



Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Adventure Camp

Week 2: July 7, 2025 – July 11, 2025 – Hero Training Week

Welcome to Adventure Camp Week 2 – Hero Training Week! 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: Altona Forest PS – 405 Woodsmere Crescent, Pickering, ON L1V 7A3 - Main Gymnasium - Walk through the main doors, turn right and you will find the gym doors on the left-hand side (Signage will be posted in the area)

Meet Your Camp Director

Hi! My name is Luke, and I am happy to be one of the Adventure Camp Directors this year at Altona Forest Public School! This is my sixth year working for City of Pickering Camps. I am excited and anticipate having a great summer. I am currently in my third year studying at Ontario Tech University! This summer I intend on creating many memories and sharing joy with all Campers and staff! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at lsheehan-alleyne@pickering.ca! Hope you are excited for a great week!

Camper Pick-Up/Drop-Off Procedures

Adventure Camp will be held at Altona Forest PS, in the Gymnasium. 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 me at lsheehan-alleyne@pickering.ca or camps@pickering.ca. If you would rather leave a voicemail, please call 905.420.4660 ext. 3246.

What To Expect

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.

Trip Information

This Thursday, Adventure Camp will be heading to Whitevale Park (405 Whitevale Rd, Whitevale, ON L0H 1M0) for a day of outdoor exploration from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Morning drop-off will take place at Altona Forest Public School (in the gym), with buses departing promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please arrive on time, as late arrivals will need to be transported to the park by a parent or guardian. Campers will have the opportunity to either go creek walking or hiking.

Campers interested in creek walking must bring an extra pair of old, closed-toe running shoes or water shoes—rubber boots and sandals are not permitted. They'll also need a change of clothes or a bathing suit. Please note that creek walking is weather dependent and may be cancelled if water conditions are unsafe.

Campers planning to hike should bring comfortable running shoes. All campers should come prepared with plenty of water, peanut-free snacks, a hat, sunscreen, bug spray, and appropriate outdoor attire. In the event of rain, the camp will run indoors at Altona Forest as usual.

Water Day:

We're excited to share that Adventure Camp is conveniently located near the Amberlea Splash Pad! Weather permitting, campers will have the chance to visit the splash pad on Tuesday for some fun in the sun. To ensure your camper is ready to participate, please pack a bathing suit, towel, and sandals or water shoes each day.

If your camper prefers not to take part in water activities, there will be a variety of other engaging activities available for them to enjoy during that time.

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

Monday, July 7	Tuesday, July 8	Wednesday, July 9	Thursday, July 10	Friday, July 11
Orientation Day! Welcome to Camp!	Water Day Bring your swimming attire and have fun at the local splash pad! Or Wear Blue	Theme Day Dress up as a real-life hero (i.e. firefighter, etc.) Or Wear Red	Field Trip! Whitevale Park Bring your creek walking or hiking attire (Water shoes are required for creek walking)	Movie Day Wear your PJs to camp for a movie!

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!

Luke Sheehan-Alleyne, Adventure Camp Director