff complete training that includes First Aid and CPR, All Kids in Camp, inclusion, bullying prevention, and adaptive programming techniques.

We value communication between our staff and caregivers. You will receive an introductory email from your child's counsellor by the Friday before their camp week. You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with our camp counsellors at drop-off and pick-up. Counsellors will not have access to their email during the day. If information needs to be communicated before pick-up, please contact our front desk at 519.434.5726 ext 221.

If you have any specific questions or concerns about your child's day camp experience, please contact Felicity Cabral, Day Camp Coordinator, at [fcabral@londonchildrensmuseum.ca](mailto:fcabral@londonchildrensmuseum.ca) or 519.434.5726 ext 233.

## Camp Programming

The London Children's Museum aims to create awesome experiences for campers. Each camp week has a theme which guides the exploration of science, art, artifacts, exhibits, and the outdoors. Campers participate in water activities while at camp, including trips to the nearby splash pad on Wednesdays and water games on the London Children's Museum property. We will follow our 1-8 ratio while off-site. Your introductory email sent the week before camp will highlight special activities.



# Camp Information

## 01 Hours

- Camp activities run 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Drop-off takes place between 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- Pick-up takes place between 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- Early drop-off is available beginning at 8:00 am for \$20/week
- Late pick-up is available ending at 5:30 pm for \$20/week
- Space in early drop-off and late pick-up is limited and registration is required
- Campers must be signed in and out every day by an authorized caregiver
- All caregivers must show photo ID at pick-up
- Please notify us if there are any changes to authorized caregivers

## 02 Schedule

8:00 am - 8:30 am*	Early Drop-Off *
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Drop-Off
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Opening Community Circle
9:15 am - 10:30 am	Program 1
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Snack
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Program 2
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Campers' Choice
1:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Program 3
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Snack
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Program 4
4:15 pm - 4:30 pm	Closing Community Circle
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Pick-Up
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm*	Late Pick-Up*

*\*Space is limited and registration is required.*

## 03 T-Shirts

All campers are required to wear a London Children's Museum day camp t-shirt. T-shirts can be purchased at the London Children's Museum for \$15+HST each. Previously purchased camp shirts are welcome.

## 04 Lunches & Snacks

Campers should bring a peanut-free lunch, a minimum of two snacks, and a refillable water bottle labelled with their name each day. An insulated lunchbox and ice packs are recommended. Lunch packages are available for purchase. Registered campers will receive an email prior to the start of camp.

## 05 Lost & Found

Please label your child's belongings. The London Children's Museum is not responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen items. Lost & Found items can be claimed at pick-up until the end of August.

You will be contacted if items labelled with your child's first and last name are found. In September, remaining items will be donated.





# Supporting Campers

The London Children's Museum strives to create an atmosphere that allows every child to have fun and be themselves. It is our goal that every camper feels supported, respected, cared for, and safe. All of our camp counsellors are trained in HIGH FIVE and have extensive training in supporting campers' emotional needs.

Every child has the right to a positive camp experience. If a situation arises where a camper is threatening the safety of another person or themselves physically or emotionally, the London Children's Museum will make every effort to develop a plan in collaboration with the camper and their caregivers.

The London Children's Museum prioritizes the safety and respect of all our campers and staff members. For this reason, campers are required to:

- Stay with their counsellor and group at all times
- Respect physical boundaries and keep hands-off
- Respect campers and staff by using appropriate and kind language

The London Children's Museum day camp program strives to serve all children, however, in rare instances, this program is not suitable for everyone. The London Children's Museum reserves the right to remove a camper from camp if the camper is not able to meet these requirements, or if the program cannot meet the camper's needs.

## Additional Support

The London Children's Museum does our best to accommodate all children in camp, however, we cannot offer 1-1 support.

If your child needs support beyond our standard 1-8 ratio, please contact our front desk at [info@londonchildrensmuseum.ca](mailto:info@londonchildrensmuseum.ca) or 519-434-5726 to complete an **Additional Support Form**. Typically, if a child receives additional support at school or daycare, we recommend you complete this form.



# Packing List

Campers are responsible for the items they bring to camp. Please send comfortable, weather-appropriate clothes that can withstand a mess. Campers will spend most of the day outdoors. Please pack all items in a backpack your child can carry throughout the day. **Please label your camper's belongings with their first and last name.**

## What to Bring



- Camp t-shirt
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Lunch (if not purchased)
- Minimum two snacks
- Backpack
- **Wednesday is water day. Please bring a bathing suit and towel on Wednesday!**

## What Not to Bring



- Toys & trading items
- Electronics (tablets, cell phones, video games)
- Money
- Peanuts or nut products

## Medication



If your child requires medication while at camp, please let the London Children's Museum know before camp begins. All medication must be in the original package, clearly labelled, and not expired. Camp counsellors will collect medication from campers at drop-off and keep it in a safe and secure location. Any medications that require immediate use, such as an inhaler or EpiPen, can remain with the child or the day camp counsellor, depending on caregiver instructions.





# FAQ

## Absence

If your child will be absent from camp, please call us or let a camp counsellor know in advance. If the absence is unforeseen, please call us as at 519.434.5726 ext 221.

## Injury/Illness

All camp counsellors are fully certified in First Aid and CPR. First Aid Kits are kept with counsellors at all times. In the event of a minor incident, camp counsellors will provide appropriate care and update caregivers at sign-out. For more serious incidents, caregivers will be notified immediately. If a camper becomes sick while at camp, caregivers will be contacted to arrange for immediate pick-up.

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be communicated directly to the front desk staff, either in person, by email, or by phone. Cancellations received more than seven days prior to the start of camp are subject to a cancellation fee of 20%. No refunds will be issued for cancellations with less than one week notice.

## Rain or Extreme Heat

In the event of inclement or hot weather, activities will be modified in accordance with Middlesex Health Unit guidelines. In the case of a thunderstorm, programming will be moved indoors.

## Friend or Sibling Group Request

You may request your child be placed in the same camp group as their friend or sibling. Requests are limited to one per child. If children are of different ages, the older child will be placed in the younger age group. Requests can be made by email at [info@londonchildrensmuseum.ca](mailto:info@londonchildrensmuseum.ca).

## Feedback

We welcome your feedback! You will receive a feedback survey at the end of your camp week. If you have immediate questions or concerns, please contact Jamie Fenton at [jfenton@londonchildrensmuseum.ca](mailto:jfenton@londonchildrensmuseum.ca) or 519.434.5726 ext. 249.

## Contact

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