

Blue Mountain Summer Camp 2024

Parent Handbook

Welcome to Camp!

Our counsellors can't wait to see you at Blue Mountain camp this summer. We're here to make this summer the best one yet!

The information in this handbook is to help parents and campers prepare for their first day of camp. Read on to see drop off/pick up information, daily schedules, and frequently asked questions.

Blue Mountain Summer Camp Vision: Our vision is to create a fun and safe outdoor environment where campers can foster their spirit of adventure through exploring, creating, and making lifelong memories.

Golden Rules:

1. Be Safe

- Listen and Follow Instructions: Pay attention to camp leaders and follow their guidance.
- Stay with the Group: Don't wander off alone; stay where leaders can see you.

2. Be Kind

- Respect Boundaries and Personal Space: Keep hands to yourself.
- Bullying is Not Tolerated: Always be kind and respectful.
- Use Chosen Names: Respect everyone's chosen names and avoid name-calling.
- Include Everyone: Make sure no one feels left out.
- Care for Nature: Treat plants and animals with care and keep the camp clean.

3. Have Fun!

- Have fun: Join in all activities with enthusiasm.
- Try New Things: Be open to new experiences and challenges.
- Support Each Other: Cheer on your fellow campers and celebrate their successes.
- Stay Positive: Keep a positive attitude and help create a fun atmosphere for everyone.
- Take Care of Yourself: Make sure to rest, stay hydrated, and eat well to keep your energy up.

Blue Mountain Camp Details



| | Mountainside & Adventure Day Camp | Beachside Camp | Tennis Camp | Skills Camp | LIT Camp |
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| Drop Off Time | 8:45 - 9:15 am | 8:45 - 9:15 am | 9:00 AM | 8:45 - 9:15 am | 8:45 - 9:15 am |
| Pick Up Time | 3:45 - 4:15 pm | 3:45 - 4:15 pm | 12:00 PM | 3:45 - 4:15 pm | 3:45 - 4:15 pm |
| Location | South Base Lodge | Blue Mountain Beach | Monterra Tennis Courts | South Base Lodge | South Base Lodge |
| Parking | Parking is available in P1 Please walk your camper across the street to the check in table. | Address: 209117 ON-26, The Blue Mountains. Please stay in your vehicle and a counsellor will greet you at the drop off. | Address: 264 Jozo Weider Blvd., Blue Mountains, ON Village Conference Centre on the South side of Village | Parking is available in P1 Please walk your camper across the street to the check in table. | Parking is available in P1 Please walk your camper across the street to the check in table. |
| What to Bring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nut Free Lunch Bathing Suit and Towel Hat Running Shoes Water Bottle Spray-On Sunscreen Bug Spray Change of Clothes Weather Appropriate Attire Beach Towel Sunglasses | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Racket (if you have one) Nut Free Lunch Running Shoes Water Bottle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nut Free Lunch Bathing Suit and Towel Hat Running Shoes Water Bottle Spray-On Sunscreen Bug Spray Change of Clothes Weather Appropriate Attire Sunglasses | |

Example Schedule

Please note this is just an example and programming subject to change.

| | Mountainside & Adventure Day Camp | Beachside Camp | Tennis Camp | Skills Camp | LIT Camp |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8:45 | Drop Off | | | | |
| 9:00 | | | | | |
| 9:30 | Get to know you / Crafts / Sunscreen, water, bathrooms | | Tennis | Get to know you | Get to know you |
| 10:00 | | | | Hike / Swim / Attractions | Boat / Swim |
| 10:30 | | | | | |
| 11:00 | Activity & Camp Cup Planning / Attractions | | | | |
| 11:30 | | | | | |
| 12:00 | Lunch *Nut Free* | | | Pick Up | Lunch *Nut Free* |
| 12:30 | | | | | |
| 1:00 | Hike / Swim / Attractions | Games / Swim / Activities | | Hike / Swim / Attractions | Placement with camp groups |
| 1:30 | | | | | |
| 2:00 | | | | | |
| 2:30 | Games / Crafts | Games / Crafts | | Sports / Games | |
| 3:00 | | | | | |
| 3:30 | | | | | |
| 4:00 | Pick-Up | | Pick-Up | | |
| 4:15 | | | | | |

Weekly Camp Cup Themes 2024

Camp Cup is the weekly highlight at Mountainside and Beachside camps, held every Friday. This eagerly awaited day promises an exciting and unforgettable finale to the week for both campers and staff. Camp Cup is designed to enhance teamwork, creativity, and a strong sense of camp community. Capture the spirit of Camp Cup by dressing up and fully engaging to create a fun-filled end to the week.

| Mountainside Themes | Beachside Themes |
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| Week 1 (July 1 – July 5) – Colors | Week 1 (July 1 – July 5) – Bikers vs Surfers |
| Week 2 (July 8 – July 12) – Safari | Week 2 (July 8 – July 12) – Outer Space |
| Week 3 (July 15 – July 19) – Summer Olympics | Week 3 (July 15 – July 19) – Summer Olympics |
| Week 4 (July 22 – July 26) – Holiday’s | Week 4 (July 22 – July 26) – Survivor |
| Week 5 (July 29 – Aug 2) – Under the sea | Week 5 (July 29 – Aug 2) – Spy's / Mystery |
| Week 6 (Aug 5 – Aug 9) – Disney/Super Heros | Week 6 (Aug 5 – Aug 9) – Disney /Super Heros |
| Week 7 (Aug 12 – Aug 16) – Retro Rewind | Week 7 (Aug 12 – Aug 16) – Under the sea / Pirates / Mermaids |
| Week 8 (Aug 19 – Aug 23) – Corporate | Week 8 (Aug 19 – Aug 23) – Safari |
| Week 9 (Aug 26 – Aug 30) – Hawaiian Luau | Week 9 (Aug 26 – Aug 30) – Hawaiian Luau |

Summer Camp Cancellation Policy

Camp dates selected at time of purchase are final and cannot be changed to other dates without cancelling and rebooking, which is based on availability and is not guaranteed.

If the camp is cancelled more than four weeks prior to the first day of camp, a full refund will be provided. Cancellations made within four weeks of the camp start date are non-refundable.

Please call 1-833-583-BLUE (1-833-583-2583) or email refund@bluemountain.ca and speak with a contact centre agent to process a cancellation for your booking if it qualifies.

FAQ

Weather Policies

- **Continuous Monitoring:** We continuously monitor the weather in coordination with our patrol services.
- **Rainy Days:** If rain is forecasted, please ensure you come equipped with rain gear. Camp will proceed as scheduled in the rain.
- **Severe Weather:** In the event of severe weather, camp activities will be moved indoors at South Base Lodge.
- **Beachside Camp:** If the weather becomes too severe, Beachside Camp may need to shuttle back to South Base Lodge. We will inform you of any changes in the pick-up location.

Swimming

- Each camp group is scheduled for a one hour free-swim time at the Plunge everyday Monday-Thursday.
- All counsellors have participated in Water Safety Training and are required to be always in the water with their group.
- All campers aged 4-6 years old must wear a life jacket while in the pool.
- Campers aged 7-12 who are unable to pass the swim test must wear a life jacket.
- We encourage you to bring your own life jacket if needed, however there are some available to borrow from Plunge.

What will the first day look like?

Monday mornings at camp check-in can be a busy time and parents are encouraged to keep to the designated areas to help control the flow. This gets smoother as the week goes on, but here's some things to know for day one.

When you arrive:

- **Mountainside, Multi-Sport, LIT** camp: Park in P1 and walk your camper to the check-in desk in front of South Base Lodge where you will be greeted by a counsellor. Do not park in the bus zone or on any residential streets.
- **Beachside:** Follow the signs and remain in your vehicle and a counsellor will approach to collect your camper(s) and check them in.
- At check-in, counsellors will confirm:
 - Full name of parent /guardian and phone numbers
 - If additional parents / guardians will be picking up the camper(s) during the week & add them to the list
 - Allergies, emergency medications and emergency contact
 - Waiver completion - we will be available to assist in person if you haven't completed a waiver yet.
- Please double check that your camper has sunscreen, hat, bathing suit, towel, lunch, water, snacks, appropriate footwear, bug spray, rain gear.
- Parents are to stay in the check-in area and not enter the camp area.
- If you require accessible parking accommodations, please email summercamp@bluemountain.ca to make arrangements with our team ahead of time.

Requests

If you'd like to request your camper be in the same group as a friend, please send us an email at summercamp@bluemountain.ca and we'll do our best to make it happen! Changes can be made at check-in but it's best if you email ahead of time. Groups are made by Friday of the previous week so please give us as much notice as possible.

What if my child is absent for a day?

If your child is sick or absent for any camp day, it is best to email our admin team at summercamp@bluemountain.ca as early as possible. We will notify your counsellors of the absence.

Unfortunately, refunds and make-up days will not be offered for missed days.

What if my child requires medication?

If your child requires medication during the camp day, please speak to a supervisor at drop off or email our admin team ahead of time. A medication authorization form must be completed by a parent/guardian at/before check-in and camp staff will keep a record each time medication is delivered.

If medication is for emergency use (i.e., Epi-pen or inhaler) the counsellor will carry it with them throughout the day.

Lost & Found

Lost & found items are kept at South Base Lodge and displayed at the end of each day at pick-up for parents to see at pick-up time. Any items left at the end of the summer will be donated to a local donation centre.

If you're looking for something specific, feel free to send us an email with details of the missing item.

Contact Us

Phone: 705-445-0231 Ext. 52803

Email: summercamp@bluemountain.ca

Any questions, concerns, or group requests are best to send via email and we'll do our best to respond as soon as possible. *Please note, our team works Monday-Friday and may not be available to respond over the weekend.*