



## **Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Eco Adventure Camp**

### **Week 9: August 25, 2025 – August 29, 2025**

Welcome to Eco - Adventure Camp! We are thrilled to have your child join us for an exciting, active, and engaging camp experience. Whether it's their first time at camp or they're returning for another adventure, we are dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive, and memorable environment for all campers. Please read the attached information carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Camp Details**

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (daily).

Location: George Ashe Library and Community Center – 470 Kingston Road, Pickering, L1V 1A5- Helen Paris/ Russell Franklin Rooms

### **Meet Your Camp Director**

Hello, my name is Jake (or Mr. Beast), and I am the director for the Eco Adventure Camp located at the George Ashe Public Library running all nine weeks. This camp will have fun trips off site or special guests visiting. As well as daily planned activities that involve out regional geography to connect fun with our community and its environment.

This is my sixth summer working with summer camps, but I was a camper myself from ages 5-13. There's nothing I want more than to ensure that my camp is both fun and inclusive all while being inclusive to all children. I am currently entering Teachers College at Brock University after recently completing my Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies. I also have experience in professional settings as I have been teaching for two years in the Niagara Region as an Occasional Teacher.

I look forward to meeting you all and making this a summer to remember!

### **Camper Pick-Up/Drop-Off Procedures**

Adventure Camp will be held at George Ashe Library and Community Center, in the Helen Paris/ Russell Franklin Rooms. For the safety of all campers, please drop off and pick up your child in the gymnasium. Be sure to check your child in and out with the designated Pick-up/Drop-off counsellor.

For safety reasons, any alternate pick-up person you designate will be required to show photo ID to camp staff before your child is released into their care. Please make sure they are aware of this protocol and that your child is picked up on time.

### **Absenteeism / Safe Arrivals**

If you know in advance that your child will be absent or late, please email us at [jbabin@pickering.ca](mailto:jbabin@pickering.ca) or [camps@pickering.ca](mailto:camps@pickering.ca). If you would rather leave a voicemail, please call 905.420.4660 ext. 3246.

If a camper is absent without prior notification, we will attempt to contact the parents/guardians.

### **What To Expect**

Eco - Adventure Camp is an exciting week of outdoor fun and learning! Campers will enjoy nature-themed arts and crafts, team-building activities, and explore the outdoors while discovering new skills. They'll learn basic survival techniques, practice archery, and work together to tackle fun challenges. Led by our enthusiastic staff, this camp is the perfect way for kids to build confidence, make new friends, and enjoy a week of adventure in nature!

### **What to Bring to Camp**

- **Clothing:** Campers should wear comfortable clothes suitable for activities. Please do not send valuables, as campers are responsible for their own belongings. Remember to label all items (e.g., lunch bags, extra clothes, coats) to help prevent mix-ups. Indoor shoes (running shoes are recommended) are also required.
- Campers will be going outside for many adventures so please ensure to pack appropriate clothing for outside play (hats, mitts, jackets, snow pants).
- **Lunch and Snacks:** Campers must bring a nut-free lunch each day. Please pack lunch in non-breakable containers (no glass). Campers will have two snack breaks and lunchtime, so extra snacks are encouraged.

### **Allergy Notice:**

Please be sensitive to any food allergies that may be brought to your attention (i.e. tree nut allergies that can be life threatening). For this reason, please do not pack tree nuts, tree nut 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.

- **Water Bottle:** Please pack a reusable water bottle. There are water fill stations available at camp to keep your child hydrated throughout the day, as they may be outside.

## Wristbands

On the first day of camp, each camper will receive a wristband in their camp's designated color. Please help ensure your camper wears their wristband throughout the week. If the wristband is lost or damaged, a replacement will be provided the following day at camp. For those who choose not to participate in our water days, will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of different indoor and outdoor activities with staff.

## Water Day

We will aim to have a water day on Tuesday, August 26, if the weather permits. On these days, please send your child to camp with their bathing suit, an extra set of clothes, a towel as well as a plastic bag for their wet bathing suit. Also, please send a hat and apply sunscreen to your child. For campers who choose not to participate in water day, we will have a variety of different activities to engage in.

## Carnival Day

To wrap up an incredible camp season, we're thrilled to announce a special Carnival Day on the final day of camp! Campers will join with a few neighboring camps for a festive celebration filled with games, music, treats, and a wide variety of fun activities. It's the perfect way to close out the summer—making memories, sharing laughs, and celebrating all the friendships formed along the way! Carnival day will be located at Chestnut Hills Development Recreation Complex (1867 Valley Farm Rd). The bus will be leaving the camp at 9:15 am, please ensure you are arriving on time. In the event that the bus is missed, parents or guardians will be responsible for dropping their camper off at the trip site.

The following is a list of the special theme days at Eco-Adventure Camp:

<b>Monday, August 25</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 26</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 27</b>	<b>Thursday, August 28</b>	<b>Friday, August 29</b>
<b>Orientation Day!</b>  Welcome to Camp!	<b>Safari Dress-Up</b>  Dress as an Animal or Zoo Worker	<b>World of Dance &amp; Music</b> Show off your favourite songs	<b>Famous Art Making</b>  Recreate Famous Art Pieces	<b>Carnival Day</b>  Who will win Gold?

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly via email at [camps@pickering.ca](mailto:camps@pickering.ca)

Looking forward to enjoying a fantastic week together!

Jake Babin, Eco Adventure Camp Director