



CANTERBURY HILLS CAMP



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS SUMMER 2021 CAMPER AND FAMILY GUIDE



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WELCOME

Thank you for choosing to register your camper at Canterbury Hills Camp for our summer 2021 day camp. We know that involvement in group programs can feel like an unknown risk for your campers safety. We have created this guide to outline the health and safety protocols that we have put into place to maximize your families' wellbeing while still prioritizing connection with nature, adventure, and fun for your campers!

All protocols in place have been based upon thorough research and reference the Covid-19 Safety Guidelines for Day Camp as created by the [Ontario Ministry of Health](#). For more information please see the link.

We missed having you join us last year, and we can't wait see you this year!

If you have further questions beyond this guide please feel free to contact Emily Lloyd, Camp Director at director@canterburyhills.ca or (905)-648-2712 ext. 2



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Arrivals and Screening

Guardians will receive an email ahead of time to inform campers of their group and leader names, as well as drop off cohort time: Maple, Oak, and Pine will be scheduled for drop off between 8:30am-8:50am. Campers in Beech, Birch, and Elm will be scheduled for drop off between 9:00am-9:20am.

Guardians will be emailed their campers schedule ahead of time, with a supply list for Monday. Each evening a reminder email will be sent to families with a list of the days activities and the supplies required.

Campers and staff will be expected to complete the Canterbury Hills Daily Screening Tool which will be sent out in the form of a [Google Form](#). Within the form there is a link directing users to the official Covid-19 school screening tool. We ask that individuals complete the school screening, take a picture of the result, and upload the photo into the Google form before arrival. There will also be passive screening tools in place throughout the camp.

During registration on Campbrain, guardians will complete the camper health forms and profile. Staff will be provided with the list of possible pick up contacts before the session begins. If the list needs to be updated or changed during the week we ask that guardians call the camp office.



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Campers will have a designated space to place their bag/belongings in the cabin. As they arrive campers (one at a time) will practice hand hygiene by using provided hand sanitizer, and enter the cabin to drop their items in their space. We ask that guardians walk their camper straight to their assigned cabin, but wait outside while their camper drops their items off inside. Guardians must wear a mask when walking campers to their cabins during arrival. If the guardian is unable to wear a mask, we ask that they wait in the parking lot with their camper, and a staff member will escort the camper to their cabin.

Campers will then participate in activities outside until all campers in their cohort arrive.

Campers and staff that fail their screening will not be permitted to attend day camp that day. We recommend you follow the guidelines of the screening tool, and obtain a covid-19 test at a local testing center.

All families must have an emergency contact pick-up person available should their camper develop symptoms throughout the camp day.



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Departure and Pick-Up

For pick-up time, campers will gather with their leaders outside of their cabins for an end of the day reflection activity. To reduce unnecessary exposure between guardians, pick-up times will be staggered. Campers in Beech, Birch, and Elm, will be picked up between 4:50pm-5:10pm, and campers in Maple, Oak, and Pine, will be picked up between 5:15pm-5:35pm.

The pick-up contact will have already been listed on the camper profile ahead of time. We ask that the pick-up contact please bring a form of identification to verify.

Please stay in your car during pick-up. When you arrive, a staff member will approach the vehicle. Confirm which camper you are here to pick-up, and show a piece of identification. The staff member will notify the camper that it is time to go home, and walk them to the vehicle.



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Meals and Dining

All campers and staff will be expected to provide their own peanut free lunch and snacks.

Campers are strongly encouraged to bring their own water bottle with their name on it. Single use cutlery and dishware will not be provided. Each cabin will eat within their own cohort outdoors and appropriately distanced, weather permitting.

Staff will assist campers with hand hygiene before and after meals each day.

In case of severe inclement weather campers will eat inside of their cabin. Each camper will be assigned a bunk bed to sit on with their mask off while they eat. If the camper needs to leave their area for any reason they must first put their mask on. Once lunch is over the campers will put their masks on, wash their hands, and continue with indoor programming until inclement weather subsides.



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Masks and Social Distancing Policy

All campers and staff are required to wear a well fitted, non-medical mask while indoors at all times, and are expected to bring their own each day. Canterbury Hills staff will have extra disposable masks available should a participant's mask become wet or soiled.

All staff will receive training on how to properly wear a mask, how to don and doff PPE, and how to wash your hands. Staff will be able to recognize and assist campers should their mask need to be replaced.

Campers and staff are not expected to wear masks when outdoors and able to maintain a distance of 6 feet (2 meters) throughout an entire activity. Campers will be in a group cohort with up to 9 other cabin mates and 2 group leaders (aged 16+). Campers will remain in the cohort for the entire camp session. The group will follow a predetermined schedule that was created ahead of time to ensure cohort separation and time for equipment sanitation between groups.



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High Ropes

Use of high ropes elements and equipment often requires close contact between participants and program staff, as well as use of specialized, shared equipment. Canterbury Hills has partnered with Adventureworks! Associates Inc. for another summer of safe and exciting programming. We will be operating the high ropes course and following their updated best practices operating regulations.

All campers and staff will wear masks throughout the entire high ropes program. The method of harness attachment has been upgraded to limit contact, and the clip-in tools will be sanitized between uses. There will also be a handwashing station at the base of each climbing element for participants to use before and after each climb.



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Sanitization Protocols

All program spaces will be sanitized at minimum of 2 times per camp day using an approved sanitizer with drug identification number.

All program supplies have been reviewed and carefully selected. The supplies that are made from a material that is easily sanitized (ex. sports equipment, archery bow) will be used between groups with appropriate sanitization between use. Supplies that are made of a material that cannot be easily sanitized will be individually packaged and provided for campers to use and keep for themselves (ex. craft supplies, baking ingredients).

Campers and staff will use their cabin washroom as their main washroom to limit cross contamination with other cohorts. There will be other bathrooms open around main camp for groups to use in urgent situations that will be sanitized regularly. Each bathroom will have a clipboard with a timesheet on it. Staff will write camper names, time in and time out on sheet to keep track of possible cohort exposure. Campers will complete hand hygiene when finished, wipe down sink taps and door handles after use.

Staff will have hand sanitizer with an alcohol content above 60% in their first aid kits at all times. Hand washing will be encouraged over sanitizing when close to a washroom, or if hands are visibly soiled. Staff will instruct campers to practice hand hygiene between program activities, and after use of any shared equipment.



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Inclement Weather

Campers and staff are encouraged to check the weather daily and bring rain gear if needed, as outdoor programming will continue as planned through light rain.

If more severe inclement weather makes outdoor programming unsafe, activities will be modified to move indoors. Groups will remain in their cabin space with their masks on until storm activity clears and they can continue with their group schedule. Canterbury Hills may decide to cancel the day of programming if severe inclement weather will make the camp day's programming unsafe.

Please see page 6 for reference to meals during inclement weather.



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Management of Possible Covid-19 Cases at Camp

Canterbury Hills Camp will have a Covid-19 isolation center designated in Farrell Hall for if a camper or staff that passes their initial daily screening develops symptoms on site throughout the day. This building was selected because of its excellent ventilation, ability to practice distancing indoors, and access to clean running water.

If a camper or staff develops symptoms on site, they will immediately be removed from the group and brought to the isolation center (Farrell Hall). The emergency pick-up contact will be called to take the camper home immediately. Trained staff will provide supervision and care to the camper while wearing full PPE.

The symptomatic person will be provided with tissues, and a lined, no touch garbage can. The isolation center and any areas where the camper or staff went will be sanitized immediately. Senior staff will notify cabin staff that cohorts should not return to these spaces for 45 minutes afterward, and notify them when they are safe to return. If an item cannot be sanitized then it will be removed from the program and sealed away for 7 days

Canterbury Hills Camp recommends, but will not enforce that the individual receives testing for Covid-19 ([click for link to local testing centers](#)).



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If a camper tests positive for Covid-19 during their week at Canterbury Hills they will not be permitted to return to the program that week, and will be offered a refund. All positive cases, or suspected cases will be reported to the Hamilton Public Health Unit. Relevant information about your campers participation in Canterbury Hills programs may be shared with Public Health and/or other investigating authorities, where requested and required by law. Senior staff will notify all guardians if there is a suspected or confirmed Covid-19 case within their cohort. The camper's privacy will be respected, and no names will be shared.

The remaining campers will be able to continue their week at camp as long as they continue to pass the daily screening tool. We encourage guardians to be very diligent in monitoring their camper for any symptoms.

If a camper or staff member is sent home due to sudden symptom development and we discover that they have tested positive for Covid-19, all families will be notified, but the affected participant will not be named. If you do not hear anything from Public Health after this announcement, it means that your camper was not affected.

Day camps can continue unless directed otherwise by Hamilton Public Health.



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If a symptomatic camper wants to return to camp, they may only do so after receiving a negative covid-19 swab test result and waiting 24 hours since symptoms were last present. The guardians will be expected to show proof of the negative test result in order to return to camp.

If a symptomatic camper refuses to receive a Covid-19 test they must isolate for 10 days before returning to the camp program unless **all** of the following qualifications have been met:

- the camper has received an alternative diagnosis from a doctor
- the camper does not have a fever (without use of medication)
- it has been 24 hours since your child's symptoms improved



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Frequently Asked Questions

Does my camper need to have their COVID-19 vaccine?

- We encourage those who are eligible to get their vaccine. We will not be mandating vaccinations for campers or staff to participate in programming.

Does my camper need to wear a mask all day?

- Campers and staff will be expected to wear a mask for all indoor programming and for any use of indoor spaces.
- Campers will spend the majority of the day outside, weather permitting.
- Campers will not be expected to wear a mask when maintaining physical distance (6 feet, 2 meters apart) throughout an entire program.

What if someone tests positive for Covid-19 during the camp week?

- If a camper or staff tests positive for Covid-19, they will be unable to attend the camp program and will be directed to Hamilton Public Health to follow their directives. We will work with Hamilton Public Health, and only with their approval may a camper or staff be permitted to return.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Is the pool open?

- Due to the changes in our summer program structure, the pool will not be open for use this summer. Campers will still spend the first portion of their afternoon cooling down with exciting water activities every single day!

Is there still a Thursday night sleepover?

- No, there will not be a sleepover on Thursday night. Groups will be invited to stay later in the evening to have pizza, play an evening game and then have a campfire. Pick up at 8:30pm.

If my camper cannot complete their week at camp due to Covid-19 will we receive a refund?

- Canterbury Hills Camp will offer refunds for absences directly related to Covid-19.

How will group cohorts impact camper group requests?

- Canterbury Hills allows campers to make one group request. The other camper must be similar in age and request your camper in return for the request to be met. All other requests cannot be guaranteed. We will do our best to keep siblings in the same cabin cohort but cannot guarantee this ahead of time.



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