



Inclusive Day Camps in Guelph Wellington and Waterloo Region for Campers ages 4 - 12

The following information is provided to assist families with identifying camps that are specialized for children with disabilities, or inclusive camps that are welcoming to all abilities and may provide additional supports to children with special needs. Families are encouraged to contact the camp directly to discuss your child's unique interests and support needs to determine if the program will be a good fit for your child.

Arts Abound (St. Jacobs) www.artsabound.ca

Who: Ages 4-teen

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: Arts Abound programs help children discover and develop their creative side, whatever their ability! Day camp programs integrate music, dance, drama and visual arts.

Support: Arts Abound is founded on principles of inclusion. Contact us to discuss your child's support needs.

Contact: 519-206-2787 info@artsabound.ca

Website: www.artsabound.ca

Registration: visit the website for updates

Arts Express (Waterloo) www.wlu.ca/information-for/community-members/camps-and-youth-programs/arts-express.html

Who: Ages 6-14 with special needs

Format: Day camp for children with special needs and their siblings/friends

Description: Program ON HOLD for 2021. Arts Express provides an inclusive arts experience for children with special needs, their siblings, and friends. This camp is run by Wilfrid Laurier University's Music Therapy program in partnership with KidsAbility, Conestoga College's ECE program, University of Waterloo, and Carousel Dance Centre. This camp is hosted at KidsAbility's Waterloo site with a final performance taking place at WLU on Friday afternoon for friends and family. This program runs for one week each summer.

Support: camp volunteers available to provide 1:1 support. Support workers welcome.

Contact: Contact Emily at WLU at 519-884-0710 x2658 or ecarruthers@wlu.ca for more information.

Website: www.wlu.ca/information-for/community-members/camps-and-youth-programs/arts-express.html

Registration: Program on hold for 2021





Bulldog Interactive Fitness (Guelph) www.guelphbulldog.com/bulldog-camps

Who: Ages 3 ½ - 13

Format: Inclusive Day Camp

Description: All weeks include sports, games, music/drama, arts and crafts, cooking and science. Each week's activities will be geared towards a camp theme. Kids pick their favourite activities throughout the day. We always offer options so no child is doing an activity they don't like.

Support: Contact the centre to discuss your child's support needs, staff are 'Camps on TRACKS' trained

Contact: 519-836-3838 guelph@bulldoginteractivefitness.com

Website: www.guelphbulldog.com

Registration: Summer 2021 registration is open

Camp Brebeuf (Rockwood)

Who: ages 5 - 12 (day camp)

Format: Inclusive day camp (overnight camp options available)

Description: Adventure. Faith. Unplugged. C. Y. O. Camp Brebeuf is operated by the Catholic Youth Organization of Hamilton, and offers both day camp and overnight camp options for children ages 4-12, plus leadership training opportunities for teens. Programming includes arts and crafts, drama and music, high ropes, pool, canoeing, faith, adventure skills, sports, and nature/camping.

Support: Inclusion program available to provide 1:1 or 2:1 support for both day campers and overnight campers; Option to bring your own 1:1 support

Registration: Opens January 15th

Contact: Katie.moncrieffe@campbrebeuf.ca 519-856-4671

Website: www.campbrebeuf.ca

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open January 15, 2021

Camp Kummoniwannago (Waterloo) www.campk.on.ca

Who: Ages 5-15

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: Camp Kummoniwannago welcomes, with open arms, all children to flourish as individuals and as a team, regardless of ability, to a fun outdoor experience in God's natural environment, providing a deep love and respect of the earth. We do this by showing respect for each other, providing opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and belonging, leading to a sense of community and fostering a shared experience. Accredited by OCA.

Support: Inclusion program provides 1:1 support to campers with special needs. Five Inclusion spots available each week.

Contact: 519-578-4430 campdirector@campk.on.ca

Website: www.campk.on.ca

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open March 1st



Camp Pride (Kitchener) www.pridestables.com

Who: Ages 6-12 with and without special needs, ages 13+ with special needs

Format: Inclusive day camp ages 4-12, specialized day camp ages 13+

Description: Camp Pride is a fully integrated day camp open to children ages 6-12 with or without special needs. The program is designed to ensure that each camper has an active, challenging, and fun summer camp experience. The camp day includes a morning riding lesson with the horses, and during the afternoons campers will participate in exciting and stimulating camp activities including arts, crafts, sports, games, and horsemanship activities.

Support: Staff and horses are experienced with children with special needs, contact Pride Stables to discuss your child's support needs. Personal Support Workers welcome.

Contact: 519-653-46686 info@pridestables.com

Website: www.pridestables.com

Registration: Summer 2021 registration is open

Camp Sunrise (Puslinch) <https://sunrise-therapeutic.ca/portfolio/summer-camp/>

Who: Ages 5-13+ with and without special needs

Format: Inclusive Day Camp

Description: Sunrise is proud to offer inclusive day camps for children and youth aged 5 – 13+. We provide structured programming and theme days throughout the summer. One of our camp sessions has an Interdenominational Christian theme. Our welcoming family atmosphere places an emphasis on teamwork and respect for others.

Sunrise provides a safe and friendly atmosphere along with:

- Ontario Camp Association accreditation
- Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association certified instructors
- Certified lifeguards
- Low ratio of counsellors to children (1:6 ratio plus each group will have a Leader-in-Training)
- Mature, experienced staff with First aid and CPR training

Support: Low ratio (6:1) with experienced staff (and horses!)

Contact: 519-837-0558 info@sunrise-therapeutic.ca

Website: www.sunrise-therapeutic.ca

Registration: Check the website for updates





Carousel Dance Centre www.carouseldancecentre.ca

Who: Ages 4-12, Ages 10-25 with special needs

Format: Inclusive day camp, specialized day camp for ages 10-25 with special needs

Description: We believe that all individuals should have the opportunity to experience dance and we have developed a unique program which builds a repertoire of movement technique adapted to meet the needs of children and adults with both physical and developmental disabilities. Our co-ed program fosters creative and artistic expression within a socially interactive environment and encourages enjoyment of dancing through participation. In addition to our specialized programming for children with disabilities, we also encourage integration within both our full year programs and our summer dance camps.

Support: Carousel has a long history of running inclusive and specialized programs. Contact the centre to discuss your child's support needs.

Contact: 519-746-8877 admin@carouseldancecentre.ca

Website: www.carouseldancecentre.ca

Registration: Check the website for updates

City of Cambridge (includes Sunblast camp) www.cambridge.ca/camps

Who: Ages 4-12

Format: Inclusive Day Camp, specialized day camp

Description: A traditional style inclusive day camp that offers outdoor recreation activities, active and quiet games, and arts and crafts for those aged 4-12. Sunblast/Imagination Station Camps are designed specifically for children with exceptionalities. Programming is delivered by specially trained inclusion facilitators to best support the needs of each participant.

Support: Inclusion Facilitators are available to provide support and accommodation to campers including 1:1, 1:2, 1:3, ratios of support

Contact: 519-623-1340 x4554 for camp information or 519-623-1340 x4554 or cicarellid@cambridge.ca for Inclusion Support information

Website: www.cambridge.ca/camps

Registration: Will open for summer 2021 March 1st

City of Guelph www.guelph.ca/camps

Who: Ages 4-12

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: Our camp programs are filled with exciting games, sports and art activities targeted to each age group. We take pride in knowing that our activities and experiences are challenging, inspiring and, most importantly, fun!

Support: Every effort is made to provide support to participants with disabilities either through staff, volunteers and/or the use of adaptive equipment. Support is based on available resources and is not guaranteed. Currently families may request up to four weeks of support.

Contact: 519-822-1260 or one2one@guelph.ca

Website: www.guelph.ca/camps and www.guelph.ca/one2on2

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open March 12





City of Kitchener www.kitchener.ca/camps

Who: Ages 4-12, Ages 10-17 with special needs

Format: Inclusive day camp, Specialized day camps for ages 10-17 with special needs

Description: A fun, inclusive and safe experience your camper is sure to enjoy! Camp programs will maximize outdoor spaces and include active and quiet games, activities that encourage social connections with new friends, and opportunities to be creative.

Support: Inclusion facilitators available to provide 1:1 or 1:2 support for inclusive day camps. Specialized camps for youth with special needs including YOUth Sense (Ages 10-14) and All About YOUth (Ages 13-17) offer low ratio programming (1:3 staff to camper).

Contact: 519-741-2200 x7229 access@kitchener.ca

Website: www.kitchener.ca/camps www.kitchener.ca/leisuresupport

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open March 8, 2021

City of Waterloo www.waterloo.ca

Who: Ages 4-12

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: The City of Waterloo's number one priority is the safety of our campers and staff, while creating an enjoyable experience for our campers.

Support: Inclusion facilitators available to provide 1:1 or 1:2 support for inclusive day camps.

Contact: 519-886-1177 x27280 camp@waterloo.ca (for camp information) access@kitchener.ca (for inclusion support information)

Website: www.waterloo.ca/camp www.kitchener.ca/leisuresupport

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open March 24, 2021

Engineering Science Quest (Waterloo) www.uwaterloo.ca/engineering-science-quest

Who: Children entering grades 2-9

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: Our camp participants explore the world of science, engineering and technology through participation in hands-on projects. Each year, our staff of engineering, science and education university students develop exciting new activities for their camp that explore physics, chemistry, biology and health science, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, and computer and electrical engineering.

Support: Program Assistants are available to provide support and facilitate accommodations for children with special needs. Program assistants float between camps and are available to respond to situations where low ratio or "as needed" support is required.

Contact: 519-888-4856 esqinfo@uwaterloo.ca

Website: <https://uwaterloo.ca/engineering-science-quest/>

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open March 31, 2021



Greenway Chaplin (Cambridge) www.greenwaychaplin.com/summer-camp/

Who: Ages 4-12

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: Inclusive neighbourhood camp

Support: family provided workers are welcome

Contact: 519-623-4220 info@greenwaychaplin.com

Website: <https://greenwaychaplin.com/summer-camp/>

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp (New Hamburg) www.hiddenacres.ca

Who: ages 6-15 (Overnight camp), ages 18 - 35 (Supported Young Adults Overnight camp)

Format: Inclusive overnight camp, specialized overnight camp, day camp options available

Description: Hidden Acres is a summer camp and retreat centre located in the rolling hills of Perth Country between Stratford and Kitchener-Waterloo. Hidden Acres focuses on the development of the whole person – physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. To ensure that as many campers as possible can have a fantastic experience at camp, an Inclusion Program has been providing extra staff support to campers with special needs since 1974.

Support: 1:1 & shared support available

Contact: 519-625-8602 info@hiddenacres.ca

Website: www.hiddenacres.ca

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open February 1st, 2021

Kerry's Place Autism Services (Guelph) www.kerrysplace.org

Who: Children and teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Format: Specialized day camp, overnight respite support available

Description: We are pleased to offer a summer day camp experience for children with autism. Children will participate in an exciting and educational program facilitated by trained counselors to encourage and support your child while at camp. This camp is designed for individuals who are able to participate with minimal support. The individual may need some prompts to stay on task, and is able to communicate wants and needs effectively. The individual does not require a lot of behavioral redirection. Should you require extra support to participate in the activities you are welcome to join with the support of your own 1:1 worker.

Support: Low ratio programming by professional staff, families welcome to provide worker

Contact: 1-833-775-3779 intake@kerrysplace.org

Website: www.kerrysplace.org

Registration: Check website for updates



KidsAbility Camps (Waterloo, Kitchener, Cambridge) www.kidsability.ca

Who: Ages 4-12 with special needs, high school aged with special needs, siblings often welcome

Format: Specialized day camps, therapy camps

Description: A variety of day camps designed to meet the needs of KidsAbility families. All camps begin with a focus on fun, and then build learning and practice opportunities into the camp programming for campers to achieve their therapy goals – social skills, communication skills, physical skills, independent living skills, and recreational skills. **Summer 2021 camps will only be held at the Waterloo site.

Support: Low ratio programming, families are welcome to provide a support worker, camp volunteers may be available to provide additional support to camper groups

Contact: 519-886-8886 x1349 agriffin@kidsability.ca

Website: www.kidsability.ca/camp-info

Registration: Summer 2021 registration scheduled to open April 1, 2021

KW Gymnastics Club (Kitchener) www.kwgymnastics.ca

Who: Ages 6-12

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: Crafts, Outdoor Play, and Gymnastics.

Support: Contact the club to discuss your child's support needs

Contact: 519-743-4970 adaptive@kwgymnastics.ca

Website: www.kwgymnastics.ca

Movin' and Groovin' (Waterloo)

Who: Programming designed for ages 6-12 with special needs

Format: Specialized day camp, typically two weeks of half-day programming

Description: A fun, fit, and fab camp for children and adolescents of all abilities run by Kinesiology at WLU. The camp typically runs two weeks of half day programming.

Support: Low ratio programming, typically 1:1 support available

Contact: 519-884-0710 x3637 rein3560@mylaurier.ca

Website:

Registration: TBD



Playsense Activity Centre (Guelph) <http://www.hopewellchildrenshomes.ca/services/playsense>

Who: Ages 6 and up with special needs

Format: Specialized day camp

Description: Playsense is a fully accessible play center for individuals of any age with developmental disabilities. Diverse play activities & specialized adapted equipment promote fun, creativity & movement exploration, maximizing the physical, cognitive, and social development of individuals with special needs. Fun outings into the community complement the fun and festivities found within the walls of PLAYSENSE. Separate summer camps are offered to youths, teens and adults. We believe everyone deserves the right to play. PlaySense is a fully-accessible recreation center that addresses the physical and educational needs of disabled people of all ages and ability levels. The PlaySense program includes camps, PD day recreation, evening programs, and more

Support: Low ratio, family provided workers welcome

Contact: 519-780-5052 or 226-820-6933 playsense@hopewellchildrenshomes.ca

Website: www.hopewellchildrenshomes.ca

Registration: Check website for updates

Rainbow Day Camp (Guelph) www.rainbowdaycamp.com

Who: Ages 4-14, ages 12-18 with special needs

Format: Inclusive day camp and LIT program, specialized teen camp for youth with special needs

Description: Rainbow Programmes for Children offers Guelph and the surrounding area a summer recreational day camp experience for children and youth, providing quality programs in a caring and open environment which embraces diversity and encourages personal growth, according to each individual's uniqueness, strengths, needs and abilities.

Support: Inclusion Counsellors available to provide 1:1 support for inclusive day camps. Low ratio and 1:1 programming available for teen camps.

Contact: 519-837-0387

Website: www.rainbowdaycamp.ca

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open March 8, 2021



Soaring Back to School Camp (Waterloo)

Who: Ages 5 to 10 with special needs

Format: Therapy day camp

Description: Need help getting your kids ready to leave summer behind and go back to school? Creative Therapy Health Services is hosting a series of half day camps running from 9:00 AM to Noon August 30 to September 3, 2021. You register only for sessions you are interested in. The high ratio of counsellors/therapists to children allows for unique programming designed for children of all abilities including those with ASD or ABI by an Occupational Therapist! The camp is targeted for children in the age range of 5 to 10 years. Along with many creative activities that promote physical activity and motor skills, this camp allows your kids to socialize in a safe, comfortable environment!

Support: Low ratio / individualized programming and support

Contact: 519-954-5026 info@creativeot.com

Website: <https://www.creativeot.com/event-registration/>

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open January 14, 2021

Steckle Heritage Farm (Kitchener)

Who: Ages 5-12

Format: Inclusive Day Camp

Description: Steckle Heritage Farm is dedicated to educating children and youth about the importance of agriculture, caring for plants and animals, and respecting the natural environment. From preschool to teens, we have programs that help children and youth learn essential food skills such as planting, harvesting as well as cooking food from the farm, feeding and caring for farm animals, and developing leadership skills in a hands-on heritage farm environment.

Support: Contact us to discuss your child's support needs. Families are welcome to provide a worker.

Contact: nutritionmanager@stecklehomestead.ca

Website: <https://stecklehomestead.ca/family-farm-programs/>

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open February 1, 2021

Sunbeam Centre (Kitchener) www.sunbeamcommunity.ca

Who: Ages 4-18 who are medically fragile or technologically dependant (MFTD), Ages 18+ with developmental disabilities

Format: Specialized day camp

Description: Come join in on the fun at the summer day camp for children and teens who are medically fragile and/or technologically dependent at the Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services. We offer an exciting theme-based program for children and teens that includes crafts, swimming, snoezelen room time, community outings, physical fitness and games in the gym. All activities are geared towards having fun and promoting positive social interactions.

Support: Low ratio programming provided by experienced staff including an RPN

Contact: 519-893-6200 x239 n.tailby@sunbeamcommunity.ca

Website: www.sunbeamcommunity.ca

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open March 1, 2021



Township of Centre Wellington www.centrewellington.ca

Who: Ages 5-12

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: This series of one-week camps are designed around various themes each week. Activities include outdoor fun, trips to the splash pad, arts & crafts, active games, swimming, sports such as tennis, basketball, and soccer. The staff ratio is 1:8. You must register in person at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex for the day camps.

519.846.9691 x 903 parks @ centrewellington.ca

<http://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/centrewellington>

Support: Contact to discuss your child's support needs

Contact: 519.846.9691 x 903 parks@centrewellington.ca

Website: <http://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/centrewellington>

Registration: Check website for updates

Woolwich Township Camps www.woolwich.ca

Who: Ages 5-12

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: Camp leaders are bringing their creative ideas and amazing energy to plan a fun summer for all campers.

Support: We strive to integrate all campers into our summer camp programs. The Summer Inclusion Coordinator is available to respond when campers or staff require additional support for inclusion. At this time one to one support is not available, however volunteers or support workers provided by the family are welcome.

Contact: 519-669-1647 x7005 mmalcolm@woolwich.ca

Website: www.woolwich.ca/en/living-here/SummerCamps.aspx

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open March 9, 2021

YMCA Three Rivers (Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo)

<https://www.thisisy.ca/ymcaofthreerivers/>

Who: Ages 4-12

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: As Canada's largest camp provider, the YMCA of Three Rivers (YTR) offers a safe and inclusive camp experience for all children ages 4-12. At all locations (YMCA buildings and outdoor locations) we provide quality programming, unique to the features of that site, so campers get the most out of their week. Regardless of the location you choose, your camper will have the opportunity to learn new skills, try new activities and build lasting friendships in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

Support: Inclusion Facilitators available to provide additional support for campers, who may require it, to be successful at camp

Contact: 519-998-9244 melissa.haynes@ytr.ymca.ca

Website: <https://www.thisisy.ca/ymcaofthreerivers/>

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open February 1, 2021



YWCA Cambridge <http://www.ywcacambridge.ca/programs/summer-camps>

Who: Ages 4-12

Format: Inclusive day camp

Description: YWCA Cambridge Summer Day Camps have been an essential summer destination for girls and boys in Cambridge and the surrounding area for over 52 years. Taking place at Shade's Mills Conservation Area, our camps focus on a diverse array of outdoor activities designed to help campers explore our environment and foster a connection to our natural world. YWCA Cambridge Summer Camp at Shade's Mill will take your camper on an adventure that will teach new skills, build confidence and create lasting memories.

Support: An Inclusion Facilitator is available to ensure that children who need a little extra support can enjoy camp. Please note, we are unable to provide 1:1 support

Contact: 226-220-6285 camp@ywcacambridge.ca

Website: <http://www.ywcacambridge.ca/programs/summer-camps>

Registration: Summer 2021 registration will open February 1, 2021

