

FUNTASTIC ADVENTURES DAY CAMP

FAQ's for Parents/Guardians

We want to make sure that your children are getting the most out of their day camp experience. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions that will help us to make Day Camp a fun, well-rounded, and safe Place To Be!

What do I need to know about the Day Camp schedule?

- **Tuesday** and **Thursday** are swimming days.
- On **Thursday**, we also have a barbecue in the park prior to swimming.
- **Friday** is our field trip day

*During pick up or drop off, parents/guardians can obtain a copy of the weekly schedule for specific information regarding times, activities, and games.

What does my child need to bring on a given day?

Monday

A lunch, a water bottle, a snack, running shoes, a hat, and sunscreen.

Tuesday

A lunch, a water bottle, a snack, running shoes, a hat, sunscreen, **a bathing suit, and a towel.**

Wednesday

A lunch, a water bottle, a snack, running shoes, a hat, and sunscreen.

Thursday

A snack, a water bottle, running shoes, a hat, sunscreen, **a bathing suit, and a towel.**

Friday

A lunch, a water bottle, a snack, running shoes, a hat, and sunscreen.

How long is Day Camp?

Day Camp runs every weekday between July 3rd and August 31st, excluding holidays, from 8:30AM to 3:00PM.

For an additional fee, you can also sign your child up for Extended Play, which runs from 7:00AM to 8:30AM AND/OR 3:00PM UP TO 6:00PM.

Extended Play Mornings are \$3.00/ per day and Extended Play Afternoons are \$6.00/ per day.

How much are the camps?

Our camps are \$40.00/per day Monday to Thursday and Fridays are \$45.00/per day. Weekly camp is \$156.00.

What are Medical Forms? Do they have to be filled out completely?

Day Camp Medical Forms consist of emergency contacts, information about who is authorized to pick up/drop off your child, waivers, and medical information (allergies, fears, disorders, etc.). Any information listed on medical forms is strictly confidential and will not be disclosed to a third party, so **please be candid**. If you have multiple children attending Day Camp, a separate form is required for each child.

A medical form *must* be filled out in its entirety for your child to attend Day Camp.

Does my child have to be signed in and out every day?

Yes, your child must be signed **in and out**. Every day, we ask that a parent/guardian who can legally sign your child in/out of our care be physically present when dropping off/picking up your child. **If you would like to authorize someone other than a parent/guardian to sign your child in/out, their name and contact information *must* be included under the Child Release section of the Medical Form.**

What do I need to know about swimming days?

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will be **walking** to Al Anderson Memorial Pool for an afternoon of swimming. The walk takes about twenty minutes (on average). We will only cancel swimming under extreme weather conditions so please dress your child appropriately.

If your child is aged eight to twelve, he/she is required to successfully complete a swimming test in order to swim without a life jacket.

If your child is aged five to seven, he/she is required to wear a life jacket and will be paired with a Lifeguard or Day Camp Leader **at all times**.

Note: whether or not your child is allowed to swim without a life jacket is subject entirely to the discretion of the Lifeguards at Al Anderson Memorial Pool

What do I need to know about field trip days?

Every Friday, we will take a school bus to a pre-determined field trip destination. The field trips for this summer are as follows:

WEEK 1 (JULY 3-6)

**Great Escape
(Super Heroes Theme)**

WEEK 2 (JULY 9 - 13)

**Science World
(Mad Science Week)**

WEEK 3 (JULY 16 - 20)

**Cultus Lake Waterslides
(Tropical Paradise Week)**

WEEK 4 (JULY 23 - 27)

**Vancouver Zoo
(Mighty Jungle Theme Week)**

WEEK 5 (JULY 30 - AUGUST 3)

**Vancouver aquarium
(Under the Sea Theme)**

WEEK 6 (AUGUST 7-10)

**Castle Fun Park
(Survivor Theme)**

WEEK 7 (AUGUST 13-17)

**HR McMillan Space Centre
(Space Adventure Week)**

WEEK 8 (AUGUST 20-24)

**Cultus Lake Waterslide
(Mystery? Week)**

WEEK 9 (AUGUST 27- AUGUST 31)

**Cineplex Movie Theatre
(Hollywood Week)**

On field trip days, please bring your child to Day Camp by 8:30 (**no later than 8:45**). **In most cases, we will be leaving at 9:00AM sharp.** If a given field trip location has a concession, your child is allowed to bring money for lunch. **Please research before sending your child to Day Camp without a lunch.**

*on waterslide days please send your children to camp **wearing** a bathing suit.

Can I stay at Day Camp to supervise my child for a while? Can I attend the field trip with my child?

No. Once your child is signed in, he/she is officially in the custody of the Day Camp Leaders. We ask that you leave promptly once your child is signed in to prevent any disruption your presence may cause. We believe strongly in the importance of uninterrupted peer socialization under the supervision of qualified Camp Leaders. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Can my child call me from Day Camp? Can I call my child?

No. In the event of an emergency, you may contact Douglas Recreation Centre (604-514-2865). If there's an emergency at Day Camp, a staff member will contact you.

Can I have the personal cell phone numbers of the Day Camp leaders?

For so many reasons, no. Contact Douglas Recreation Centre in the event of an emergency.

Can I pick my child up early?

Yes, but please inform the Day Camp Staff in the morning. We may be off site (at the pool or in the park) during your desired pickup time, in which case you will be responsible for picking them up there.

Can I pick up my child directly from a field trip location?

Picking up your child directly from a field trip is **strongly** discouraged. However, if it's absolutely necessary, you may discuss it with a leader beforehand. **We will not, under any circumstances, rearrange our field trip schedule to accommodate a pickup.**

Do you provide food?

Every day we make a small snack for all Day Campers. However, we ask that you send your child to Day Camp with a full lunch every day, **including Thursdays** (hot dog lunch day). The snacks we prepare are usually very small. **If your child has any dietary restrictions or allergies, please list them on his/her Medical Form. Douglas Recreation Centre is not a peanut-free facility.**

Note: We no longer allow Day Campers to use the on-site vending machine at any time.

Do you provide sunscreen?

We will have sunscreen for any Day Campers who have forgotten to bring it. Please ensure you pack some regardless, as we cannot reasonably provide sunscreen for all Day Campers every day.

Do you have a lost and found?

Yes. If your child is attending Day Camp for multiple days, we ask that you periodically check for missing items, which will be kept near the entrance of the gym. **Day Camp Leaders cannot be held responsible for items lost on field trips, at the playground, or at the pool**, though we will make our best effort to ensure nothing is left behind.

Are personal electronics (cell phones, Ipods, tablets, etc.) allowed at Day Camp?

Day Camp staff cannot be held fiscally or legally responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. We also encourage active participation in games, activities, and peer socialization. For these reasons and more, we do not allow personal electronics at Day Camp at any time.

Do you ever “expel” children from Day Camp?

Very, very, very rarely. However, if a child’s behavior is causing persistent, genuine safety concerns for Day Campers and/or Leaders, we will request that they not return to Day Camp (effective the following weekday). This is subject to the discretion of the Senior Leader and the Recreation Supervisor. A Day Camp Leader will contact you if this happens.

What consequences might my child face if they’re not following the rules?

At Day Camp, we’ve introduced a three-strike rule for when Day Campers consistently struggle to follow our rules regarding safety and respectfulness:

Strike one

We privately let your child know that their behavior was inappropriate and give them a verbal warning. We will discuss the issue with the Day Camper, as well as a parent/guardian.

Strike two

Your child loses a privilege. They might have to sit out from a game, lose swimming time at the pool, or be denied the use of certain toys or equipment. We will discuss the issue with the Day Camper, as well as a parent/guardian.

Strike three

Your child is no longer permitted to attend the field trip and will not be allowed to come to Day Camp on Friday. We will discuss the issue with the Day Camper, as well as a parent/guardian. Day Camp staff is not responsible for finding alternate care for children.

Note: Strike Three is only given in extreme circumstances (bullying, frequent inappropriate language, unsafe conduct, or persistent disrespect/defiance).

Do the Day Camp Leaders know First-Aid?

Yes! Every leader is certified to administer Standard First-Aid (at minimum).