



Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Firefighter Camp

Week 5: July 28, 2025 – August 1, 2025 “Firehouse Life Week”

Welcome to Firefighter 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: Dr. Nelson F. Tomlinson Community Centre- 4941 Old Brock Rd, Claremont, ON L1Y 1A9

Meet Your Camp Director

Hi, my name is Samantha Bragagnolo! I'm about to enter my third year at Queen's University, and this is my fourth summer working at camp. I love all things active living, sports, creativity & working with children! I'm incredibly excited for this summer and for the opportunity to teach some awesome new skills!

Camper Pick-Up/Drop-Off Procedures

Firefighter Camp takes place in the Gymnasium at Dr. Nelson F. Tomlinson Community Centre.

To ensure a safe and smooth experience for all campers, please drop off and pick up your child at the Gymnasium. Remember to check in and out with our designated Pick-up/Drop-off counselor each day.

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 camps@pickering.ca or 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.

What To Expect

Firefighter Camp is an action-packed adventure centered around the thrilling world of firefighting! Campers will get an exclusive demonstration from the local fire department, showcasing real-life fire safety techniques and equipment. In addition to learning vital skills, they'll also take part in other fun-filled activities like team sports, arts and crafts, and more!

We're excited to announce our partnership with Pickering Fire Services! Campers will have the opportunity to learn what it's like to be a firefighter. The firefighters will give presentations on fire safety, and all campers will get a chance to explore a real fire truck during an exciting Fire Truck Tour!

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 may be outside during the camp day, so please pack appropriate clothing for outside play.
- **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 for 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 camps 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.

Water Day

We will aim to have a water day Wednesday, 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. Please ensure to send a hat and apply sunscreen to your child. If your camper does not want to engage in water day, we will have a variety of different activities to participate in!

The following is a list of the special theme days at Firefighter Camp:

Monday, July 28	Tuesday, July 29	Wednesday, July 30	Thursday, July 31	Friday, August 1
Orientation Day! Welcome to Camp!	Sirens & Lights Day: Dress in red with flashing accessories or glow sticks	Wacky Water Day: Wear a swimsuit, plus extra clothes and a towel for water fun!	Dalmatian Day: Wear black & white spots or dog ears like the firehouse mascot	Full Gear Friday: Pull the look together! Wear anything resembling fire gear!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly via email at camps@pickering.ca

Looking forward to enjoying a fantastic week together!

Samantha Bragagnolo, Firefighter Camp Director