

## **SSCA parent package**

Welcome to SSCA day camp, summer 2024, we're so excited!

This document will provide parents with all of the information needed for camp. Entailing what to send campers with, frequently asked questions, camp rules and expectations, weekly themes, and camp policies.

SSCA Day Camp operates on weekdays from 9am – 2pm in July and August in the schoolhouse on the SSCA property, Frying Pan Island (B321). All SSCA member families and their guests are welcome. The purpose of the Day Camp is to provide a safe and secure environment for children and youth ages 4- 12 years to participate in daily programs. Programs include organized games, swimming, creative arts & crafts, tennis, nature studies, hikes, picnics, and other outdoor activities.

### **Packing Checklist**

- Sunscreen
- Bathing suit
- Closed toe shoes/sandals
- Towel
- Nut free lunch (and snacks if desired)
- Reusable water bottle
- Medications (if needed)
- Hat
- Life jacket

### **Recommended extras**

- Waterproof shoes
- Hair brush and hair ties
- Change of clothes
- Bug spray

## Frequently asked questions

Some questions that are often asked are answered here but if we have missed any, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Will sunscreen be reapplied?** Please send your child to camp with sunscreen already applied and pack a bottle of your preferred sunscreen. We will help campers reapply if needed. If you forgot your sunscreen, no worries, we will always have extra sunscreen at the camp just in case!

**Are life jackets required?** Life jackets are required for children 5 and under and for non-swimmers. A swim test will be in place to evaluate and confirm swimming abilities for children aged 6 and up who would like to swim without a life jacket. .

**Can I reschedule?** Of course. It is preferred that you reach out to us in advance, but we can always sort something out.

**Is there a storm policy?** If there are thunderstorms, camp may be canceled for the day or have a delayed start time. Camp staff will be in contact with all registered families to communicate the plan for the day. If a storm occurs around pick-up time, the counsellors will keep all children inside the schoolhouse and parents are encouraged to only boat when it is safe to do so. The counsellors will stay on site until all the children have been picked up.

**What do I do if my child has a medical condition and or allergies?** It is required that allergies and any medical conditions are stated in the registration process. Additionally, we ask that parents of campers with allergies and medical conditions connect with the camp counsellors to discuss a child-specific plan on how to best provide care if necessary and make accommodations to ensure camp is a safe and fun environment.

**Will my child be given snacks?** From time to time, special snack items (e.g. popsicles, crackers, freezies) may be offered to campers. If a camper has allergies, the snack being considered will be discussed with the parent ahead of time to ensure it is safe to offer it.

**Use of technology and theft guidelines** The use of technology is not allowed at day camp unless specified and is recommended to leave devices at home. Participants are responsible for their personal belongings and should not bring items of value to camp.

## **Camper rules and expectations**

Before your child attends camp, we would appreciate it if you take the time to go over our camper expectations with them.

1. Be kind and respectful to other campers and counsellors
2. Listen to the counsellors' instructions
3. I will not leave unattended and will stay on camp property
4. Ask for help when I need it
5. Have fun!

## **This summer's camp themes**

### **Week 1: Tuesday, July 2, 2024- Friday, July 5, 2024**

Nature exploration week

Indoor activity example: Nature collages

Outdoor activity example: Scavenger hunt

### **Week 2: Monday, July 8, 2024- Friday, July 12, 2024**

Olympic week

Indoor activity example: Paper plane contest

Outdoor activity example: Soccer

### **Week 3: Monday, July 15, 2024- Friday, July 19, 2024**

Art week starring Jessica Vergeer

Indoor activity example: Bracelet making

Outdoor activity example: Tie dye

**Week 4: Monday, July 22, 2024- Friday, July 26, 2024**

Holiday week

Indoor activity example: Art of Christmas tree/ hand turkey

Outdoor activity example: Snowball tag

**Week 5: Monday, July 29, 2024-Friday, August 2, 2024**

Colour week

Indoor activity example: Rainbow painting

Outdoor activity example: Chalk art

**Week 6: Tuesday, August 6, 2024-Friday, August 9, 2024**

**Special guests from the Georgian Bay Biosphere – Animal Tracks Workshop**

Disney week

Indoor activity example: Mickey mouse craft

Outdoor activity example: Act out as your favourite character

**Week 7: Monday, August 12, 2024-Friday, August 16, 2024**

SSCA's got talent!

Indoor activity example: Blind drawing

Outdoor activity example: Final talent show

## **Camp Staff and bios**

### **Emma**



Hi! I'm Emma! I am looking forward to meeting you all! A little bit about me is that I am going into my second year at Western University. I've been on Georgian Bay for 9 years now and my favourite things to do up here are wake-surf and jet-ski. I am so excited for this summer and all of the adventures and activities ahead.

### **Rachel**



My name is Rachel and I'm 17 years old. I grew up going to the camp and I'm so excited to be a counsellor this year because of the fun activities! My favourite sports are ski racing and swimming. In the summer, I love water skiing and boating with friends. I look forward to lots of games, crafts, swimming, and more this summer!

## **Notable camp policies**

### **Communication with Parents/Guardians**

Staff aim to provide open communication with parents. This can be done through email [sscadaycamps@ssca.info](mailto:sscadaycamps@ssca.info). Or through the phone, which will be provided to parents at drop off should they need to connect throughout the day.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Participants are expected to arrive on time at the beginning of each day (9 AM) and be picked up promptly at the end of the day (2 PM).

### **Managing Behaviours**

A problem-solving approach will always be taken to solve difficulties. If there are significant concerns, parents will be notified, and staff will discuss with them at pick up time to determine a solution. If necessary, parents must be prepared to pick up their children if they need to be removed from the situation. Open communication between camp staff and parents or guardians is encouraged on these matters to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

### **Illness policy**

In order to help ensure a healthy camp community and to prevent the spread of illness, campers and staff are asked to stay at home if they are feeling unwell. This includes having a fever, vomiting or diarrhea. All symptoms must have cleared for 24 hours prior to returning to camp.

If a child develops any of these symptoms while at camp, their parents will be called to pick them up immediately. Either a volunteer or staff person will do their best to keep the ill child comfortable until their parent arrives.

### **Drop off and Pick up Policy**

It is the policy of the SSCA Day Camp to ensure the safety of all children at drop-off and pick-up times. Staff are not responsible for the campers before 9AM, as they are busy preparing for the camp day. Parents should ensure that their child has been met by a staff member and attendance documented. Parents should also advise staff at this time if someone other than a family member will be picking up their child from Camp. Pick-up time is at 2PM. Parents should ensure that the staff is aware that their child has been picked up.