

**Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Jr. Firefighter Camp
Week 7: August 15th- August 19th 2022**

The most exciting week of your child’s summer has finally arrived – welcome to Jr. Firefighter Camp!! My name is Judah Cunningham and I am the director of this year’s Jr. Firefighter Camp. On behalf of the staff members of our Camp, I am very excited to offer your child a safe, fun and active week at a camp like no other! Your Jr. Firefighter will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive and exciting fire safety program lead by enthusiastic staff with backgrounds in firefighting and fire prevention. Since the camp will be held in the backyard of one of our Pickering Fire Stations, your campers will have the opportunity to go on fire hall tours, explore the firetrucks, the various tools used on the fire ground and interact with on-duty firefighters. We have planned many brand new engaging games and activities, aimed at ensuring your child has a great camp experience while walking away with knowledge and the importance of firefighters and the everyday roles that they play! Please read the attached information carefully, and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Campers coming to Camp with a Parent/Guardian

Jr. Firefighter Camp operates Monday through Friday at the Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson Community Centre from 9:00 am - 3:15 pm. Camper pick up/drop off will take place at two locations to accommodate our campers and their families: 1) at Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson Community Centre in Claremont. 2) At the Pickering Recreation Complex on Diefenbaker Court (where busing takes place; a counsellor will be outside on the grass).. Please ensure that you check your child in and out with the designated staff person. If someone else is picking up your child, please inform the staff in the morning. **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 into their care. Please ensure that they are aware of this protocol.**

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

	August 15 th	August 16 th	August 17 th	August 18 th	August 19 th
AM Drop Off 9:00 am	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court
PM Pick Up 3:15 pm	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court	Dr. Nelson F Tomlinson CC. OR Complex Diefenbaker Court

Complex = Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex

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 Developments Recreation Complex and let us know at 905.420.4660 ext. 3246. Please allow extra time for delays due to construction, traffic etc. Campers who are not met by a 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.

Absenteeism / Safe Arrivals

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 Pickering 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. It is recommended to pack sunscreen, hats and water as we will often go outdoors. If possible, please label your camper's belongings (i.e. lunch bag, extra clothing, coats, water shoes, etc.) to help avoid confusion when items are misplaced. In the interest of safety, **all campers are advised to wear only closed toed shoes** at Jr. Firefighter Camp (please, no sandals).

Lunches / Snacks

Campers are required to bring their own peanut free lunch with them to camp every day. We also ask that lunches are packed in non-breakable **containers** (no glass). It is recommended that they pack an extra drink and snacks in case they need it throughout the 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).

Camp Session Activities:

Monday, August 15th	Tuesday, August 16th	Wednesday, August 17th	Thursday, August 18th	Friday, August 19th
<p>Orientation Day</p> <p>Truck Tour Day!</p> <p>Campers will get to participate in their very own tour of a fire truck!</p>	<p>Personal Protective Equipment Day!</p> <p>Campers will get to see a real set of bunker gear and try it on for themselves!</p>	<p>Fire Extinguishers</p> <p>Campers will get to see a fire science presentation and get to see real fire extinguishers in action!</p>	<p>Fire Prevention Day</p> <p>Campers will get to experience learning all about fire prevention through a hazard kitchen demo!</p>	<p>Graduation Day</p> <p>Campers will see what it takes to be a firefighter by competing in their very own combat challenge!</p>

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) as soon as possible.

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 further questions or concerns please feel free to leave me a message on the Camp Office phone, 905.420.4660 x3246.

We are looking forward to a fantastic week with your child and sharing our passion with him/her!

Judah Cunningham
Director, Jr. Firefighter Camp