



IMPACT Parent Guide

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We are thrilled to be able to offer summer camps to Jr Youth this summer! Our mission has always been to provide students with a week of fun activities in an environment where they will be cared for and ministered to.

What to Bring:

- On the first day of camp, students will receive their camp shirt. They do not have to wear their shirt every day, but they are certainly welcome to! We may have additional shirts that can be purchased..
- Students should dress prepared to be outdoors most of the day, rain or shine!
- Please send your student with sunscreen and bug spray on, in the morning. We will assume they are prepared to be in the sun. Please also send sunscreen and bug spray labeled with their name so they can reapply as necessary.
- Please pack a lunch for your child student. Please send lots of liquids, 1-2 bottles of water and a juice box etc. (no pop please). They will be more active than at school and staying hydrated is the number one way to prevent sunstroke. We will have cohort water bottle refill stations.
- Please do not send any nut products, money or electronics (video games). Cell phones are permitted as long as it's not a distraction. Please keep in mind we will go offsite most days and cannot guarantee their possessions will not get lost or stolen.

Refund Policy:

A full refund will be issued if requested 2 full weeks before camp runs. An administration fee of \$10 will be charged to refund.

Registration:**When can I register?**

Registration opens on February 19 at our Fam Jam event! There will be a Camp Discount Code active for that day only!
Check our website for the link to register.

What is the cost?

Camp costs \$170/child. We offer a multi-child family discount. Third child and beyond are \$130.

Do you offer extended care?

Yes, we offer extended care. This would allow drop off at 8AM and pick up at 5PM. The additional cost is \$30/child for extended care.

Are scholarships available?

Yes, we offer scholarships! We would never want any child to miss out on a camp experience because of finances. Please email chrissy@harbourfellowship.com for the Scholarship Request Form.

Can I request a friend/relative to be in my child's group?

Yes! We try to accommodate all requests. There is a space to write requests on the registration form.

Camp Day:**What does a typical day of camp look like?**

Children will enjoy time inside and outside engaging in games, crafts and faith-filled activities. They will build friendships with children in their groups and their leaders. We will have a mix of both on and off-site activities in the afternoon. Switzer-Carty Bus Lines will be used, and we will adhere to their guidelines for buses. All afternoon activities are included in the cost of camp. An official schedule will come out in May. Here is the schedule of activities from last year:

Monday: Eating lunch and playing games at Charles Daley Park

Tuesday: Taking bus to Port Dalhousie Pool

Wednesday: Taking bus Zap Zone Niagara for laser tag

Thursday: Staying on property for Olympic themed day

Friday: We are going to Wild Water Works Hamilton this year. Last year this trip was lots of fun! The bus will take us there in the morning and we will be in the park at 11am. Inside the park will be lots of fun activities. Children will be carefully monitored by both Wild Water Works lifeguards and Camp staff.

What will camp groups look like?

All campers will be placed into a small groups. These small groups will have a minimum of two adult leaders with them at all times in addition to a mixed group of other campers. The size of the small groups will be 10-15 campers plus leaders.

Will camp be fun?

Yes! Not only do we want to do everything in our power to keep campers safe we want to do everything in our power to make camp FUN! We hire a creative camp team to find the best and most engaging activities for campers with a wide variety of interests. Our campers rotate through their activities, so they are always moving, and engaged.

Camp Leaders:

What is the ratio of leaders to campers?

Groups will be composed of approximately 15 campers with a minimum of 2 adult volunteers with their group. In addition to your child's leaders there are also staff dedicated to helping campers with special needs who may be part of your child's small group. There is also a Camp Director, Cleaning Team and year-round ministry staff available to help and provide extra support to campers as required.

Who will my child's leaders be?

Your child will interact with leaders who really care about them – both paid staff and volunteers. Paid staff are 18 years of age and older. Your child may have a group leader who is an adult volunteer who will be trained and will work alongside paid staff members. Additionally, your child may interact with some of our amazing youth leaders who will be putting on special events and camp programming throughout the week as part of their leadership development. If your child has special needs, they may be assigned a trained one-on-one support person.

If you are interested in volunteering at Harbour Summer Camps please contact Chrissy Payne

How will you ensure that people who aren't campers or camp leaders will not come into contact with my child?

We have many safeguards in place to try and prevent people who are not a staff member at Harbour or part of camps from interacting with your child. The first way we do this is by having mandatory name tags and shirts for all camp staff and adult volunteers to identify themselves as a camp leader. The second way we do this is by asking all visitors to check in at the main office. Lastly, once camp begins we have volunteers that monitor the hallways and grounds to ensure safety.

How do you screen camp staff and volunteers before they can work or volunteer at camp?

All paid staff members are required to complete an application, interview and references to work at camp. Additionally, they are required to obtain a police check and complete mandatory training. Our volunteers also complete an application/paperwork process, provide Police Checks if over 18, and complete our mandatory training.

What type of training do leaders receive?

General camp training includes emergency management, behaviors management and de-escalation, and training on all camp plans and procedures. Some staff receive additional training on how to support campers with special needs. Additionally, many of our staff are trained in First Aid.

When and where will I drop off and pick up my child?

Extended Care campers can be dropped off between 7:45-8:30 am in the Atrium. The rest of our campers can be dropped off between 8:40 and 9:10. Please make sure you give yourself some extra time in the morning. Please also note that there will not be an opportunity for parents to give information to leaders. Any changes in info (ie. different pick up plan for the day) must be emailed to Chrissy@harbourfellowship.com. Chrissy is also available for phone calls/video chats throughout the day if needed. She can be reached at 905 984 5500 x204.

Pick up will happen outside. When you arrive come to the main doors and a volunteer will let you in.

Who should I talk to if I have more questions?

You can contact Chrissy Payne by email chrissy@harbourfellowship.com or by phone 905.984.5500 x 204.