



2026 PARENT HANDBOOK



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.

Table of Contents

Onsite Activities	2
Offsite Activities.....	3
What To Bring.....	4
Camp Rules & Dress Code.....	5
Morning Drop-Off.....	6
Afternoon Pick-Up.....	6
Registration & Refunds.....	7
Camp Leadership Team.....	8
Camp Organization.....	9
Schedule.....	10

Camp Director: Abbie Fitch

camp@harbourfellowship.com

519.889.1987

Director or Family Ministry:

Chrissy Payne

chrissy@harbourfellowship.com

905.984.5500 x 204



Onsite Activities

Students will enjoy time inside and outside engaging in games, crafts and faith-filled activities. They will build friendships with students in their groups and their leaders through organized activities, free time, and a variety of afternoon out-trips.

Large Group

In the morning campers will learn the gospel over the course of the week. In the afternoon we will debrief before dismissal.

Small Group

A time to discuss the day's lesson and message as a small group with their leaders.

Snack & Free Time

Indoor constructive activities and a chance to eat snacks campers packed for the day.

Outdoor Games & Team Challenges

Games and variations of traditional sports designed for fun with friends and team building.

Lunch

Please send your child with a lunch, other than on *Pizza Friday*, which is included in the price of camp. You will have an opportunity to place a food order during the week of camp.



Offsite Activities

"How do you manage time offsite?"

We will have a mix of both onsite and offsite 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.

Monday

Bowling @ KINGPIN St. Catharines

An icebreaker afternoon where campers can bowl or simply chat with their leaders and new friends to start the week off strong.

Tuesday

Wide Games @ Harbour

An afternoon of team building and friendly competition!

Wednesday

Swimming @ Port Dalhousie Pool

Please pack swimwear for your camper so they can join in the fun! (see Dress Code on page 5)

Thursday

Walk to the Park & Talent Show

Free time, sports, and playing at Johnson Park which is walking distance from the church. If weather doesn't allow for that, we will host Wide Games at Harbour Fellowship.

Friday

Wild Waterworks Hamilton

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. Students will be carefully monitored by both Wild Waterworks lifeguards and Camp staff. Dismissal will still happen at 4:00.



What to Bring

Outdoor Play Clothes: Campers should dress prepared to be outdoors most of the day, rain or shine!

Sunscreen & Bug Spray: Please send campers with this applied before they arrive. We will assume they are prepared to be in the sun. Please also send both labeled with their name so they can reapply as necessary.

Lunch, Snacks & Liquids: Please pack food and lots of liquids, a refillable water bottle and a juice box (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 water bottle refill stations.

Offsite Trips: Pack according to the afternoon activities as needed (see page 3).

Wednesday & Friday = Water Day!

Swimwear: Please pack a bathing suit (see Dress Code on page 5), towel and shoes that can get wet on these days! Wednesday afternoon we will be swimming at the Port Dalhousie Pool, Friday all-day we will be at Wild Waterworks! (see Offsite Activities on page 3)

What Not to Bring

Nut Products: Please help us keep campers with allergies safe at camp.

Money: Outside of Friday at Wildwaterworks where they can buy snacks if desired, campers will not need to buy things during the day, so they won't need cash with them.

Electronics: Campers will not have the opportunity to use electronics during the day. Cell phones are permitted if they are not a distraction.

Please keep in mind we go offsite most days and can't guarantee their possessions will not get lost or stolen.



Camp Rules

"At Camp We Respect..."

G



GOD

O



OTHERS

P



PROPERTY

S



SELF

Dress Code

Campers and leaders must be able to enthusiastically participate in all activities with modesty and without fear of ruining clothes. Our goal is to make camp safe and comfortable for everyone.

Everyday:

- Shirts and shorts should be an appropriate length; no undergarments and midriffs should be visible.
- No offensive slogans or profanity on clothing.

Swimwear:

- Guys wear swim trunks. No sport shorts, speedos, or short shorts. They must fit well.
- Girls should wear swimsuits that cover the midriff, wearing either a one-piece or a two-piece with a dark t-shirt on top.



Morning Drop-Off

Regular Drop-Off: 8:45-9:00

Extended Care Drop-Off: As early as 8:00

- On **Monday** please bring your campers in through the front doors into the Atrium to drop them off. After the first day you are welcome to let your child check themselves in.
- Please also note that there will not be an opportunity for parents to give information to leaders at drop-off. Any changes in info (i.e. Different pick-up plan for the day) must be emailed to Abbie (see page 1).

Afternoon Pick-Up

- When you arrive, please come to the front doors of the church.
- Campers will be waiting in the Atrium.
- When you get to the front doors you can tell the leader who you have come to pick-up, and they will arrange for your camper to be sent out to you with their things.
- This is an opportunity for you to debrief with your child's leaders or the Camp Director Abbie.

"What if I have a different drop-off/pick-up plan for the day due to an appointment or event?"

No worries! Please email Abbie or Chrissy (see page 1) as soon as you can because we are offsite most afternoons. We will take note of that change and arrange a pick-up time/location with you.

"What if I need to contact my child or their leaders during the day?"

Feel free to contact Abbie (see page 1) during the day, she will be available for phone calls/texts if needed.



Registration

When can I register?

Online registration opens February 22nd! There will be a 20% off Camp Discount active for that day only! Details will be on the Harbour website.

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 Abbie (page 1) 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 put in requests during registration.

Is there a waitlist?

Yes. In the event that the camps fill up, we will have a waitlist available. A staff member will contact those on the waitlist as spaces come available.

Refunds

Our 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. Email Abbie to start this process (see page 1).



Camp Leadership Team

What is the ratio of leaders to campers?

Groups will be composed of approximately 10-15 campers with 3 leaders with their group. In addition to your child's group leaders there are also staff dedicated to helping campers with special needs who may be part of your child's 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 cohort 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 student 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 Abbie (see page 1)

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, behaviour management de-escalation strategies, and training on all camp protocol. Some staff receive additional training on how to support campers with special needs. Additionally, many of our staff are trained in First Aid.



Camp Organization

“What will camp look like this year?”

All campers will be placed into small groups. These small groups will always have a minimum of two leaders with them 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.

“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.

1. We have mandatory name tags and shirts for all camp staff and adult volunteers to identify themselves as a camp leader.
2. We ask all visitors to check in at the main office.
3. Once camp begins, we have volunteers that monitor the hallways and grounds to ensure safety.

“What does each day look like?”

See page 10 for our “Daily Schedule”



Impact 2026 - Daily Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Drop-Off & Free-Time	Drop-Off & Free-Time	Drop-Off & Free-Time	Drop-Off & Free-Time	Drop-Off & Free-Time
9:30	Large Group	Large Group	Large Group	Large Group	Large Group
10:30	Small Groups	Small Groups	Small Groups	Small Groups	Small Groups
10:45	Snack & Free-Time	Snack & Free-Time	Snack & Free-Time	Snack & Free-Time	Wild Waterworks
11:15	Wide Games & Team Challenges	Wide Games & Team Challenges	Wide Games & Team Challenges	Wide Games & Team Challenges	
12:15	Lunch & Outdoor Games	Lunch & Outdoor Games	Lunch & Outdoor Games	Lunch & Outdoor Games	
1:00	Regroup & Load Bus	Wide Games & Team Challenges 	Regroup & Load Bus	Wide Games & Team Challenges	
1:15	Bowling @ KINGPIN St. Catharines		Swimming @ Port Dalhousie Pool	Talent Show	
3:30	Recap of Day	Recap of Day	Recap of Day	Recap of Day	Pick-Up & Free-Time
4:00	Pick-Up & Free-Time	Pick-Up & Free-Time	Pick-Up & Free-Time	Pick-Up & Free-Time	



Who Should I Talk to If I Have More Questions?

Camp Director: Abbie Fitch

camp@harbourfellowship.com

519.889.1987

Director of Family Ministry:

Chrissy Payne

chrissy@harbourfellowship.com

905.984.5500 x 204