



Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Eco – Adventure Camp

Week 6: August 8 – August 12, 2022

Welcome to week 6 of Eco Adventure Camp 2022 - "Under the Creek". My name is Seyon Balamurali and I am the Director of Eco-Adventure Camp this summer. On behalf of all the staff members, we would like to welcome you to camp and let you know that we are excited to offer your child a safe, fun, and enjoyable session. We have planned many activities and special days aimed at ensuring that your child has a wonderful camp experience! Please read the attached information carefully. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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 online at pickering.ca/camps to confirm your pickup 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 Developments Recreation Complex and let us know at 905.420.4660 ext.3246. Please be at your stop 10 minutes prior to your pickup / 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.

Camper Drop off / Pick up Protocol: Important!

Eco - Adventure Camp will be operating out of the **Pickering Museum Village**, from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm, Monday to Friday. Once arrived, a counsellor will be waiting to pick up the camper and safely guide them towards the camp.

For the safety of all campers, we ask that you walk your child into the camp drop off location when dropping them off in the morning. We ask that the same be done when picking them up in the afternoon. Please ensure that you check your child in and out with the designated Pick-up/ Drop-off Counsellor. If someone else is picking up your child, please inform the staff in the morning. **Anyone that you have designated as an alternate pick-up contact will be required to show Photo ID to camp staff prior to your child being released into their care. Please ensure that they are aware of this protocol.**

If you have any questions or concerns about where to drop off or pick-up your child, please call me at 905.420.4660 ext.3246.

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

	Mon. August 8	Tues. August 9	Wed. August 10	Thurs. August 11	Fri. August 12
AM Drop Off 8:50 am	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) 8:50 am or Pickering Museum Village 9:00 am	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) 8:50 am or Pickering Museum Village 9:00 am	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) 8:50 am or Pickering Museum Village 9:00 am	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) 8:50 am or Pickering Museum Village 9:00 am	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) 8:50 am
PM Pick Up 3:15 pm	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) or Pickering Museum Village 3:15 pm	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) or Pickering Museum Village 3:15 pm	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) or Pickering Museum Village 3:15 pm	Rec. CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) or Pickering Museum Village 3:15 pm	CHDRC (Outside on Diefenbaker) 3:15 pm

- **CHDRC – Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Centre**

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 Recreation Complex 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!).

Creek Walking

On Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays Campers will get the choice to go creek walking if wanted. If decided to do so, they are encouraged to bring an extra pair of clothes, or a swimsuit. When in the creek, campers must have **Closed** toe shoes, sandals (Flip flops, Crocs, Slides) will **Not** be permitted. Campers are advised to bring a pair of old shoes, or shoes that they are willing to take into the water. If campers want to go Creek walking but do not bring the items listed above, unfortunately they will not be

able to participate that day, and will go hiking, or a group camp along with the other non-creek walking campers.

Lunch

Campers are required to bring their own peanut free lunch with them to camp every day. It is important to include ingredient labels with certain foods, such as muffins, cookies, granola bars, etc. to ensure that they are free from peanuts and that they are also made in a peanut free facility. Packing lunches and snacks in glass containers are also not allowed. Since Eco -Adventure Camp is placing more awareness on the environment this summer, we encourage you to try and pack a 'waste free' lunch to be as environmentally friendly as possible. This means that there is very little garbage left behind when your camper is finished eating. A great way to do this is by using plastic containers and re-useable cutlery. It is recommended that you pack your camper with extra snacks and drinks, as we will be playing outside for most of our 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 lunch 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.

Information on Ticks

While hiking or creek walking campers may encounter with ticks.

All staff know how to identify and remove an attached tick. We will also do our best this summer to check campers for ticks periodically throughout the day when at Camp. If you would like to know more about symptoms, treatment, and how to properly remove a tick visit the following two websites:

camp <http://health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publications/disease/lyme.aspx>
<https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/pubs/lyme.php>

Special days: Carnival Day!

This Friday, Campers will get the opportunity to join camps such as Sports, Adventure and Arts at Carnival Day, which will be held down at Kinsmen Park. Carnival Day consists of a big camp wide game of "Steal the Bacon" where each camp will compete against each other. Once that is complete, stations will be set up around the designated zone, and campers will get to whichever station they want to go through. Eg. Face Paint, Soccer, Crafts, and many more!

Pick Up Drop Off Will NOT be at the Pickering Museum Village Friday, instead at the CHDRC, Outside on Diefenbaker Rd.

The following is a list of the special days at Eco -Adventure Camp “Under the Creek”:

Mon. August 8	Tues. August 9	Wed. August 10	Thurs. August 11	Fri. August 12
First Day of Camp Welcome! Orientation Day	Explorers in the creek Come dressed ready for the water! Bring out the goggles and other water gear OR Wear Blue	Finding Nemo Dress up as Nemo! Or any fish! OR Wear Orange	Shark in the Creek! Try you're best to bring out the best shark representation OR Wear Grey/Blue	Carnival Day! Wear ORANGE Try you're best to represent the camp for Carnival Day!

**All theme outfits must be appropriate for camp.

Please complete and return the following attachments (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, Seyon Balamurali, at sbalamurali@pickering.ca or call 905.420.4660 ext.3246.

Looking forward to a great summer!

Seyon Balamurali
 Director, Eco Adventure Camp