



Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Eco-Adventure Camp

Week 3: July 14, 2025 – July 18, 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 of the Eco-Adventure Camp located at the George Ashe Public Library running all 9 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 6th 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 setting as I have been teaching for 2 years now 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 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/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.

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- **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 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 child does not want to participate in water day, we will have plenty of different activities to engage in!

Special Guest Information

On Thursday, July 17, 2025, we're thrilled to welcome Hands-on Exotic, the wildest, most exciting guest you could imagine! They'll be bringing a whole zoo of incredible animals to camp, from slithering snakes to majestic birds, and maybe even a furry friend or two. But it's not just about meeting these amazing creatures—it's all about learning! The experts from Hands on Exotic will be sharing fun facts, stories, and fascinating insights about the animals, their habitats, and what makes them so special. So, get ready to get up close and personal with the wonders of the animal kingdom while unleashing your creativity!

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

Monday, July 14th	Tuesday, July 15th	Wednesday, July 16th	Thursday, July 17th	Friday, July 18th
Orientation Day! Animal Dress-Up!	Zookeeper Day! Zoo-Keeper Dress-Up + Nature Crawl!	Wild Bug Chase! Collection Day!	Animals in Pickering! Hands-On Exotics!	Zootopia Day! Movie Day!

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!

Jake Babin, Eco-Adventure Camp Director
