



OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE:

Group Coordinator Information Package



Camp Wahanowin Outdoor Education Centre

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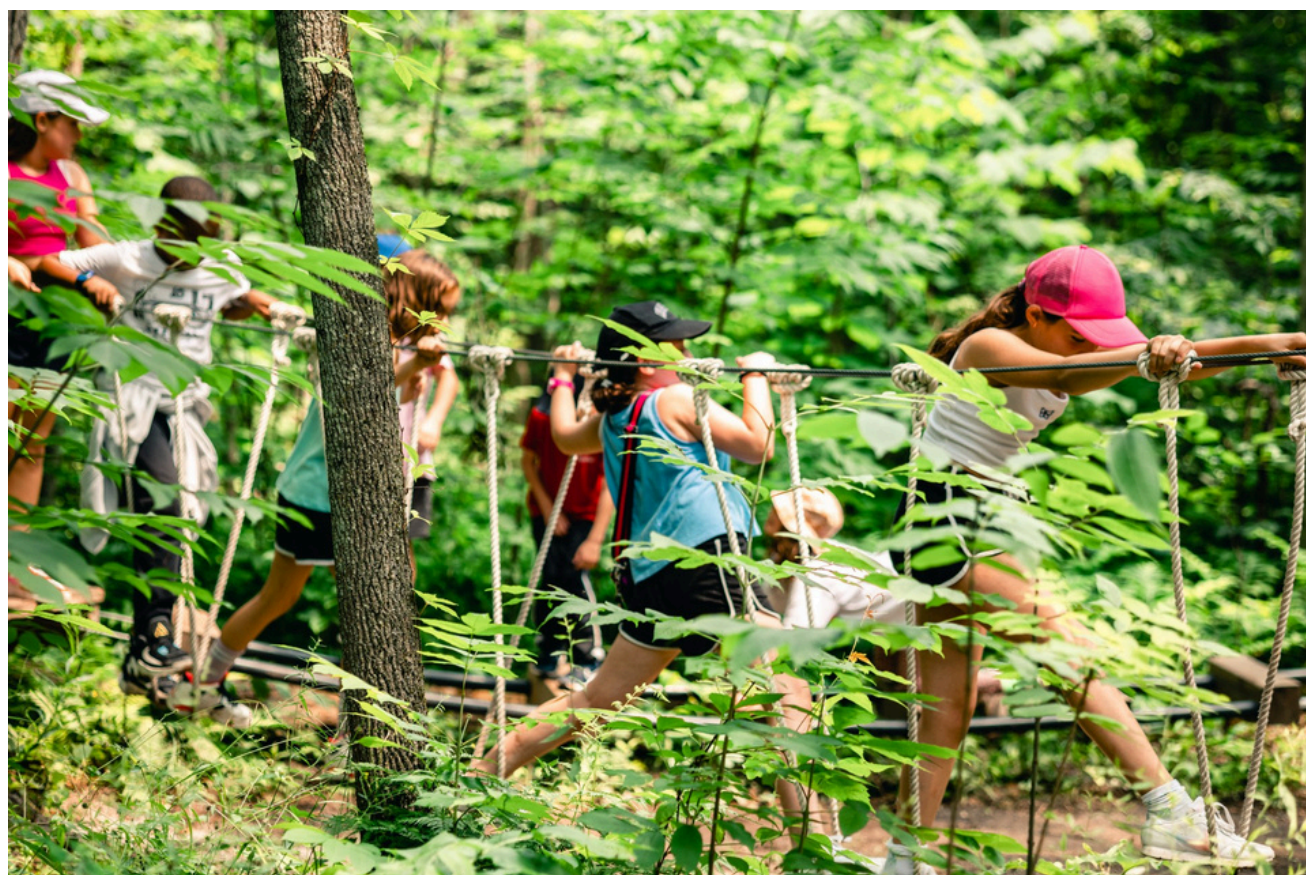
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WHY CAMP WAHANOWIN?

Prime Location: Camp is located only 90 minutes north of Toronto, 5 minutes from Emergency Medical Services and 20 minutes from the closest hospital

Full-Service Program: All meals, snacks, programs, activities and accommodations are included in pricing. Camp provides a balanced schedule tailored to meet the objectives and goals of each unique group.

Flexible Availability: We offer 2, 3 and 4 night trip options in May, June and September, as well as weekend bookings.



Safe and Secure: All activities and programs are supervised by qualified and certified staff who receive extensive training and necessary qualifications in each activity area. They are also certified in CPR and First Aid and have received an EPIC (Enhanced Police Information Check).

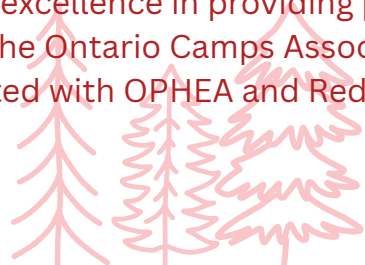
Comfortable Accommodations: Group chaperones reside in private and/or semi-private cabins near their participants. All cabins have electricity, private washrooms, and showers.

Delicious and Nutritious Food: Breakfast bar, soup and salad bar, mid-morning, and evening snacks. Dedicated special diets team to accommodate complex needs.

No Fuss - Unpack and Enjoy: Camp staff are responsible for the program curriculum and instructional activities. Schedules are designed to optimize every hour of the day, taking advantage of the outdoors and keep kids active.

Diverse Activities: Camp provides something for everyone! From the creative to the athletic participant, camp offers enriching programs where the emphasis is on fun, personal empowerment and getting back to nature.

Confidence: Camp Wahanowin has more than 70 years of excellence in providing positive camping experiences. Camp is an Accredited Member of the Ontario Camps Association (OCA), Affiliate Member of the Lifesaving Society and also affiliated with OPHEA and Red Cross.



ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW:

1

Apply Online

Review all information outlined in this document and submit an application via our [OEC website](#).

2

Pay Deposit

Once requested dates are confirmed, make the deposit payment to secure your booking.

Hot Tip: This is also a good time to book transport!!

3

Submit Forms

Keep an eye out for additional communications outlining installment dates, Final Information Update Forms and Policy Waivers.

Hot Tip: Be sure to notify us of any chaperone or participant number changes by the deadlines outlined in the pages below!



4

Prepare

Communicate all relevant information outlined in this document to chaperones, participants and parents (we have a parent information package too!). Check the weather ahead of your visit to pack accordingly.

Arrive at Camp Wahanowin and let the fun begin!

ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES:

1. MAKING A BOOKING

To book your group, complete the application form and return it with a deposit of \$2000. Email requests or verbal reservations will not be accepted. Schools will be accepted based upon availability, as outlined below.

2. 2027 FEE SCHEDULE

2 Nights/3 Days - \$284.99 plus HST

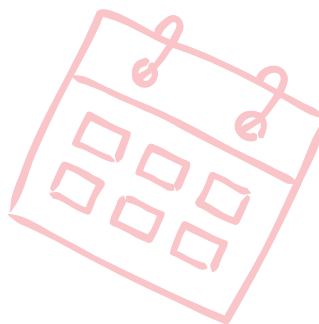
- Tuesday May 18 - Thursday May 20
- Tuesday June 1- Thursday June 3
- Tuesday June 15 - Thursday June 17

4 Nights/5 Days - \$414.99 plus HST

- Monday June 7 - Friday June 11

3 Nights/4 Days - \$354.99 plus HST

- Monday May 17 - Thursday May 20
- Tuesday May 25 - Friday May 28
- Monday May 31 - Thursday June 3
- Tuesday June 8 - Friday June 11
- Monday June 14 - Thursday June 17
- Monday June 21 - Thursday June 24



Additional:

- Camp fees include all activities, programs, accommodation and meals.
- Fees do not include 13% HST.
- There is no charge for chaperones, teachers, parents and support workers within a 1:10 ratio of paying participants.
- Schools are responsible for the cost and coordination of transportation, plus any additional costs associated with swim testing or other board-mandated pre-camp preparations.
- Information concerning activities, accommodation, what to pack, etc., will be sent with future mailings.

3. TERMS OF PAYMENT

With Application - \$2,000.00 deposit.

March 11, 2027 - 1st Installment Due

- 50% of the fee (based on your estimated numbers; invoice will be sent in February).

April 15, 2027 - Balance Due

- Balance due in full. Adjustments for additional students will be dealt with upon arrival at camp.



ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES:

Cancellation from date of Booking to March 10, 2027

Deposit of \$2,000 is forfeited.



Cancellation between March 11 to April 15, 2027

50% of total booking fee (based on numbers indicated on original application form) will be forfeited.

Cancellation after April 15, 2027

Payment is non-refundable

5. DATES

Our program structure has been improved by designating specific time frames for 3, 4 or 5-day trips. This will ensure the best possible experience for groups, as the camp can tailor the program, accommodation, meals, etc., to the specific trip length.



ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES:

6. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Groups attending Monday to Friday may be given priority over those with shorter stays. Additionally, groups bringing a large number of participants will be given priority if necessary to accommodate. We also offer availability based on a 'first-come, first-serve' principle, using the online application forms to determine priority.

7. ESTIMATED PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

When completing the application form, organizers are requested to estimate the number of participants that will be in attendance. **Any deviation greater than 20% will result in a penalty as outlined below.**

January 9 to April 30, 2027

Student numbers can drop by 20% of the original total numbers communicated on the original application form without penalty.

If student numbers drop more than 20% the original numbers communicated on the original application form, payment for outstanding students is still required.

After April 30, 2027

Schools are responsible for the costs of all students communicated on the application form regardless of the reduction of students participating on the trip.

Why is this policy in place?

We hire and schedule according to participant numbers to provide the best possible experience for your group.

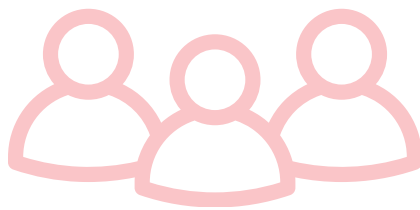
We turn away many groups throughout the year based on the numbers provided. If a reduction in participant numbers occurs at a later date, we cannot fill the spots in time. We are more than happy to accommodate extra participants as long as space is available.

However, we are typically a sold-out program.

8. ACCOMMODATIONS

Applications are accepted, allowing for the following cabin allotments:

- Participant cabins are assigned with a **capacity for 14-16 participants/cabin**.
- Participants who require overnight/ongoing adult support are to be organized in line with the groups/organizations policy. Camp Wahanowin will try its best to accommodate within reason.
- Chaperone accommodations include a mix of private/shared cabins within the vicinity of their participant cabins. Requests for private chaperone cabins must be made in advance and within reason.
- Larger groups are provided priority for additional chaperones beyond the 1:10 ratio.



EXPECTATIONS:

Chaperone Roles and Expectations	Camp Staff Roles and Expectations
Create activity groups and cabin placements based on group sizes and provide to camp at least 2 week in advance.	Prepare cabins, facilities and activity areas.
Facilitate moving participants into their cabin upon arrival and packing/cleaning at departure. Teachers must check all cabins for cleanliness and graffiti	Assist with arrival, showing participants and staff to their cabins and providing a camp tour.
Supervising activity groups during periods and activity period transitions - including but not limited to ensuring that students are on time, prepared for the activity and managing student behaviour/concerns as they arise.	Ensuring activity programs are set up and ready to run on time.
Enforcing camp rules and policies as listed in the Policy Waiver.	Enforcing camp rules and policies.
Ensuring participants are in their cabins by camp-wide lights out and enforce overnight supervision.	Providing evening programs to all participants 8:00pm - 9:30pm and provide snack

Main Camp Cabins	Grove Cabins
Closer to camp amenities such as the Waterfront, Dining Hall and Flagpole.	Located a further distance from the main camp amenities. Approx. 5-10 min walk.
Have original building structures.	More recently updated cabin with slightly larger capacity.
See Camp Map on page 16 - cabins are assigned based on group size, with a capacity of 14 students per cabin	

SAMPLE SCHEDULE:



TIME	MONDAY (ARRIVAL DAY)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY (DEPARTURE DAY)
7:30 am		Camp Wide Quiet Ends	Camp Wide Quiet Ends	Camp Wide Quiet Ends	Camp Wide Quiet Ends
8:25 am		Flagpole	Flagpole	Flagpole	Flagpole
8:30 am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
After Breakfast until 9:15 am		Prepare for activities	Prepare for activities	Prepare for activities	Pack up Bags Cabin Clean up
9:25 am to 10:25 am		Activity Three	Activity Eight	Activity Thirteen	OPEN REC
10:35 am to 11:35 am	11:30 am - Arrive Move into cabins	Activity Four	Activity Nine	Activity Fourteen	OPEN REC
11:35 am to 11:45 am	Gather at meeting location for tour	Morning Snack	Morning Snack	Morning Snack	No Snack
11:50 am to 12:50 pm	Camp Tour	Activity Five	Activity Ten	Activity Fifteen	Early Lunch(11:45 am)
1:10 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:25 pm to 3:25 pm	Activity One	Activity Six	Activity Eleven	Activity Sixteen	Depart at 1:00 pm See you next year!
3:35 pm to 4:35 pm	Activity Two	Activity Seven	Activity Twelve	Activity Seventeen	
4:35 pm to 5:45 pm	Open Rec/Sports	Open Rec/Sports	Open Rec/Sports	Open Rec/Sports	
6:10 pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Unpack Tuck Shop Open	Free Time Tuck Shop Open	Free Time Tuck Shop Open	Free Time Tuck Shop Open	
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Evening Program	Evening Program	Evening Program	Evening Program	
9:30 pm	Snack Return to Cabins	Snack Return to Cabins	Snack Return to Cabins	Snack Return to Cabins	
10:30 pm	Camp Wide Quiet Begins	Camp Wide Quiet Begins	Camp Wide Quiet Begins	Camp Wide Quiet Begins	

OPEN REC = MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN, AND SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME TO MAKE SPECIFIC REQUESTS IF THEIR DESIRED ACTIVITIES ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THEIR GENERAL CAMP SCHEDULE

ALL ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT WAHANOWIN MEET OR EXCEED ALL STANDARDS, RATIOS AND GUIDELINES AS STIPULATED BY THE ONTARIO CAMPS ASSOCIATION, OPHEA, TSSA, LIFESAVING AND RED CROSS

ACTIVITIES:



Activity periods are one hour in duration, and Wahanowin provides all the necessary equipment to enable full participation (e.g. helmets, PFDs, sporting equipment, etc.). All activities offered can be tailored to accommodate participants as young as grade one through to high school age.

Participants are divided into groups of **approximately 14 participants** and will be assigned a balanced activity schedule of Ropes Adventure, Waterfront, Land Sports and Enviro/Craft. Ropes and Waterfront, if requested, must be approved by the group's school board or regulatory body.

Wahanowin requires an on-site swim test to be conducted for all groups participating in waterfront activities, regardless of any testing completed prior to arrival, age of participant or waterfront experience.

ROPES ADVENTURE:

- Trapeze
- Climbing Wall
- Co-operative Games
- Team Ropes
- Initiative Tasks
- Zip Line

WATERFRONT:

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP)
- Swimming
- Waterpark (dates dependent)
- Fishing (dates dependent)

Waterfront Options Upon Request/Permitted
Swim Test Must be Completed at Camp

ENVIRO/CRAFT:

- Fire Building/Outdoor Cooking
- Shelter Building
- Plant I.D
- Orienteering
- Arts and Crafts
- and more...

LAND SPORTS:

- Archery
- Field Games
- Biking
- Pickleball
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Baseball
- Basketball
- and more...

ADDITIONAL:

- A wide variety of Evening Programs
- Pre-Meal Dances
- Music Meals
- Theme Days
- Camp Songs and Games

During registration, you'll be asked if your students can participate in Watersports and Ropes Sports, as some school boards don't allow these activities. Based on your availability, the Outdoor Education Team will create your school schedule.

While students may not be assigned every activity during their scheduled periods, all popular activities are offered daily during open rec so everyone gets a chance to participate. The final morning of your stay will also include 2 hours of open rec, giving all students a chance to try everything!

SAMPLE 3-DAY MENU:

Our menus are carefully planned in accordance to Canada's Food Guide, allergy awareness and popular tastes. We are proud of the meals that we serve and can accommodate most alternative or special dietary requests (vegetarian, vegan, lactose intolerant, celiac, religious, etc.).

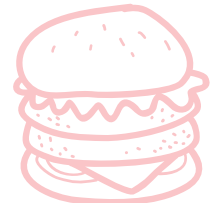
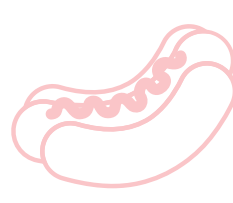
We do not use foods that contain, "may contain" or are "processed in a plant that uses" peanuts, tree nuts, pork or shellfish.

Due to potential cross-contamination, no foods contain sesame seeds, although they "may contain".

Outside food is not permitted due to strict allergen protocols.

Participants or chaperones with dietary restrictions or allergies should contact the camp to discuss needs. Please share this information at least 2 weeks before your arrival to camp

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
B R E A K F A S T		Apple juice Hot chocolate Cold cereals Breakfast bar Pancakes, syrup Turkey Sausage Rounds Boiled eggs Lac/Vgn - GF waffle, soy/rice/lacteeze milk Beyond sausage GF - GF waffle, Chex	Orange juice Hot chocolate Cold cereals Breakfast bar Croissants Sliced tomatoes, cheese Boiled eggs Lac/Vgn - bagel, soy/rice/lacteeze milk GF - GF bagel, Chex
	Apple Slices	Rice Krispie Squares	Frozen Yogurt
L U N C H	Soup station Salad bar Taco seasoned ground beef Hard shells, Flour shells Lettuce, Diced Tomato Nacho chips, Salsa, Sour cream, Guacamole Kosher - Beef or Chicken Veg - Refried beans GF - GF Tortilla	Soup station Salad bar Soft Kaiser buns Turkey, Salami, Cheese Slices, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions Potato chips Lac/Vgn - Vegan Grilled Cheese GF - TBA	Soup station Salad bar Grilled cheese Kettle Chips Veg Crudité Lac/Vgn/Veg - Spinach patties, Vegan Grilled Cheese Kosher - Turkey or Beef GF - GF Roll
D I N N E R	Salad Bar Hot dogs, buns Brown beans Perogies, Chip Mayo Kosher - Hot Dog Vegan - Veggie Dogs GF - GF Bun, GF Baked fries	Salad Bar Rotini Bolognese sauce Garlic Bread w/ cheese Lac/Vgn - Pasta w/tomato sauce, garlic baguette GF - GF pasta w/sauce, GF hot dog bun	
	Popcorn	Cookies	



WHAT TO PACK:

Please use this as a guideline when packing for camp and look at the forecasted weather in Orillia to pack accordingly. Programs occur rain or shine, so be sure to note the mandatory items below. In addition, please pack in soft luggage (duffle bag preferred) and label all personal belongings.



Campers will need to carry their own bags to their cabin, so should pack accordingly

SUGGESTED CLOTHING

- 1 garbage or laundry bag for dirty clothes
- 1 bathing suit (must bring if school is swim testing)
- 2 pairs of jeans or sweat pants
- 3 pairs of shorts
- 2 sweat shirts or sweaters
- 4 T-shirts/long sleeved shirts
- 5 pairs of socks
- Hat
- Raincoat (mandatory)
- Rubber or hiking boots (mandatory)
- Running shoes
- Underwear per day
- Warm sleepwear - pyjamas or sweats

** Activities occur in all kinds of weather, therefore warm and waterproof outer wear and footwear are essential**

BEDDING

- Warm sleeping bag
- Bottom sheet
- Pillow
- Blanket

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Alarm clock
- Baseball glove, Fishing Rod, Tennis Racquet
- Digital Camera
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Money (cash only)
 - for tuck/treats (1 for \$3, 2 for \$5)
 - for clothing (shirts, sweatpants, hoodies and hats range from \$25-\$65)

TOILETRIES AND OTHER ESSENTIALS

- 2 towels
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap in container
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Deoderant
- Bottle of sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)
- Insect repellent
- Small bottle hand sanitizer
- Water bottle - refillable

ITEMS NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Any clothing/items NOT permitted at your school
- Cell Phones (disruptive to experience)
- iPods, iPads (expensive, disruptive to experience)
- Water guns, matches, Swiss army knives
- Food - Outside Food is NOT permitted at camp (attracts animals, allergy concerns)
- Gum
- Plastic water bottles
- Expensive clothing or equipment

OEC FAQ

HOW MANY STUDENTS PER CABIN?

Please split your students into groups of 14. Groups can be as large as 16 or as small as 12 if your total group does not divide evenly by 14. However, please plan for your students to be organized into groups of approximately 14.

HOW MANY STUDENTS PER ACTIVITY GROUP?

Please plan for students to travel in groups of 14 students with 1 teacher/chaperone. As we offer one complimentary chaperone for every 10 students, this group size allows each group to have a designated leader, with a few additional chaperones available as needed.

Students cannot travel or participate in activities alone.

Activity groups can be the same as cabin groups if desired. Teachers are responsible for sharing group assignments with students before arrival or upon arrival at camp.

HOW DO CAMP MEALS WORK?

All students and staff on site eat meals together in our dining hall. When multiple schools are on site, each school will be assigned its own designated area. Schools are responsible for clearing their dishes and tidying their area at the end of each meal.

When a school arrives, the first meal is typically lunch. At this time, students will be introduced to the dining hall rules and procedures.

On departure day, students typically have an early lunch at 11:45 a.m. This allows the group to return to school before the end of the school day.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT TAKES DAILY MEDICATION OR GETS SICK AT CAMP?

While camp staff are trained in basic first aid and can respond to emergencies, the school is responsible for administering students' daily medications and any as-needed medications (such as Tylenol, Advil, or Gravol).

Teachers should come to camp prepared with a supply of basic over-the-counter medications, as permitted by their school's policies, and are responsible for administering these medications to students and contacting parents/guardians as needed.

If a student needs to visit the local hospital, the school is responsible for providing transportation and ensuring appropriate teacher/chaperone supervision to and from the hospital.

WILL ALL GROUPS HAVE IDENTICAL SCHEDULES?

No. Since we have many schools on site at the same time, it is not possible for every student to participate in every activity as part of their regular schedule.

Each group will be assigned a diverse schedule, taking into account your school's ability to participate in water sports and ropes activities, as indicated on your original application.

Each day, all activities will be available during **1 hour of Open Rec before dinner, as well as 2 hours of Open Rec on the final morning of camp (after cabins have been cleaned and dismissed by teachers).**

This gives every student the opportunity to try all activities they are eligible for—even if an activity is not included in their group's scheduled rotation.

OEC FACILITIES

Main Camp Cabins



Grove Cabins



Dining Hall



OEC FACILITIES

Grounds



