



Huron Church Camp

A place where even the trees clap their hands...

A warm welcome! We hope that this overview will help you get ready for camp. Drop-off commences at 4 pm on Sundays. Although some lining up will be unavoidable you can help us keep things moving by remembering the following...

Make payments before you arrive either online, e-transfer, money order or cheque...all payments are due one week prior to arrival.

All families must check in with the nurses.

Please label all medications with camper's name. Bring prescribed medications in their original containers.

Pick up pre-ordered shirts next to the check-in area. Tuck is included in your fees.

HCC is smoke-free. We thank you for your support by not smoking while dropping off or picking up your child.

Camp Clothing

Camp life is busy, active and adventurous and we want to make sure campers and staff come prepared to enjoy their time with us. We hope that the following guidelines will encourage everyone to focus on building friendships and enjoying the program in a safe, comfortable style.

- All tops should cover the midriff and overlap the top of the shorts, pants etc.
- Shorts and pants should sit at the waist line or slightly below; underwear should not be visible.
- Girls should bring only one piece bathing suits or tankinis to camp; no bikinis.
- Boys' shorts and pants should be fitted enough that they do not slip down significantly during active play.



Arrival Day

Starts on Sunday at 4 pm

We do not offer earlier drop-off times. Please give us a call if you are going to be later than 5 pm

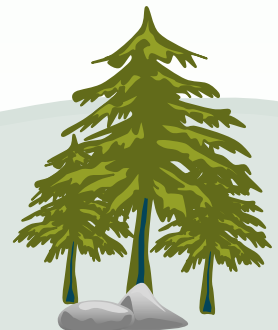
Pick-up Day

Saturday morning

- Please sign out with one of the counsellors on their checklist
- Take a walk around the cabin to make sure you have all possessions and check at the picnic tables beside the chapel for lost and found
- Pick up all medications from the Health Centre
- Campers must depart by noon at the latest

Join us as we celebrate our week together with a Eucharist at 10:30 am which lasts about one hour ...this is a time when we give thanks for our camp journey, new friends, good food and fun through music, stories, prayers and Holy Communion ...we are encouraged to take everything we have learned and enjoyed home

- We need written notification if your child will be picked up before 10 am or if they are leaving the site with someone other than parents or guardians



We discourage the use of curling irons, hair straighteners, blow dryers and make-up while at camp. We want to be very intentional about ways we can cut down on our electricity use in addition to safety concerns. We are hoping that we can devote all of our energies to getting outside and having a good time! We appreciate your support!

Packing List:

- Enough clothing for one week
- Rainwear
- A warm sweater/jacket/fleece
- Camp appropriate bathing suit(s) and a shirt for sun protection
- Running shoes and sandals that fit
- Socks
- Sunhat
- Sleeping bag or bedding
- Towels
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Water bottle
- Personal hygiene items, required by camper
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- If your camper wears glasses, please consider sending a second pair if you have them or a strap to keep them on*

Some families send a garbage bag for soiled clothing – in order that it not be taken home by someone else or even thrown out, please consider sending a clear bag or a laundry bag

Please do not bring:

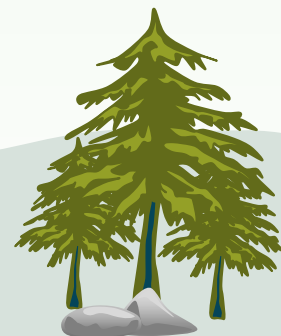
- × Music or clothing with swearing or words that are violent or make fun of others.
- × Anything that resembles a weapon, handcuffs, fireworks, knives, laser pointers or fidget spinners
- × Cell phones or laptops, precious clothing, jewelry and other artifacts
- × Hair dryers, curling irons and flat irons
- × Please check that your camper has not packed a lighter or matches

Camp staff and committees will not be responsible for the loss of camper possessions.

Homesickness

HCC makes every effort to welcome campers and offer fun and engaging activities... but being away from home can be lonely for even some of our most seasoned veterans!

- We advise families to accentuate the positive, talking about all the exciting things that will happen at camp
- Avoid telling your child that if they do not like camp you will come and get them as this often plants seeds of anxiety and distress.
- Please stay as long as you need to on the first day but note that sometimes prolonged good-byes can be upsetting for everyone!
- Consider sending a note or postcard, with positive comments like “We can’t wait to hear about your adventures!” or “I will miss you but think of all the things we can talk about when you come home!” These can be mailed or if **small in size** dropped by the office for delivery during the week.
- Feel free to call or e-mail us to inquire about your child, remembering that if we do not pick up the phone right away we check messages frequently.
- Please do not give your camper a cell phone.
- If a camper is excessively homesick and especially if it is impacting the cabin, the Director will be in touch.



Head Lice

Where there are large gatherings of children, head lice can be a real nuisance! Please do not send your child to camp if they have head lice – give us call and if possible we will change their session.

We have also learned that adding a few drops of tea tree oil to your child's shampoo before camp may prevent them from getting head lice.

Water Bottles

A healthy camp experience requires drinking plenty of water!

- We ask all campers and staff to bring a water bottle which they can re-fill from washroom taps or the dining hall – we have been on City of London Water since 1992.
- As we continue our work on green initiatives at camp we discourage campers from bringing bottled water.

Like many churches and faith communities the world over we are also concerned about big companies selling water that may or may not meet health standards – as Christians we are called to be mindful of those who do not have clean water and to work towards justice and clean, free water for all.



Contact the Camp

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If you get our voicemail please leave a message – we check often!

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We go to the mailbox once a day and make every effort to deliver your camper mail if it arrives during their time with us!

Our HCC Covenant

At Huron Church Camp we expect that all campers and staff will live and work and play in a spirit of fun, respect and cooperation. This is our covenant, an agreement we make between each other and with God!

We will call people by their given names in a gentle, respectful way.

We will respect each other's privacy and belongings.

We will not hurt, ignore or make fun of people for their clothes, the way they speak, the colour of their skin... for who they are or what they think!

We will listen to everyone's ideas and take turns in speaking and playing.

We will not bring electronic games, matches, lighters, expensive jewelry, cell phones, laptops, extra money or toys that look like weapons.

If we have any worries about anything or anybody we will talk to a counsellor, a nurse, or our chaplain.

If we are having trouble getting along with others we may get help from our counsellors, the Director or one of her assistants.

Our love and care for camp and one another extends year-round, even when we return back home. We will keep this in mind especially when communicating via the computer and the World Wide Web, showing the world our very best selves!

We wish you every blessing for a safe journey...we can't wait to see you!



Sun Safety at HCC

At camp we spend lots of time enjoying the outdoors and this means lots of time in the sun! We encourage all campers and staff to be sun safe while at camp and we always keep the UV index and heat in mind when planning our activities. Talk to your camper about being safe in the sun before they come to camp and remember the following:

Sunscreen

- Send your camper with enough sunscreen to last the whole week
- Sunscreen should be SPF 30 or over and be water resistant

Clothing

- Send clothes that can shield the body from the sun such as long pants and t-shirts
- The beach gets lots of sun so consider clothes to wear over bathing suits after swim time

Hats

- Hats should protect the neck, ears, and face from the sun

Sunglasses

- Eyes need to be protected from the sun too, make sure sunglasses offer UVA and UVB protection
- To keep track of sunglasses send them with a case or strap

Waterbottles

- Sun safety includes staying hydrated, send your camper with a reusable waterbottle that can be carried to camp activities
- Cabins have many opportunities throughout the day to drink water and refill waterbottles

