



## Summer Camp Planning 2021 - Cambridge Important Dates and Events

We know it is difficult to think about summer plans with so many unknowns at this time. However, many municipal and other qualified camp programs will continue to run as they are considered essential childcare. We will do our best to share the information we do know, as well as any changes or updates as they become available.

The following is a summary of important dates and resources to help you get started with your summer planning. If you have any questions, please reach out to your recreation therapist. Contact Sheryl Dedman [sdedman@kidsability.ca](mailto:sdedman@kidsability.ca) or 519-886-8885 x 3260.

1. Summer Camp Planning Workshop – **February 3; Registration now open**
2. Summer Camp Fairs – **February 8, February 22, February 24**
3. Receive additional support from a recreation therapist
4. Important dates for Summer Planning - Funding
5. Registration dates for local inclusive camps
6. Fee Assistance programs for summer camps

## Summer Camp Planning Virtual Workshop

Thinking about a summer camp for your child? Want to learn about what camps would be the right fit for your child? Are there supports and funding that you can access to help make your child's experience a success? Do you have questions about attending camp during COVID?

In this free parent workshop, you will learn about:

- City of Cambridge summer camps
- How to find inclusive and specialized camps in your community
- How to access one to one supports such as volunteers or trained workers
- Funding for camp fees and specialized supports
- How to share information about your child to promote their success

This workshop is intended for families who have children with disabilities as well as service providers, and is presented by Danielle Tanner, City of Cambridge and Sheryl Dedman, KidsAbility Recreation Therapist.

Please join us for this live workshop over zoom. A Zoom link will be emailed the morning of the workshop.

**Date:** February 3, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Register:** <https://summerplanningcambridge.eventbrite.ca>

**Registration Deadline:** February 2, 2021





## Summer Camp Fairs – Waterloo Region

Are you looking for the right summer camp program for your loved one? This year KidsAbility and the Waterloo Region Family Network are partnering to host a series of virtual camp fairs. Join us via Zoom to learn about camp options and have your questions answered by the camp directors themselves!

**Focus:** Overnight Camps - Waterloo Region and beyond

**Date:** Monday, February 8, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Focus:** Day Camps - Waterloo Region for campers ages 4-12

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm

**Focus:** Day Camp programs for teens and young adults

**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm

**Cost:** Free

**Who:** Everyone is welcome

**Registration:** Registration is available at [www.kidsability.ca/calendar](http://www.kidsability.ca/calendar). Registrants will receive a zoom link via email the morning of the event.

**Questions:** Contact Sue Furey, Waterloo Region Family Network [sue.furey@wrfn.info](mailto:sue.furey@wrfn.info) or 519-886-9150 ext. 4

## Receive additional support from a Recreation Therapist

Families on our Summer camp planning list will receive emails with additional information to assist with registration, funding, and inclusion supports. To have your name added to this list, please contact Sheryl at [sdedman@kidsability.ca](mailto:sdedman@kidsability.ca) or 519-886-8886 x3260 (Cambridge Site).

Need more help? Book a consult with a Recreation Therapist. Support can be provided on one or more of the following:

- Recreation program options
- Navigating community recreation services
- Funding applications
- Community support options and how to access these support
- Adapted equipment to facilitate recreation participation

**To book a TR consult:**

**Current Cambridge Site clients contact:** Sheryl Dedman [sdedman@kidsability.ca](mailto:sdedman@kidsability.ca) or 519-886-8886 x3260

**Not a current KidsAbility Client, contact intake:** 519-886-8886 or 1-888-372-2259 ext. 1214





## Important Dates for 2021

- **January 31, 2021** - Deadline to apply for Autism Direct Funding (see info below)
- **Monday February 1** - YMCA of The Three Rivers (Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph, Stratford) registration opens
- **Monday March 1** - City of Cambridge Camp registration opens
- **Monday March 1** – KidsAbility Summer Camp registration opens for most programs

## Fee Assistance Options for Summer Camps: Non-income based

**Autism Direct Funding** (summer camp specific fund): <https://www.sdrc.ca/applying-autism-direct-funding/>

Eligibility: Waterloo Region residents with a diagnosis of Autism ages 0-17

Funding for summer camp, respite support & leisure activities occurring between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. Applications will be accepted from January 4<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. Funding is Priority in the past has been given to families who do not receive SSAH dollars.

**Summer Camp Reimbursement Funds** - Autism Ontario [www.autismontario.com/camp](http://www.autismontario.com/camp)

Eligibility: Diagnosis of Autism

Will cover up to \$600 per child to pay for either the cost of camp or a 1:1 support worker to attend camp with your child. The application is typically available on their website beginning in April, however last year the application window was in June. Check their website frequently for updates.

**Life Enriching Activity Fund** - Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy: [www.ofcp.ca/programs/funding/leaf](http://www.ofcp.ca/programs/funding/leaf)

Eligibility: Diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy and member of Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy (OFCP)

Will cover up to \$400 which can be used towards the cost of summer camps or Physical Support workers.

**Community Services Fund** - Muscular Dystrophy Canada: <http://muscle.ca/access-help/personal-support-program/community-services-fund/>

Eligibility: Diagnosis of Muscular Dystrophy and member of Muscular Dystrophy Canada

Will cover up to \$1000 which can be used towards attendant services and fees for formal adapted recreational programs including summer camp.

### Other Options:

- **Special Services At Home (SSAH)**
- **Autism Childhood Budget**





## Fee Assistance Options for Summer Camps: Income based

**Activities for Less** - City of Cambridge: <https://www.cambridge.ca/en/parks-recreation-culture/Register-For-a-Program.aspx>

Eligibility: Resident of Cambridge with financial need

Will provide up to \$300 per year per family member to be used to cover the cost of City of Cambridge run recreation programs and memberships including summer camps.

**Kids Can Play Cambridge Association:** <https://www.kidscanplay.ca/>

Eligibility: You must live in Cambridge or North Dumfries and be 18 years or younger with financial need

Will cover enrolment fee up to \$500 for 1 activity every 6 months for Cambridge area sport, art and music programs including summer camps.

**Jumpstart:** [www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca)

Eligibility: You must be between the ages of 4 - 18 with financial need

Will cover up to \$300 per activity, \$600 per year for sports or physically active camps.

**Fee Assist** - YMCA Camps (Cambridge & K-W): <https://feeassist.ca/>

Eligibility: Financial need

**Cambridge Neighbourhood Associations** (Family Outreach Worker): <https://www.houseoffriendship.org/how-we-help/family-neighbourhood-supports/family-outreach-program/>

Eligibility: You must be 17 years of age or younger with Financial need

Will help cover registration cost for Neighbourhood recreation programs and camps

## Registration Dates for Local Inclusive Camps

- Camp Pride - Open now [www.pridestables.ca](http://www.pridestables.ca)
- YMCA of The Three Rivers (Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph, Stratford) - February 1<sup>st</sup> <https://www.ymcacambridgekw.ca/en/camp-outdoor-centre/summer-day-camps.asp>
- YWCA Cambridge - February 1<sup>st</sup> <http://www.ywcacambridge.ca/programs/summer-camps>
- Hidden Acres - February 1<sup>st</sup> <https://hiddenacres.ca/> (day and overnight camp options)
- City of Cambridge (includes Sunblast camp) - March 1<sup>st</sup> [www.cambridge.ca/camps](http://www.cambridge.ca/camps)
- KidsAbility Camps (formerly Firefly) - March 1<sup>st</sup> [www.kidsability.ca](http://www.kidsability.ca)
- Sunbeam Community and Developmental Services - March 1<sup>st</sup> <https://www.sdrc.ca/>
- City of Kitchener - March 8<sup>th</sup> [www.kitchener.ca/camps](http://www.kitchener.ca/camps)
- Rainbow Day Camp - March 8<sup>th</sup> [www.rainbowdaycamp.com](http://www.rainbowdaycamp.com) (Guelph)
- Woolwich Township Camps - March 9<sup>th</sup> [www.woolwich.ca](http://www.woolwich.ca)
- City of Waterloo - March 24<sup>th</sup> [www.waterloo.ca](http://www.waterloo.ca)
- Greenway Chaplin's Summer Adventure Camps - May 1<sup>st</sup> <https://greenwaychaplin.com/summer-camp/>





## Teen and Young Adult Summer Programs:

- A.I.M (Adults In Motion) - open now [www.adultsinmotion.org](http://www.adultsinmotion.org) (ages 16+, 5:1 ratio)
- Camp Pride - Open now [www.pridestables.ca](http://www.pridestables.ca)
- Hidden Acres - February 1<sup>st</sup> <https://hiddenacres.ca/> (day and overnight camp options ages 13+)
- Sunbeam Community and Developmental Services - March 1<sup>st</sup> <https://www.sdrc.ca/> (ages 4-18)
- Youth Sense, City of Kitchener (youth Ages 13-17 half day program) - March 8<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.kitchener.ca/en/things-to-do/program-registration-and-assistance.aspx>
- Rainbow Day Camp, Guelph - March 8<sup>th</sup> [www.rainbowdaycamp.com](http://www.rainbowdaycamp.com) (ages 12 - 17)
- Youth Exploring Possibilities - April 1<sup>st</sup> [www.kwhab.ca](http://www.kwhab.ca) (ages 13-21)
- Community Living Cambridge - May 3<sup>rd</sup> <https://communitylivingcambridge.ca> (ages 14-22)

## The following camps have not announced registration details for summer 2021:

- ESQ [www.uwaterloo.ca/engineering-science-quest](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/engineering-science-quest)
- Carousel Dance Centre [www.carouseldancecentre.ca](http://www.carouseldancecentre.ca)
- Arts Abound [www.artsabound.ca](http://www.artsabound.ca)
- Camp Kummoniwannago [www.campk.on.ca](http://www.campk.on.ca)
- Creative Therapy Health Services <https://www.creativeot.com/>
- Extend-A-Family <https://www.eafwr.on.ca/programs/summer-program/> (ages 13+)
- Lighthouse Programs <https://www.lighthouseprograms.com/> (16+)
- Aldaview Services <http://www.tcmhomes.com/aldaview-facilities.php> (high school age)

## The following camps will not run in 2021:

- Arts Express – [www.wlu.ca](http://www.wlu.ca)
- Movin' and Groovin'
- iCan Bike - KidsAbility <https://www.kidsability.ca/iCan-bike>

Additional information will be available on KidsAbility website soon, look under camps: [www.kidsability.ca](http://www.kidsability.ca)

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