

2024

SUMMER *Day Camp*

AT THE DURHAM FOREST ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register my child?

Please log in to ddsb.schoolcashonline.com and register your child. Registration deadline is Friday, June 28, 2024.

What ages of children are allowed to attend Durham Forest Summer Camp?

This camp is for 7 to 12 year olds. To register your child needs to be 7 by July 2, 2024.

What is the address to Durham Forest Environmental Education Centre?

Durham Forest is located at [3821 Concession Rd. 7, Goodwood, ON](#)

SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURE:

Drop-off time is 9 am and pick-up time is 4 pm sharp. There is a strict sign in/sign out procedure for all campers in order to ensure the safety of each child. Each camper's guardian is responsible for approaching the camp staff member on duty and signing their child in and out on every day of camp.

What will the campers do when there is inclement weather? (rain, thunderstorms, high winds, heat, etc.)

We are an environmental education centre and most of our program is delivered outdoors in all kinds of weather. That is why we encourage students to dress according to the weather conditions. This could be rain gear or layers due to the cold summer mornings and hot afternoons. In the event of a thunderstorm, students will take shelter inside a building until the storm has passed.

Should I send sunscreen with my camper?

Yes! Please send your camper with sunscreen already applied and extra sunscreen to re-apply. We will remind your campers to re apply. We also recommend hats to keep them cool.

Can campers bring electronic devices such as cell phones to Durham Forest?

They can but we don't advise it. Time at our centre is a great opportunity to unplug and enjoy the natural environment. We advise students who do bring technology to put it safely away in their bag until they depart. Some students who have not heeded this warning have lost expensive cell phones on one of our many trails in the forest. Staff are not responsible for lost items. Given the extensive nature of our trails or dense foliage, finding a lost cell phone is unlikely.

Will lunch be provided for the campers?

No, you will need to pack a LITTER LESS and NUT FREE lunch and snacks each day for your camper. Please send your child with a reusable water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day as needed (all garbage will be sent back home).

Is there before or after camp supervision?

No, drop off is at 9:00AM and pick up is at 4:00PM sharp.

Is there an option for overnight camp?

No, we will only be hosting day camp (9:00AM - 4:00PM).

Is there poison ivy at Durham Forest?

Poison Ivy is a natural plant that grows in and around Durham Forest. We try to remove the plant from high traffic areas, but it does thrive in some spots. We will teach your child what Poison Ivy looks like and how to avoid it. Please also try to send your camper to camp with pants and high socks. This will make it harder for your camper to get poison ivy.

Are there ticks in Durham Forest?

Ticks are becoming more common throughout Ontario. It is recommended that you check your child for ticks after any time spent playing outdoors. The Durham Region Health Department (DRHD), as part of their ongoing tick surveillance program, have identified blacklegged ticks (deer ticks) in Durham Forest. For more information, please call DRHD

Essential Everyday Items:

- An imagination!
 - Hat
 - Sunscreen
 - Running/Hiking Shoes (Sandals not recommended)
 - Raincoat, pants, and boots
 - Jacket or Sweater
 - Extra clothing (socks, shirt, etc)
 - Bathing suit and towel for water games
 - Any necessary medication (please notify staff of any medication and medical concerns)
 - A reusable water bottle
 - Lunch: Must be litterless and NUT FREE (All garbage will be sent home)
- Optional: Bug Spray

Please Do NOT Bring:

- Ipad, iPhones, cell phones
- Knives of any kind
- Any video games or electronics
- Money
- Candy, gum