

Day Camp FAQ

What are the themes for the camp/ what are they doing in week___?

Information on specific activities for each theme can be found on the website at <https://museum.simcoe.ca/programs/camps>

What time should I drop off my child at day camp?

Camp begins at **10:00 am** each day, but if they have been signed up for Childcare your child can be dropped off at **9:00 am**. Please come through the Museum's Front Doors, as the Group Entrance Doors are locked.

What time should I pick up my child from day camp?

Camp ends at **4:00 pm** each day. If your child has been signed up for Childcare, and then your child must be picked up by **5:00 pm**. There is an additional charge for campers that stay beyond the 5:00 pm threshold (\$10 per camper for every additional 15 minutes). Please come through the Museum's front doors, inform Museum staff as to who you are picking up and your child will come to you at the front desk for pick up.

What if my child is not attending camp that day?

If your child is not attending camp, please call and leave a message with County of Simcoe staff. Alternatively, you could email info@simcoe.ca with the subject line "Day Camp Absenteeism". Service Simcoe staff will relay the message to Education staff that your child will not be attending camp that day.

What if someone else is picking up my child from camp?

If someone other than the adults on the Active net Authorized pick up list is picking up your child from camp, you must sign a **Pick-Up Authorization Form** stating who will be picking up your child from camp. You can fill this form out when dropping off your child in the morning. **If the person picking up the child is not on the Authorized pick up sheet or the Education department has not been notified by an Authorized person for the pick-up, THE CHILD WILL NOT BE RELEASED.** You can add people to the Authorized Pick Up list on your Active net account the week before your child's day camp. Otherwise, a paper form must be filled out.

What if I have to pick up my child during the day while camp is running?

If you need to pick up your child during the day, please let our Education staff know what time you will be picking up your child so that they can be packed and ready to go. If prior arrangements have not been made, then please talk to our County of Simcoe staff and they will contact our Education staff to inform them that your child is being picked up early.

What happens if my child gets sick at camp?

If your child becomes sick and cannot participate in day camp, you will be advised to come and pick them up. Until the time that you pick up your child, they will be in the Museum office area with staff present. This area will have adequate equipment to handle all the normal medical and first aid needs of camp.

What if my child is required to take medication while they are at camp?

Parents are responsible for making the Simcoe County Museum aware of any medical concerns for their children. Any medical or special needs are to be specified on the **Day Camp Registration Form**. If your child is required to take medication, it is expected that they will take the medication on their own at the appropriate time. **(Museum staff will not administer medication to any camper.)**

What kind of lunch/snacks should I pack for my child?

The museum has a strict **peanut/nut free policy** to ensure the safety of all day campers and museum visitors. Please send a peanut/nut free lunch with drink and a water bottle. The museum provides campers with an afternoon snack.

What should my child bring to camp every day?

Listed below are items that your child should bring with them every day to camp. Please label your child's belongings.

- Knapsack or bag to carry personal items. We encourage the use of reusable containers and for campers to bring a litter-less lunch.
- Water bottle
- Jacket (Summer)
- Hat for sun protection (Summer)
- Sunscreen, and bug spray if required (Summer)

- Rain gear for rainy days: raincoat, splash pants, rubber boots (Summer/March Break)
- One pair of running shoes
- A change of clothes if required
- Towel, water clothes, and water shoes if specified by the Simcoe County Museum (Summer)
- Regular or emergency medication (the camper must be able to give themselves the medication)
- Winter clothing (Winter Solstice/March Break)

How should my child be prepared for the sun?

Please ensure that your child has sunscreen (that they can apply themselves) and a hat.

What happens if my child loses something at camp?

Please ensure that your child's name is written on their belongings. If our staff come across anything that was left behind, and it has a name on it, it will be placed in their basket to get the next day. If there was not a name on it, then there is a Lost and Found box. If your child has lost something, please notify the Education department. **(Simcoe County Museum is not responsible for any stolen or lost items that may occur at camp.)**

What happens in the event of a fire alarm?

In the event of a fire alarm, education staff will gather all children and lead them to the west end of the Museum grounds, in the main parking lot. Museum staff will ensure that all campers are accounted for, and will keep all campers in that area until they receive further instructions. Museum staff is aware of the location of fire extinguishers.

What happens in the event of extreme weather?

In the event of extreme weather, Education staff will follow procedures that have been set in place by the County of Simcoe. Education staff are made aware of any weather warnings that may occur from the County of Simcoe, Education supervisor, and Curator.