

MEADOWVALE EAST APOSTOLIC CHURCH SUMMER CAMP – IN PERSON

Frequently Asked Questions for Parents/Guardians

Questions and Answers

Dates/Days/Time

Q1: What date will camp start?

A1: July 4th, 2023

Q2: What is the last day of camp?

A2: August 25th, 2023

Q3: On what days will camp be held?

A3: Mondays to Fridays, no weekends.

Q4: Will camp be held on statutory holidays in the summer?

A4: No

Q5: What time will camp start in the mornings?

A5: 9:00 a.m.

Q6: What time does camp end every day?

A6: 4:00 p.m.

Extended Care Program

Q7: I start work earlier than Camp start time of 9:00 a.m. in the morning and will need service before 9:00 a.m., are there provisions for parents in my situation?

A7: Yes, we are putting in place an extended care program from 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. every morning and from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. A healthy breakfast will be served in the morning and a light snack in the afternoon. We will assess the need for this program at the first week of camp to determine if needed. Additional costs may be applied on a case-by-case basis.

Q8: I work from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. every day and will not be able to make the 4:00 p.m. pick up time? What can I do?

A8: We are putting in place an extended care program which runs from 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. every morning and from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. A healthy breakfast will be served in the morning and a light snack in the afternoon. I believe this will work for you. However, please note that we will assess the need for this program at the first week of camp to determine if needed. Additional costs may apply

Cost and Location

Q9: What is the cost of the program?

A9: \$10.00/day per child and is non-refundable for days that the camper is absent but already paid for within that week.

Q10: Is there an additional cost for breakfast in the morning and snacks in the afternoon for my child who is in the extended care program?

A10: No. This is covered by the Church.

Q11: Why are you charging so much, \$200.00/month or \$400 for the entire 8 weeks, if I have only one child and more if I have more than one?

A11: Compared to other child care services, this is an extremely nominal cost for an all-day Camp. Most Summer Camps in our area costs \$110 - \$150 per week.

Q12: Where will the camp be held?

A12: Meadowvale East Apostolic Church at 1510 Warden Avenue at the North West Corner of Warden and Ellesmere.

Programs

Q13: I see that it is the Church that is running the camp, does my child have to be a member of the Church or be an Apostolic to participate?

A13: No. The program is for children and youth within the community. However, all campers must demonstrate respect and regard for those things held dear to the Church, e.g. respect in the sanctuary (place of worship) is mandatory.

Q14: What programs will be taught or delivered to the campers?

A14: Meaningful arts and crafts, indoor games, outdoor recreational activities, educational activities to learn more about the world around us from the context of creation and related trivia, field trips, swimming.

Q15: What makes this camp different from other camps?

A15: The manner in which we interact with the campers and the values and principles behind the activities we deliver are guided by the principles and values of the Church's beliefs such as love and respect for one another, compassion, fairness, truth, integrity, all great attributes demonstrated by Jesus and ones which are relevant today to build strong communities.

Q15: I am not a Christian and do not believe in the Apostolic doctrine, will this doctrine be preached to my child?

A15: Our primary goal under the program is to work with our children and youth to become successful

contributing members of society by helping them to build and strengthen character and to teach them how to make good, sound decisions.

As part of the mandate of our Church, we are to be a living epistle of the life of Jesus Christ through the demonstration of key behaviours that He demonstrated (e.g. humility, compassion, fairness, respect, forgiving, perseverance, value for people, truth and honesty) within the context of the Apostolic doctrine.

Q16: Is the plan to indoctrinate my child or persuade parents to become Apostolic?

A16: Generally, while campers need not participate in all activities, for their safety they are expected to be present at all scheduled activities, including prayer, seminars, meals and recreational activities.

Q17: As part of my child's faith, my child will need to pray at least three times daily during the summer, will this be accommodated, and if yes, how?

A17: Yes. There is a sanctuary on premises that our campers may use to pray, meditate or reflect as needed. The expectation is that they will need to show the utmost regard and respect for the sanctuary. Information will be provided to campers about acceptable behavior while in the place of worship.

Q18: Will praying be a part of your program?

A18: Yes. We have built in some time for prayer in the sanctuary. Campers who are not Apostolic will not be forced to pray, however, for their safety they will need to be monitored by Counsellors and may need to be present in the sanctuary for safety reasons. In these cases, the utmost respect and regard for the activities at that time must be demonstrated.

Health and Safety

Q19: What steps will be taken to ensure my child's safety?

A19: Campers will be under the direct supervision of mature and responsible counsellors whose primary objective to ensure camper safety at all times. The camper to counsellor ratio is 10:1 (depending on age) which exceeds that of other organizations. All counsellors will receive First Aid and CPR Training. Additional safety steps will be taken on trips e.g. camper to counsellor ratio will be reduced e.g. 4:1 depending on age. We will also have a student camp director and an executive camp director on site daily to oversee the complete management of the camp including camper safety.

For their safety primarily, campers must comply with instructions of personnel assigned to positions of responsibility. Any violation of rules, or any misconduct must first be reported to the camper's counselor for remedial action. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, the next level of authority is the Student Camp Director, Executive Camp Director and ultimately the Pastor.

Campers are NOT allowed to leave the camp without proper supervision by an authorized personnel and consent of the parents.

Q20: Are there other safety requirements that will be taken?

A1: All persons who have access to the children will “referenced check” before being employed by Meadowvale East Apostolic Church.

All legislated safety requirements will also be adhered including, fire and health and safety policies, equipment standards – all staff will be required to execute these requirements.

Q:21 My child has allergies or special medical needs; what steps will be taken to ensure my child’s safety?

A1: In these cases, parents and the camp directors and counsellors need to work together to put together a plan of action that meets the individual needs of each child. Parents will need to provide detailed information about the condition and provide consent for appropriate intervention within the capacity of the counsellor as first aid measure only.

Should an event arise, accurate assessment will be done to determine if emergency services are required – in all events an incident report will be completed and the parent contacted.

Q22: What if my child becomes ill or has an accident, what measures will be taken?

A22: If a camper gets sick or has an accident, the incident should be reported to a counselor, who will report the incident to the camp directors who will take appropriate steps such as transferring the camper to a medical facility or arranging for transportation home. In cases where the emergency is severe in nature, the counselor discovering the condition should call 911 and then inform the Camp Director of the incident. The camper’s parents will be responsible for incurred expenses associated with their care.

Q23: My child smokes, will s/he be able to take smoke breaks?

A23: The use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs is not permitted.