



Moorelands Kids

Moorelands Camp

Parent & Camper Handbook

2026



Moorelands Campers:

- Build confidence in themselves
- Gain competence & life skills
- Develop character
- Enjoy connections with role models & peers



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Welcome to Moorelands Camp! We are excited that you will be joining our community this summer. Together, we will learn about the Moorelands leadership Habits and Qualities while working on building our strengths. Everyday you will get opportunities to develop your leadership skills and have FUN!

This handbook will give you lots of information that will help you prepare for an awesome Moorelands' summer experience.

To quote some of our campers:

"...Camp is my second home.
I enjoy every single moment..."

"...We learn a lot about ourselves. It feels like a community here — I feel like I am accepted."



MOORELANDS COMMUNITY CODE

Moorelands:

- Wants everyone in our community to be safe
- Provides opportunities for our community to strengthen their knowledge, skills and character

As community members we:

- Choose our actions, attitudes, and behaviour

As staff we:

- Are positive role models

As leaders we:

- Respect ourselves, others, our community & the environment
- Recognize that there are consequences for our choices
- Include everyone and participate
- Resolve problems peacefully

Life at Camp

Campers stay in the boys or girls end of camp in wooden cabins grouped by age and sex. Each end of camp has 8 cabins which house at least 2 staff and up to 10 campers. Each bed has a vinyl mattress and campers bring their own bedding (sleeping bag).

Days at camp are active and packed full of excitement. Campers have break times to rest and recharge. Meals are eaten in 'Deb's Hall' — our dining hall. Each cabin has their own table and the whole community eats together. Hot and cold choices are served at breakfast. At lunch and dinner salad is offered. 'Cook Out/Campout' is always a highlight!



SPECIAL DIETS: We can meet some basic needs such as: gluten sensitivities, vegetarianism, and dairy intolerance. Having a special diet may limit meal options for your child. For example typically Halal campers eat a vegetarian diet. Please contact the city office with concerns or questions.

Getting Ready For Camp

Health history form: Complete and return the Health History form on your [Campbrain account](#). Call 416-466-9987 ext 300 if you need help completing the form.

NOTE: Campers will not be able to attend camp unless this document is received.

Health Guidelines: If a camper is unable to participate in daily activities for 48 hours or more they will be sent home. A child may also be sent home due to Public Health Directives. Please contact our main office directly for any questions related to current Public Health Directives.

Measles at camp: In order to prevent measles activity camp, Moorelands asks for your camper's immunization record and will ask about symptoms before they board the bus. In the event of a lab confirmed measles case(s) at Moorelands, campers and/or staff who are not up to date on their vaccines will be sent home.

Payment: all camp payments are due June 1st before your child goes to camp for summer. VISA or MasterCard, and e-transfer are accepted. Cash is not accepted at this time. Email us at info@moorelands.ca for e-transfer information. We will not accept payment at the bus.

Your registration will be cancelled and your child placed on a waitlist if full payment is not received by June 1st and/or outstanding documents are not received by your child's first day of camp.

Cancellation Policy: All refunds may be subject to a \$15.00 administrative fee. There is **no refund for cancellations received 14 days or less from the start of the camp session** and all fees unpaid will remain due and must be paid. Please see the "Conditions of Registration" on the application for a full description.

What To Bring To Camp

- Sleeping bag
- Personal stuff—shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, deodorant
- Bathing suit & 2 towels
- 3 pairs long pants (jeans and/or sweats)
- 3 pairs of shorts
- 5 T-shirts
- 2 long sleeved tops
- Socks, underwear & PJs (pyjamas)
- Jacket or hooded sweater
- Rain poncho
- Runners, plus sandals or Flip Flops
- Bug Spray, Sunscreen, Hat, sunglasses for sun protection
- Optional items: Book, flashlight, pillow

Please label all clothing and belongings.

Limit luggage to 1 suitcase plus a sleeping bag – PLEASE label well.

Moorelands' campers are expected to be responsible for their own belongings.

LOST ITEMS: Sometimes items are forgotten at camp or left on the bus. If identifiable items are found, we will call you and hold them at the city office for 1 week.

Moorelands Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

What to Leave Home

- **Snacks:** Candy, food, or drinks are NOT ALLOWED and will be discarded before boarding the bus.
- **Electronic Items such as:** Phones, handheld video games, laptops, iPads, etc. will be confiscated and kept in the office. They will be returned in the city when campers get off the bus. Moorelands Camp is tech free! Please see "Unplug at Camp" section for more information.
- **Cell Phones/Phone Cards:** Campers are not allowed phones at camp. Phones will be confiscated and returned in the city when campers get off the bus.
- **Favourite Jewelry & Best Clothes:** Do not bring as they may get ruined at camp.
- **Make-up, Perfumes and Hair products:** do not bring, they will attract bugs!
- **Camping gear such as matches and knives.**

Drugs, alcohol, smoking material or weapons will get camper(s) SENT HOME.

There will be no refunds.

Unplug At Camp!

At Moorelands Camp, campers do not have cell phones, iPads, tablets, or any electronics because we want to unplug and disconnect for the week!



We have so much fun at camp that we don't need technology to help us out.

Instead of being plugged in and connected with technology, let's unplug so that we can:

- Connect with each other and make friendships that are real and last forever
- Connect with our surroundings and enjoy swimming in the lake, hiking to the frog pond, and everything else around us
- Connect with yourself and learn just how amazing a leader you are through developing your skills at camp

Transportation

Moorelands Camp has **3 bus pick up sites** depending on your location to better serve our families - there is a West End Site for families west of Dufferin St and a Central/East End Site for families east of Dufferin St. For our families in Barrie and Orillia we have 1 bus pick up Site. Important details and times for each site are listed on the following pages, as **these details have changed from the previous year**. Please check your registration confirmation letter for the bus site you have been assigned. If you have any concerns or questions about your bus pick up please contact us at 416-466-9987 ext 300.

PLEASE NOTE:

All payments must be received at the city office by June 1st and all paperwork must be handed in by the first day of camp. **Any campers with payment and/or outstanding documents after these dates will be placed on a waitlist and have your registration cancelled.** One week before your paperwork due date, you will receive a friendly reminder email to notify you if your paperwork and/or deposit are missing.

****If we do not receive the required documents and payment by the due date, your spot at camp will be given to another child. We will not accept paperwork or payment at the bus sites. No refunds will be given.***



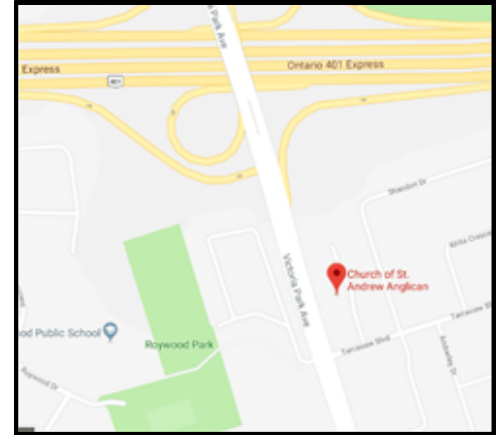
Central & East End Bus Site

Families living east of Dufferin St will use this site. The buses leave from the ST ANDREWS ANGLICAN CHURCH located at 2333 Victoria Park Ave., Toronto. We are in the rear parking lot, enter from Terraview Blvd. Please insure your child has eaten breakfast before arriving at the bus site. Campers leave for camp on Monday and return on Saturday. **Check your confirmation letter for your camp dates.**

CHECK-IN: Check in opens at 7:45am. At the check-in area, please hand in all medication (**in the original packaging**). Parents are expected to supervise their campers until they are on the bus. Once on the bus, campers will be supervised by Moorelands Camp staff. The express bus ride takes about 2 1/2 hours. The bus will stop halfway for a hygiene break. Campers will stay in the bus unless they need to use the facilities with staff supervision,

Parking: Parking is available in the rear parking lot. For everyone's safety, do not park in the area reserved for check in and buses. Do not park in the front parking lot, enter the parking lot and continue to the rear of the church (you will see the buses).

TTC: The Church of St Andrew Anglican is accessible by TTC. For further information check out there website www.ttc.ca.



****Please check-in before 8:15 am. We will not be able to hold the bus for late arrivals.***

At The End Of Camp

PICKING UP CAMPERS: The requested arrival time and when buses are expected are:

<i>Parent's Arrive by:</i>	<i>Buses expected at:</i>	<i>Bus Departs Site:</i>
12:55pm	1:10pm	1:30pm

Please note the actual bus arrival time will depend on the traffic conditions.

We will send text message updates. Please ensure you have activated text updates in Campbrain.

Parents/guardians must show ID and sign for their child before they can leave the bus. Be ready to hear about your child's adventure! **NOTE: If you arrive AFTER the bus departs, you will need to proceed to a different site to pick up your child. We will try to contact you before this time.**

GETTING ANOTHER ADULT TO PICK UP YOUR CAMPER?

If someone else is picking up your child you must provide:

1. Letter of permission stating the date, your name, the camper's name, and the name of the adult you are authorizing to pick-up your child.
2. The authorized adult will need to present the letter & photo ID.

West End Bus Site

Families living west of Dufferin St. will use this site. The buses leave from ALBION MALL located at 1530 Albion Rd, Etobicoke, ON M9V 1B4. We are in the south east corner of the parking lot, close to the corner of Albion and Kipling. Please insure your child has eaten breakfast before arriving at the bus site. Campers leave for camp on Monday and return on Saturday. **Check your confirmation letter for your camp dates.**

CHECK-IN: Check in opens at 9:00am. At the check-in area, please hand in all medication (in the original packaging). Parents are expected to supervise their campers until they are on the bus. Once on the bus, campers will be supervised by Moorelands Camp staff. The bus ride takes about 2 1/2 hours. The bus will stop halfway for a hygiene break. Campers will stay in the bus unless they need to use the facilities with staff supervision,

Parking: Parking is available. For everyone's safety, do not park in the area reserved for check-in and buses.

TTC: Albion Mall is accessible by TTC. For further information check out there website www.ttc.ca.



****Please check-in before 9:25 am. We will not be able to hold the bus for late arrivals.***

At The End Of Camp

PICKING UP CAMPERS: The requested arrival time and when buses are expected are:

<i>Parent's Arrive by:</i>	<i>Buses expected at:</i>	<i>Bus Deaprts Site:</i>
12:00pm	12:15pm	12:35pm

Please note the actual bus arrival time will depend on the traffic conditions.

We will send text message updates. Please ensure you have activated text updates in Campbrain.

Parents/guardians must show ID and sign for their child before they can leave the bus. Be ready to hear about your child's adventure! **NOTE: If you arrive AFTER the bus departs, you will need to proceed to a different site to pick up your child. We will try to contact you before this time.**

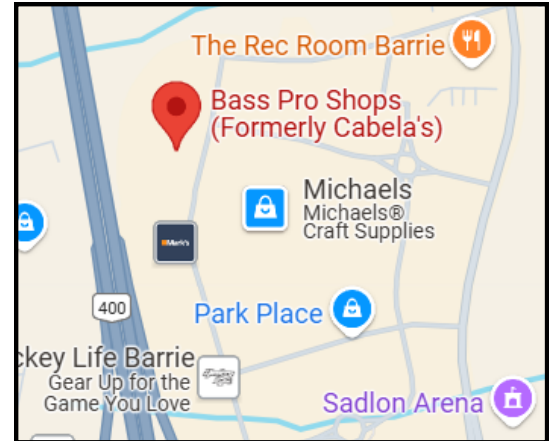
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If someone else is picking up your child you must provide:

1. Letter of permission stating the date, your name, the camper's name, and the name of the adult you are authorizing to pick-up your child.
2. The authorized adult will need to present the letter & photo ID.

Barrie Bus Site

Families living in Barrie and Orillia areas have 1 bus site. Buses leave from the BASS PRO SHOP, 50 Concert Way, in the lower parking lot, west side, near the flag poles. Driving north on Hwy 400 take exit 90 to turn right onto Mapleview Drive, then turn left onto Bayview Dr. and turn left on N Village Way. Please insure your child has eaten breakfast before arriving at the bus site. Campers leave for camp on Monday and return on Saturday. **Check your confirmation letter for your camp dates.**



****Please check-in before 9:50 am. We will not be able to hold the bus for late arrivals.***

CHECK-IN: Check in opens at 9:30am. Please hand in all medication (in the original packaging) to staff. Parents are expected to supervise their campers until they are on the bus. Once on the bus, campers will be supervised by Moorelands Camp staff. The bus ride takes about 1 ½ hours. The bus will stop halfway for a hygiene break. Campers will stay in the bus unless they need to use the facilities with staff supervision,

***Parking:** Parking is available. For everyone's safety, do not park in the area reserved for check-in and buses.

Barrie Transit: The Bass Pro Shop is accessible by Barrie Transit. For further information check on there website [HERE](#).

At The End Of Camp

PICKING UP CAMPERS: The requested arrival time and when buses are expected are:

<i>Parent's Arrive by:</i>	<i>Buses expected at:</i>	<i>Bus Departs Site:</i>
11:20am	11:35am	11:55am

Please note the actual bus arrival time will depend on the traffic conditions.

We will send text message updates. Please ensure you have activated text updates in Campbrain.

Parents/guardians must show ID and sign for their child before they can leave the bus. Be ready to hear about your child's adventure! **NOTE: If you arrive AFTER the bus departs, you will need to proceed to a different site to pick up your child. We will try to contact you before this time.**

GETTING ANOTHER ADULT TO PICK UP YOUR CAMPER?

If someone else is picking up your child you must provide:

1. Letter of permission stating the date, your name, the camper's name, and the name of the adult you are authorizing to pick-up your child.
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Daily Activities At Camp

Our quality programs are based on and support Positive Youth Development. Canoeing, kayaking, arts & crafts, archery, sports, and team building exercises are just a few of the many activities and opportunities offered to our campers.

Each day every camper at Moorelands will participate in a swimming skills program based on their ability. Campers will be able to build their skills and improve their swimming throughout the week with trained swim staff. Swimming skills are assessed within 24 hours of arriving at camp.

Each camper chooses two activities to focus on and build skills. Please note: Some activities at camp have skill or age restrictions.



<i>Activity</i>	<i>Requirements</i>
Paddle Boarding, Canoeing & Kayaking	Campers are swimmers and achieve a red bracelet at camp
Archery & High Ropes	Campers are in Gr. 5 or older
Photography	Campers are in Gr. 5 or older

Session Themes

Session themes for 2026 are:

<i>Session</i>	<i>Theme</i>
Session 1 & 2	Once Upon A Story Book
Session 3 & 4	Kickin'it Around The World
Session 5 & 6	Return Of The Spies Girls

Sometimes Campers Miss Home

From time to time campers may miss home. This is healthy and natural! Our staff are trained to compassionately assist campers to work through this. You can help your child prepare for camp by:

- talking about being away from home
- focusing on new activities and friends
- getting excited for camp together and providing a journal they can write in at camp

Should there be a problem you should know about, we will contact you.



Contacting Campers

Parents & friends are encouraged to send an email, letter, or postcard to their campers in English.

Send emails to: letters2campers@moorelands.ca This address is for incoming emails only. **Mail is given out on Wednesdays.** Campers cannot respond or reply to emails as they do not have computer access.

LETTER MAIL: At the bus site, parents will be able to “mail” letters to camp. The bus leaders will accept the letters to give out on the appropriate day

PHONE CALLS: Parents wanting to check on their campers may call the camp office at 1-705-766-2916 and speak with a staff member. Experience has proven that campers calling home makes settling into camp difficult; if there is a problem you will be contacted. Campers do not have access to telephones. Phones sent to camp with campers will be confiscated and returned in the city.

LEAVING CAMP EARLY: If for any reason a camper leaves camp early, the parent or guardian is required to provide transportation. There is no refund for leaving camp early.

Letter Writing Tips

- Ask questions about the fun things they are doing at camp! Some examples are: ask about activities, friends in the cabin, and what their favourite meal is.
- Don't write “I miss you” too much or about what they are missing at home. This can make them miss home. If you have a small piece of bad news save it until they get home or, if it is serious, please contact the Camp Director.





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Your Camper's

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Year Round Camp Hotline: 416-432-0583

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