



Dear Families - Welcome to Summer Day Camp 2023 @ Great Moose Adventures!

Please read the information below to learn more about what summer day camp looks like at Great Moose Adventure. Please note, the Covid guidelines listed are from Summer 2022 - and will be updated when the new policies are shared by the Ontario ministry of health and the Ontario Camping Association.

## **1. The Program**

As an outdoor educational camp, we strive to create a camp program that is fun, engaging, safe and provides opportunities for learning and personal growth in mind, body & spirit. We combine traditional camp activities such as hiking, swimming & canoeing, games, crafts, music, drama, sports, archery and camp fires, with inquiry-based, hands-on activities that include building challenges, scientific investigations, problem-solving activities, animal & plant study, team building scenarios, art projects and drama games.

Swimming & Canoeing occur at Kahshe River on the following days:

- Seniors on Mondays & Wednesdays
- Middlers on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Juniors on Fridays

\*Lifejackets are mandatory for all campers - we have some available to use, but feel free to bring your own

## **2. The Space & Groups**

- Camp will be divided into groups that will remain together, with the same teachers throughout the week. Each group has their own designated classroom, washroom and play zone outside, including a personal area for gear
- Groups are based on age, but are flexible pending maturity, parent choice, sibling scenarios and at the Director's discretion: Juniors (4&5), Middlers (6-8), Seniors (9-12) & LITs(12-15)
- As an outdoor education camp, much of our programming will take place outside, however due to bugs, hot temperatures and rainy/stormy weather, indoor programming will occur

## **3. Food**

- Children will bring their own meals from home. No food sharing will be allowed
- We are a nut-free environment, so please pack lunches accordingly
- Water - please bring as much water as possible in clearly marked water bottles. We suggest 2 separate bottles, so that you can keep one in a cooler space until the afternoon (refills are available at camp)
- Boomerang Lunches only - we kindly ask that all campers take home everything that they bring, including garbage
- Access to fridges, microwaves, dishware or cutlery will not be available - please keep this in mind when packing daily lunches
- Camp life is super active, so please provide lots of tasty, good food

## **4. Communication**

- An email will be sent out 1 week prior to camp with all the relevant information that you might need. All other information is found in the Parent Handbook (which is subject to change based on guidelines from the Ontario ministry of health and safety)
- Parents will have an opportunity for a quick chat during the morning drop-off & afternoon pick-up
- If you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting with a Director, please send an email to [directors@greatmooseadventures](mailto:directors@greatmooseadventures) or call us at 705-687-3903 to book a time

## 5. Procedures

Drop-off/Pick-up - [Camp starts at 8:30am and ends at 3:30pm](#)

Parents & Campers will meet a Director or Senior Staff at the beginning and end of day, at the northern entrance to camp near the gear sheds. If you are happy for a quick drop, please follow the roundabout. If you want to walk with your kids, please park by the barn and walk through the grass area to the drop zone. Please don't walk on the driveway, so that cars can come and go.

For parents with younger campers or children who have not been to Great Moose Adventures (or other camps) before, please prepare them for a happy good-bye, as parents are not allowed to accompany the kids to class. We will have staff available to escort the kids to their classrooms, but if you think this is going to be an issue - please consider whether your kids are ready for camp this summer.

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**6. Pandemic Safety Plans & Guidelines (updated July 5, 2022) - Please note this is subject to change, once we receive the updated information, closer to the start of camp. The new guidelines will most likely mirror the current policies being utilized in our public schools.**

GMA's pandemic policies and procedures for summer camps are based on the operational guidance given by the Ontario government and have been created following the advice and guidance of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

Campers, staff, and visitors will no longer be required to wear a mask indoors at camp. Individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask should they wish to, and GMA will continue to provide masks at camp for those who wish to wear them.

Please note that there are some situations where masks must still be worn:

- Asymptomatic individuals who are close contacts of a case or asymptomatic individual in the community, must self-monitor for 10 days following last exposure. During the self-monitoring period, close contacts must wear a well-fitted mask in all public spaces including camp.
- Asymptomatic individuals must also wear a mask for 10 days if they have had exposure to a household member with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result. They may also need to isolate themselves with their household member, pending their age and vaccination status (details for this are in the [screening tool](#)).

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who had symptoms of COVID-19, and have isolated for 5 days, must wear a mask for days 6-10.
- Under current [federal travel requirements](#), upon return from international travel, unvaccinated individuals under the age of 12 may attend camp but must wear a mask at all times when in public spaces (including camp) for 14 days.

If you would like your child to continue wearing a mask when indoors please let us know so that teachers can support this at camp.

Daily self-assessment continues to be an effective way to mitigate against spreading a virus.

Campers and staff should continue to screen for symptoms daily using the [Ontario school and child care screening tool](#) and follow the steps outlined if symptomatic. Confirmation of this screening will not be required at drop off however if your child does have any symptoms, please report this to staff.

Other COVID-19 measures that will change for the Summer Camp 2022, include:

- campers from different groups/cohorts will be able to learn and play together indoors and outdoors (unless a COVID-19 outbreak is declared at camp).
- distancing will no longer be required (unless a COVID-19 outbreak is declared at camp).

## **Covid-19 Outbreak**

### Outbreak Definition

Three or more cases of COVID-19 in campers and/or staff (or other visitors) in the same camp cohort, with an epidemiological link, where at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection in the camp.

### Additional Requirements During an Outbreak

Key additional requirements that must be implemented during a COVID-19 outbreak include:

- Physical distancing between cohorts outdoors as well as indoors
- Different cohorts will not be able to interact indoors unless wearing a mask

- Singing and/or heavy exertion physical activities indoors will be deferred
- Any sensory or food based activities will be canceled
- Confirmed/Probable COVID-19 cases will be kept separate from the regular first aid area where non-COVID cases may be isolating
- Confirmed/Probable COVID-19 cases should not be at the camp for their self-isolation period (5 days) and wear a mask for the following five days if they are at camp
- High-risk contacts of confirmed/probable COVID-19 cases are to self-isolate for same time frame as case unless they meet one of the following criteria:
  - o Previously tested positive for COVID-19 in last 90 days; OR
  - o 18 years of age and older and boosted (3rd dose); OR
  - o <18 years of age and are fully vaccinated.

### **Other Pandemic Procedures and Policies**

Ongoing pandemic procedures and policies fall under the following main categories:

- Hand washing & hygiene
- Enhanced sanitisation & cleaning
- Reporting to Parents

### **Handwashing & Hygiene**

Regular reminders to wash hands and visual checks by teachers will be made to ensure that all children are maintaining good hygiene. Extra time during the day to allow for this and staggered recess times where needed will also be implemented to help with this.

Hand hygiene timing will include:

- upon arrival
- before and after outdoor play & before and after eating

- after using the washroom
- when visibly soiled, and before & after food harvesting
- after coughing/sneezing in hands or using a tissue

### Enhanced Sanitisation & Cleaning

'Keep it Clean' kits will be available in each indoor learning space, which will allow teachers to maintain good hygiene with their campers and sanitize surfaces as they see fit, on top of an enhanced regular whole school cleaning and sanitation schedule which takes place every 4 hours at a minimum.

Every indoor learning space also has an air purification system.

### Reporting to Parents

Parents will be notified if there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in their child's camp group. Parents and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit will also be notified if there is a COVID-19 outbreak as defined above.

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## **7. Sun Care**

Children must wear sunscreen and ball caps throughout the day. Please apply sunscreen at home with your children before camp everyday. We will ask the children to reapply throughout the day. All campers will be encouraged to apply their own sunscreen, so it might be best to look for easy to apply sprays for the body and sticks for the face.

## **8. Tick Checks**

Tick checks will be done upon returning from an outdoor program. If a tick is found embedded in a child, our teachers will safely remove the tick. The tick will be kept on site and can be sent home if needed. We suggest carrying out ticks checks on your child when they get home too.

## 9. Illness at Camp

If a camper falls ill while at camp, they will be placed under the supervision of a staff person and isolated from the rest of their camp group. Caregivers will be contacted to pick up their camper immediately.

## 10. Camper Code of Conduct

- All campers must follow the above described guidelines to the best of their ability, including during indoor classroom time and in regards to other campers personal belongings.
- Self-screening - if any camper is feeling unwell at camp or at home, they must let an adult know asap.
- Campers are expected to adhere to the GMA Rules of Respect - Respect Nature, Staff, Yourself, Other Campers and GMA Property

## 11. Camp Gear - what to bring & what can you buy?

### Clothing, Gear & Equipment

Please follow the list to the best of your abilities. All items will be stored in the campers personal space and can stay at camp for the whole week. Teachers will encourage campers to look after their belongings, hang-up any wet/damp gear and take home dirty or soiled belongings. Please label everything:

- water bottle (2)
- hat
- sunscreen
- bathing suit & towel
- indoor shoes - flip flops are ok
- shoes with closed toes
- rain jacket & pants
- long sleeved t-shirt & pants
- extra shorts, socks and t-shirt
- extra underwear
- sweater/hoody
- plastic bag for wet clothes

Here is a list of items that you do not need: cell phones, cameras, video games, junk food or candy, new or good clothing  
Here is a list of optional items: books, magazines, notebooks and a small stash of personal toys for your own space

Camp Gear for Sale - available in the Registration Tent. Please talk to a Director or your Teacher:

- Ball Caps = \$25
- T-Shirts = \$25
- Water Bottles = \$15
- Sunglasses = \$10

Payments are available through Cash or E-transfer ([directors@greatmooseadventures.com](mailto:directors@greatmooseadventures.com))

## **12. Payments & Cancellations**

- \$325 per full week or \$260 for the short week (Session 5, Aug 1-4)
- No refunds for cancellation after June 1st
- Before May 1st, full refunds will be issued, minus an administration fee of \$75
- Between May 2 - May 31, 75% refund will be issued, minus an administration fee of \$75
- Changes/deferments to registration will only accepted before June 1
- No deferments to other programs or to future dates, beyond the specific program time frame (summer 2023)
- Administration fee is applied per person, per week

### Payment Options

- Interac email transfers to [directors@greatmooseadventures.com](mailto:directors@greatmooseadventures.com)
- Credit Card with a 2.9% administration fee
- Send a cheque to 'Great Moose Adventures Inc' (1368 Housey's Rapids Road, Gravenhurst, P1P 1R3)

If you have any questions about the information provided in the handbook please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to a wonderful summer ahead.