Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Camp Ozanam - Acceptance of Application for 2012

If your child/children has/have been accepted to attend Camp Ozanam please read the following information carefully:

Very Important Information:

Children Requiring Special Accommodations:

We cannot accommodate children with severe medical conditions including acute asthma, difficult behavioural issues or severe allergies including allergies to peanuts, peanut products and bee stings. The Society reserves the right to determine whether a child's condition or concern is something with which the camp is able to manage. Accordingly, and in the best interests of your child, do not withhold important medical information.

<u>Health Record - Green Card and General Health Information:</u>

Please bring this card with you to the bus, or directly to the camp on departure day. Please read and complete both sides of the card. If your child is bringing medicine to camp, please ensure that the medication is labeled with your child's name and that the dosage is clearly indicated on the label. Medicine <u>brought by the child</u> will only be dispensed according to the specific directions on the label.

Over the counter medications including, but not limited to Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl or allergy medications containing antihistamines or cold preparations containing decongestants may be provided to a camper by the Fist Aid Attendant in instances where the camper develops a heavy cold, fever, headache or an allergic reaction. If you do not wish you child to receive any camp issued medicines, please note this on the child's Health Record.

Behaviour:

Campers are to follow the same type of guidelines regarding acceptable language and behaviour as expected at school. Campers who constantly use foul language, intimidate, threaten, damage property or compromise the enjoyment of others will most definitely jeopardize their return to Camp Ozanam, and may even be sent home during the session. Bullying is unacceptable behaviour. Every effort will be made to address any reported incidents of bullying and campers will be encouraged to keep staff informed of incidents as they arise.

Following legislation, campers are not permitted to smoke at Camp Ozanam. Cigarettes and lighters will be confiscated and parents/quardians will be notified.

No Visitors, Calls or Cell Phones on Site:

Please be advised that we have a strict policy of no visitors or personal phone calls to campers. Emergency calls will be accepted by the Camp Director, the phone number is 289-894-0132. If your child is having undo difficulty adjusting to camp, we will contact you to discuss the situation. Visitors will not be permitted on the camp grounds as it can be disruptive to the program and upsetting to the children. In addition, many children are under protective custody. If you have concerns about your child, please call the Camp Director.

Campers are not permitted the use of cell phones while at camp. If your child arrives at camp with a cell phone, it will be held in safe keeping by the Camp Director. Campers who use cell phones while at camp may jeopardize their stay.

Getting to and from Camp Ozanam:

Please note:

All families will be contacted one week before their session to confirm attendance.

Please indicate at that time if you require a Toronto or Barrie pick-up or if you are driving your child to camp directly.

<u>Toronto Area Campers traveling by bus</u> – don't forget your health record – the green card! Campers traveling to Camp Ozanam from the Toronto area by bus are picked up and dropped off at **Our Lady of Assumption Church**, 2565 Bathurst Street (Bathurst and Eglinton)

Registration Time - 2:15 pm - over 130 children register, please allow time

**Departure Time - 3:00 pm Return Time - 10:00 am

**At the time of departure, you must register the name of the person who will be picking your child up at the end of the session

No parking in lot at back of Church Please use the parking lot at the side of the church

Traveling by Public Transit to Our Lady of Assumption:

Take the Bloor Subway to Bathurst Street Take any #7 Bathurst bus north to Roselawn (1 stop past Eglinton). Walk north 1 block.

<u>Barrie Area Campers traveling by bus</u> - don't forget your health record - the green card! Campers traveling to Camp Ozanam from the Barrie area by bus are picked up and dropped off at **St. John Vianney Church**, 13 Baldwin Lane (Essa Rd and Innisfil St.)

**Departure Time - 3:00 pm - please arrive at 2:30 pm to register. Return Time - 10:00 am **At the time of departure, you must register the name of the person who will be picking your child up at the end of the session Parking - back lot only please!

<u>Campers arriving by private car</u> - don't forget your health record - the green card! Arrival - Please arrive at Camp Ozanam between 3:30pm and no later then 4:00 pm Leaving - Please pick up your child by 9:00 am You will be met in the main parking lot, immediately off of Kennedy Road.

Directions:

Camp Ozanam operates from the Scouts Canada Woodland Trails site on Kennedy Road just south of Aurora Sideroad. Take Highway 404 to Aurora Sideroad. Go east about 5 minutes to Kennedy Road, then go south for about two minutes to Woodland Trails - look to the east.

Session	Day & Date 2012
1	Thursday August 2 – Wednesday August 8
2	Thursday August 9 – Wednesday August 15
3	Thursday August 16 – Wednesday August 22
4	Thursday August 23 – Wednesday August 29

Camper Information:

Photography and Public Relations:

From time to time, photographs of the children participating in camp activities may be taken. In addition, photographs and names of campers attending Camp Ozanam may be featured in the Toronto Star or other publications promoting camps. Unless you specifically notify the camp in writing, special permission will not be sought for the use of your child's photo or name in relation to activities associated with Camp Ozanam.

Head Lice:

Regrettably, head lice are a common occurrence at most camps including Camp Ozanam. Despite your and our best efforts to eliminate it, it may still appear. We check campers on their first day and do our best to stay on top of this issue. However, your child should be checked for lice upon their return and treated accordingly. Camp Ozanam does not send children home during session if it is discovered they have head lice; we will do our best to contain it. Camp Ozanam will not be held responsible for the contracting or spread of head lice - this is a problem that reaches far beyond the camp!

Shower/Clean Up Facilities:

Campers have limited access to "public pool" type showers <u>once</u> or <u>twice</u> during their stay. In addition, campers have unlimited access to hand washing sinks for general clean-up and they swim in a treated pool at least once per day. Remember this is a camp - campers will get dirty, and so will their clothes - its part of the experience!

What to bring and what not to bring:

It really does help to have your child's name in their belongings - we do our best to help the campers keep track of their belongings, this job is made easier with names! Please send your child with bedding.

Packing check list:

Swimming suit(s)	Towels	Washcloth and soap	Hat and sunscreen
T - shirts	Long sleeved shirts	Shorts	Pants
Jacket	Rain jacket	Pajamas	Underwear
Socks	Shoes	Toiletry Case	Toothbrush & paste
Pillow and case	Sleeping bag or sheets	Medicine - labeled	

No valuables, cell phones, knives or money. Do not send expensive clothing - it's a camp!

The mosquitoes are particularly hungry this year - don't forget your bug spray!

If your child leaves something behind it will be kept at the Society's Head Office for a maximum of 10 days. If you find something in your child's bag upon his return, that is not his, please consider returning it to the Society, it may be another child's prized possession.

Facilities:

Camp Ozanam is located at a Scouts Canada Woodland Trails site in Stouffville, Ontario. Depending on the child's age, campers sleep in either cabins with bunk beds or in sleeping platform tents. Washrooms are located in some cabins as well as throughout the camp site. We also have a dining hall, kitchen, craft cabin, art room, an outdoor chapel on site, archery, high ropes course and a swimming pool.

A day at Camp Ozanam - Daily Schedule

The following outlines the basic daily schedule that the campers follow. The counsellors and program staff strive to make each day a little different and a unique experience for your child taking into account the wide variety of backgrounds, skills and interests that each child has.

8:00 am	Wake up
8:30 am	Cabin Clean up
9:30 am	Flagpole, O Canada, Morning Prayer and Announcement
	Breakfast
10:00 - 11:45	Two Activity Periods
11:45-12:45	Campers Choice
1:00	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Rest Period Activities
2:30 - 5:45	Third Activity
3:30 -5:45	Campers Choice
6:00	Supper
6:30 - 7:15	Free Time - camper choice of supervised activities
7:30 - 9:30	Flagpole
	Evening Activity
9:45	Bedtime – quiet activities

Campers attend Mass during the session.

<u>Daytime activities</u> include a selection of the following (dependent on the weather and camper interest): mountain biking, high ropes course, arts and crafts, woodworking, archery, hockey, cooperative games, field sports, swimming, and specialized programming.

<u>Night Activities</u> include camp productions by campers and staff, camp wide games, campfires, scavenger hunts, closing ceremonies.

Senior campers participate in after hours campfires, sports activities, star gazing and flashlight tag.

<u>Meals</u>: We serve three home cooked meals a day including lasagna, spaghetti, chicken, ham, salads, soups, macaroni and cheese, grilled cheese, sloppy joes, french toast and pancakes.

"Planned freedom is one of the great things about camp. There are those times at camp without structure, between activities, when kids just have to invent what they will do. The key is to get kids into the natural world, to give them some understanding of what this is like. I can hardly think of an aspect of my life that wasn't positively affected by my camp experience."

Michael Eisner, Former CEO, The Walt Disney Co. Source: Kids Camps