



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

Please read the information below to learn more about what summer day camp at Great Moose Adventures looks like.

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) & LIT (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
- 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 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.

6. Illness at Camp & Outbreak Guidelines

GMA's outbreak 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. 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.

If a camper demonstrates an illness at camp, we will isolate the individual, and contact the families for pick up as soon as possible.

Handwashing & Hygiene

Regular reminders to wash hands and visual checks by teachers will be made to ensure that all children are maintaining good hygiene.

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.

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. If you do not want your child to wear sunscreen, please let us know

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. Camper Code of Conduct

- All campers must follow the above described guidelines to the best of their ability
- 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

10. 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 (lightweight and light colour for bug protection)
- 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 pencils / crayons

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

- Ball Caps = \$30
- T-Shirts = \$30
- Sunglasses = \$15

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

11. Payments & Cancellations

- \$325 per full week or \$260 for the short week (Session 6, Aug 8-11)
- 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 (2023)
- Administration fee is applied per person, per week

Payment Options

- Interac email transfers to directors@greatmooseadventures.com
- Credit Card with a 2.9% administration fee - [click here](#)
- 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.