



Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Arts Camp

Week 5: Aug 2 – Aug 5, 2022 (Mon. August 1st Civic Holiday – No Camp)

Welcome to Week 5 — **Fun in the Sun!** My name is Skylar Sheehan-Alleyne and I am the Director of Arts Camp. On behalf of all Arts Camp staff members, we are really excited to offer your child a safe, fun, and enjoyable week. We have planned many arts, crafts, and activities aimed at ensuring that your child has a wonderful camp experience! Please read the attached information carefully. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Arts Camp will operate out of the Chestnut Hill Developmental Recreation Complex (CHDRC) from 9:00am –3:15pm, Monday to Friday.

Campers taking the Bus to Camp

For campers taking the bus, they should board the bus at their designated pick up point every day. Please check the bus schedule on-line at pickering.ca/camps to confirm your pick up and drop off times.

If there are any changes to these arrangements, please send a note with them in the morning or call the Chestnut Hill Developmental Recreation Complex and let us know at 905.420.4660 ext. 3246. Please be at your stop 10 minutes prior to your pick up / drop off time, and allow extra time for delays due to construction, traffic etc. Campers who are not met by parent/guardian at their bus stops after camp (as arranged) will be brought back to the Recreation Complex. Parents will be called to pick up- please ensure you are at the stop to meet your child at the designated time.

Campers coming to Camp with a Parent/Guardian

For the safety of all campers, we ask that you walk your child to the front doors of the CHDRC West Salon when dropping them off, and to pick them up. Please ensure that you sign your child in and out with the designated staff person. **Anyone that you have designated as alternate pick up contacts, will be required to show Photo ID to camp staff prior to your child being released to their care. Please ensure that they are aware of this protocol.** Campers are expected to arrive at the start time and will not be let in prior to 9:00 am.

- Please see below for daily drop off / pick up locations for this session:

	Aug. 1	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5
AM Drop Off 9:00 am	HOLIDAY	CHDRC (West Salon)	CHDRC (West Salon)	CHDRC (West Salon)	CHDRC (West Salon)
PM Pick Up 3:15 pm	HOLIDAY	CHDRC (West Salon)	CHDRC (West Salon)	CHDRC (West Salon)	CHDRC (West Salon)

- CHDRC – Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Centre

Safe Arrivals/ Absenteeism

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent from camp, please send a note stating the camper's name, and the day that they will be away, or you can call me at the CHDRC 905.420.4660 x3246. Attempts will be made to contact parents of campers who are absent without prior notification.

Clothing

All campers are advised to wear comfortable clothing and are asked **not** to bring valuables to camp, as they will be responsible for their own belongings. Please label campers belongings i.e. lunch bag, extra clothing, coats etc. This helps to avoid confusion when campers misplace their belongings. Also, please send indoor shoes (running shoes would be great!)

Lunches

Campers are required to bring their lunch with them to camp every day. It is recommended that they pack an extra drink, as they will find this refreshing after a busy day.

Allergies – Important Notice!

Please be sensitive to any food allergies that may be brought to your attention (i.e. peanut allergies that can be life threatening). For this reason, **Please do not pack peanuts, peanut products, or any products containing traces of nuts in your child's lunches for camp.** If staff are unsure of snacks (i.e. granola bars), campers will be asked not to eat them at camp. Fruit is always a healthy and allergy safe snack! Please feel free to send a copy of the ingredients of any items we may be unsure of (i.e. cookies). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Swimming/ Wrist Bands (please keep on for the full week at camp)

Campers will be swimming in the indoor pool at the CHDRC every day at 1:00 pm. Campers should bring a towel and bathing suit (in a separate bag) with them. Campers who do not wish to swim will have the option to play games (under the supervision of a Counsellor).

Campers 7 years and under are given priority in the Turtle Pool. When the Turtle Pool is full, campers will wear a lifejacket and swim in the shallow end of the large pool with a staff member. All campers 7 years of age and under are accompanied by camp staff at a 2:1 ratio, regardless of swimming ability. All other campers are accompanied with a 4:1 ratio.

To swim in the deep end of the large pool (without a lifejacket) campers must demonstrate the ability to pass a swim test. Children who are 8 and 9 years of age are allowed to take the swim test. **No exceptions** and the Lifeguard's decision is final. If they do not pass the test they automatically will have to wear a life jacket for the rest of the week during swim time in the big pool. For the swim test: children must swim 10 metres, tread water for 30 seconds, and swim another 15 metres of the pool. However, even if they do have a note and pass the swim test, there still must be a counsellor

available to swim with them, as we must adhere to a 4:1 ratio, therefore your child may not be able to swim in the deep end of the large pool at all times. If your child will not be swimming for the day/week please send a note to let us know.

The following is a list of Arts Camp theme days and special events:

Monday August 1	Tuesday August 2	Wednesday August 3	Thursday August 4	Friday August 5
HOLIDAY: NO CAMP	Welcome to Arts Camp 2022!	Beach Day Dress up like you're going to the beach!	Hawaii Day Dress up like you're from Hawaii, or wear the colour yellow.	Under the Sea Day Dress up like you're a character from under the sea, or wear the colour blue!

The following attachments will be provided to your child(ren) on the first day of camp. Please complete and return (only those applicable to your child) on the second day of camp:

1. 2022 Camp Medication Form.
2. City of Pickering, Photo/Model Release Form – allows staff to take pictures for City / Camp promotions

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, Skylar Sheehan-Alleyne, by email at ssheehan-alleyne@pickering.ca.

Looking forward to a fun and exciting Summer!

Skylar Sheehan-Alleyne
Director, Arts Camp