



SUMMER IS FINALLY HERE!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMPS CANADA 2010 CONFIRMATION GUIDE
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Dear Parents, Guardians, Campers and Uncle Pete,

The summer of 2010 is upon us. It will arrive quickly! It's hard to imagine getting any hotter than it already is, but I love it. The purpose of this package is to get you ready for another amazing summer of Youth Leadership Camps Canada. First, I want to thank you for investing in your child (or yourself, for some of our older campers who contribute to their fees). YLCC is an amazing place to learn and grow as an individual and help set you up for success throughout life!

If you are returning to YLCC for another summer, welcome back! You will once again experience some of your favourite camp traditions (who will win the paddle this summer???) and get to be part of some of the NEW ones! If you are new to the YLCC family, you are in for what could be the best summer of your life and great way to spend your summer for a long time to come!

This information guide aims to answer all of your questions and clear up any pre-camp confusion. YLCC and all of our staff are committed to the success and empowerment of our campers. As parents, you can help increase the impact that our program will have by attending the graduation ceremony and luncheon on the final day of each session. In fact, I wish I could make it mandatory for you to be part of the magic. You will appreciate what we do much more if you can actually experience part of your child's journey. If you should have any questions about this component of our program, please do not hesitate to contact us. We ask that families attending the graduation RSVP by email (erin@ylcc.com). It is also imperative that you show up EARLY, please don't be late.

At YLCC we aim to provide our campers and their parents with the best customer service and camper experience possible. If you have more questions after you have read over this booklet, please feel free to contact Trish, our Camp Director, or our Assistant Director Erin Grittani (705) 326-2433 (trish@ylcc.com or erin@ylcc.com respectively). Please take a few minutes to carefully read over the entire information booklet including all of the frequently asked questions to be best informed about your camper's stay here at YLCC. We believe that the best parents ask the most questions!

We are committed to working with each and every camper who walks through our camp gates to better prepare them for the world ahead of them. Welcome again to our 18th summer and what we believe is not just a summer camp but an opportunity for our campers to become their best selves!

In Leadership,

Stu Saunders

Executive Camp Director and Founder

P.S. I can't wait to personally meet you at your camper's graduation!!!

2010 RESIDENTIAL SESSION DATES

7-Day Programs:

- Session 1: July 4 - July 10
- Session 2: July 11 - July 17
- Session 3: July 18 - July 24
- Session 4: July 25 - July 31
- Session 5: August 1 - August 7
- Session 6: August 8 - August 14
- Session 7: August 15 - August 21
- Session 8: August 22- August 28

14-Day Programs:

- Session A: July 4 - July 17
- Session B: July 18 -July 31
- Session C: August 1 - August 14
- Session D: August 15 - August 28

28 Day CIT Programs:

- Session E: July 4 –July 31
- Session F: August 1 - August 28

Arrival

Registration on Sunday is from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Please do not arrive earlier.**

Departure

Parent Ceremony /Camper Graduation: Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parent and Camper Luncheon served at 12:00 (please RSVP erin@ylcc.com)

Pick-up Opens Saturday at 12:00

Pick-up Closes Saturday at 1:30

We ask that families arrive no earlier than 10:00am for the graduation as campers are still involved in morning program.

****THERE ARE NO STAYOVERS TO BRIDGE PROGRAMS BETWEEN July 31st and AUGUST 1st.**

Campers Arriving By Plane

We prefer to pick up campers from the airport on Sundays. If possible, please try to have your flight arrive between 9:00 am and 12:00pm. Please contact Erin at our office to arrange details. Once you have confirmed your flights, please forward your child's flight details to our office as soon as they are readily available so we can arrange pick up schedules and shuttles.

Authorization for Travel with Friends: Written authorization is required from parents who are arranging travel for their camper with another family.

VOYAGEURS DAY CAMP

Day Camp operates Monday–Friday 8:30am-5:30pm

Session V: June 28 – July 2

Session V1: July 5 – July 9

Session V2: July 12 – July 16

Session V3: July 19 – July 23

Session V4: July 26 – July 30

Session V5: August 2 – August 6

Session V6: August 9 – August 13

Session V7: August 16 – August 20

Session V8: August 23 – August 27

SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

Many of the things in this package are intended for residential campers. Our Day Camp will be sending home a newsletter on the first day of your child's session. This newsletter will highlight the week's events and give you any special information that you might require regarding theme days or special events (eg. community garden day, tie-dyeing, cookouts, Thursday night optional sleepover, etc). Parents may need to pack a little extra for these days, but we will be sure to give plenty of notice.

Day campers are expected to bring a packed NUT-FREE lunch with extra snacks and juice boxes and a refillable water bottle to keep them well-energized for their busy days!

We ask that you send a change of clothes and rain gear on the first day to be kept at camp throughout their session. Day campers will also need sun hats, and sunscreen, swim gear, closed toed shoes, and insect repellent.

LIFEJACKETS- ALL DAY CAMPERS WILL NEED A LIFEJACKET EVERYDAY! If they do not have their own, we have lifejackets available to rent for the duration of their session. There is a \$15 rental fee and our Assistant Director must be notified of the need for a rental prior to their session as small sizes are limited.

IMPORTANT: WE DO NOT OFFER EXTENDED HOURS

Day Campers must be picked up and dropped off on time. There is no supervision available prior to the 8:30am drop off time. In addition, pick ups that are more than 15 minutes late will be fined. If for whatever reason, you need to drop off your day camper late or pick them up early, please make arrangements prior to with our office. This way, we can make sure that your camper can easily meet up with their group in the event of a late drop off and that they are ready for you in the event of an early pick up.

What to Pack for Camp

Mandatory

Open Mind
Enthusiasm

Bedding

Sleeping Bag
Pillow
Extra Blanket (fleece recommended)
Stuffed Animal (optional)

Clothing

Adequate supply of undergarments
Socks (extra, in case of wet weather)
Shorts
Pants
T-shirts
Long Sleeved T-shirts
Polar Fleece Sweater
Sweatshirts or Hoodies
One Semi-Formal Outfit for Closing Banquet
Jacket
Hats (1 for rain, 1 for sun)
Raingear
Pyjamas
Running Shoes (All shoes must have closed heel for adventure activities)
Sandals (with a back strap, no flip flops please)
2 Bathing Suits (be sure to pack bathing suits that you can be active in)
Sandals for Shower

Optional Gear

Paddle
Musical Instrument
Fishing Rod

Important Gear

Toiletries, Toothbrush, Toothpaste
Shampoo
Insect Repellent, After-Bite
Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
Water Bottle (a must have) *Available at camp store
Towels (1 beach, 1 shower)
Flashlight, Extra Batteries
Letter writing kit with self addressed stamped envelopes to send home (and maybe to Grandma & Grandpa too?), pen or pencil, paper, extra envelopes and stamps.
Camera & Film
Sunglasses
Book to read (COMICS ok) for RESTHOUR
One plain white T-Shirt for Tie-Dyeing (new or old)
LIFEJACKET (very important)
Money for the Tuck Shop/Camp Store
Medication (clearly labeled in a zip lock bag with any specific information included plus any dailies in a weekly organizer please.)
This is to be handed in at registration.

LABEL YOUR CAMPER'S BELONGINGS

Be sure to label all of your camper's items. We recommend Mabel's Labels (www.mabel.ca). YLCC does not assume responsibility for loss or damage to campers' personal items.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE ARE A **NUT FREE CAMP**. WE DO NOT ALLOW ENTRY OF ANY OUTSIDE FOODS OR CANDY. OUR KITCHEN AND TUCK SHOP WILL MAKE SURE THAT CAMPERS HAVE ALL THE FOOD AND SNACKS THEY NEED. ANY FOOD ITEMS SENT WITH CAMPERS WILL BE GIVEN TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK. CHEWING GUM IS ALSO STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

Dear Parent / Guardian

re. Changing Nut Free Status at YLCC.

At YLCC, we are proud to have operated as a “Nut-Free” facility for 14 years - without an allergic incident of any sort. The “Nut – Free” designation means that our tuck shop and food service operations do not sell or use finished products or ingredients that contained nuts (whole or part), nut extracts or products that included a “may contain” warning on its ingredient label. Additionally, we do not allow products that contain nuts to be brought on-site by our guests.

Increasingly, however, many of the manufacturers and purveyors of our finished products and raw ingredients are choosing to label their products as *possibly* containing: nuts, seeds, tropical seed/oils, peanuts, tree-nuts, etc. Their concern is due to the possible exposure of their product to nuts - both from within their own production facility as well as in the packaging, packing, handling, transportation, warehousing, delivery and storage of their product.

Currently we are finding it very difficult to source items from our suppliers which are *guaranteed to not contain nuts*. Accordingly, we are no longer content to refer to ourselves as a “Nut – Free” Facility. We still wish to provide the same high-quality, balanced menu items to which our campers and clients are accustomed and, for the time being, we must continue to use the same ingredient items with which we have been previously satisfied with. These items will continue to *not* include nuts (whole or in part) or nut extracts or oils as an ingredient, but now may be packaged with a “may contain nuts or nut oils” label. We intend to source new products that present the minimal possible risk to those with nut allergies until such a time that we can once again guarantee that all products and ingredients used in our food service operations can be deemed “Nut – Free”.

If your child does have a serious nut allergy, please be informed of the above changes to our “Nut – Free” status and proceed accordingly. Also, please be aware that the greatest occurrence of this precautionary labeling is in the baking and dessert industries. If you feel that your child may be at risk, but still wish him or her to attend YLCC, we strongly suggest that you include sealed, nut-free desserts with your camper for every night of his or her stay with us. We apologize for any inconvenience these changes present to you and only wish to express our desire to maintain open communication with our clients for the best interest and safety of our campers.

In Leadership,

Camp Director,
Trish Thachuk

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can my camper stay over between sessions?

A: Stayovers are available on the following dates: July 10-11, July 17-18, August 14-15 and finally August 21-22. These stayovers are designed for our 7-day session campers to bridge sessions without going back home in between. The cost is **\$100.00**. The weekends occurring on the 14-day sessions are included and there are no additional fees for this. **Please note: we will not be offering any stayovers from July 31st to August 1st**. Camp will be closed at this time to allow staff a day off.

Q: How will my camper receive medical care at camp?

A: Upon arrival, all medications (including Tylenol, allergy medication etc) are collected from campers, with the exception of puffers and epi-pens. Medications should be organized in a weekly organizer with your camper's name and schedule outlined. Any as-needed medications should be in a separate clearly labeled zip lock bag. Please include original prescription bottles with all medications so that, in the event of an emergency, we can present this to the hospital. All medications are documented, logged, and distributed as needed by our Wellness Supervisor. Family consultations with our Wellness Supervisor are encouraged and welcomed! Please call and speak with our Assistant Director prior to camp to inform us of all medication needs. Our entire staff is First-Aid and CPR certified. If your camper should need further medical attention, YLCC is only minutes away from Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia. We also have a nurse that works closely with us and is available for an in-camp clinic Monday-Friday should the need arise.

Q: Can my camper sleep in a cabin with his/her friends?

A: YLCC will happily accept cabin-mate requests as indicated on our registration form. We will try to honour mutual requests for campers of the same age whenever possible.

Q: What is the food like at camp?

A: All meals are prepared by our Food Service Director and Head Chef. YLCC is able to accommodate most dietary concerns. Please be sure to submit such requests to our office in advance so we can best serve your camper's needs. We serve a variety of nutritious family style meals. YLCC is also a strictly nut-free facility. The food at YLCC is exceptional; all of our guests rave about our Muskoka style menu!

Q: How many campers are at one session?

A: We are a family-run, private summer camp. We believe that smaller groups result in a more personalized and family-like environment. This atmosphere allows us to maximize each program's impact. We average between 100-125 campers per session. Our staff to camper ratio is 1:4.

Q: Why should I choose your leadership camp?

A: Sending your camper to YLCC gives them a tangible, measurable advantage. When your camper applies what they learnt at YLCC, they will do better in school, socially and academically. Our campers graduate from each program with confidence and an enthusiasm to lead and learn more.

YLCC RULES & UNDERSTANDINGS

We believe that every camper will have a fantastic time at YLCC. However, there are a few rules and understandings that are vital to the success of our programs. Kindly review the following with your camper before camp begins to ensure a safe and happy stay at YLCC. If any rule is broken, or the camp Director deems the actions of the camper to be inappropriate, the camper will be sent home at their expense without refund.

No Smoking: We believe that since, we are in the great Canadian outdoors, it is too dangerous to allow smoking. It is neither healthy to you nor to the environment.

No Drugs, Alcohol, or Weapons: These simply have no place at camp. If you bring an illegal substance, alcohol, or weapons of any kind onto camp property, you will be sent home immediately at your own expense. There will be absolutely no refunds.

Cell Phones: Although we understand that cellular phones are a part of your everyday life at home, they are not permitted at YLCC. Not only are these items easily lost or misplaced at camp, but your schedule here at YLCC will leave no time for cell phones (not to mention the frustration level of having low to no signal here at camp) We will ask you to hand in your phone to our camp office to be safely stored until the end of your session. Campers found with cell phones may risk being sent home at their own expense. This is to ensure the safety and privacy of all campers and staff while at YLCC. Communication with parents and friends can be arranged using our bunk mail service. **Any outgoing calls made are done under the supervision of our Camp Director or Assistant Director.**

Electronic Items: Each day, YLCC campers participate in a wide range of outdoor and interactive activities. iPods, personal entertainment units, and hand held games are not encouraged at camp as they are unnecessary. However, YLCC does allow iPods and MP3 players to be used during personal free time and at bedtime ONLY. All music must be appropriate for all campers, bearing in mind campers aged 5-18 attend camp simultaneously. Cameras are permitted at camp but it is strictly forbidden to take photos in change rooms as well as inside cabins. Furthermore YLCC assumes NO responsibility for lost, damaged or misplaced items. **Our senior staff reserves the right to remove electronic items, if being used outside of scheduled times or inappropriately.**

Theft: We have a zero tolerance policy for theft. If any camper is caught stealing any item from camp or a fellow camper, they will be sent home at their own expense. We reserve the right to search any camper's bag with their permission. If a camper or staff is suspected of theft, they will be sent home. **There will be absolutely no refunds.**

Valuables: If necessary, we can secure your valuables in the camp office. However, we recommend that you keep them safely at home. You are encouraged to bring cash, debit, credit cards and Canadian Tire money for use at our camp store. Please be advised that all cash will be collected and put into a tab account for your camper. All money not spent will be returned to the camper on the last day.

Respect: At Youth Leadership Camps Canada, we try and teach each camper valuable skills. One of them is respect: respect for the camp, nature, yourself, and others. Please come to camp with an open mind and a willingness to learn. It will truly increase your overall camp experience. Each camper must have a desire to be at YLCC.

Visitors: Due to safety concerns, YLCC allows no visitors unless approved in advance by our Directors. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend our graduation ceremony at the close of their camper's session.

Additional Information

Tax Receipt: Our office will mail out a copy of your receipt to you. Upon request, receipts can also be emailed. Our programs do qualify for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit. Please go to <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whtsnw/fitness-eng.html> for more information.

Mail: Campers appreciate mail! You are welcome to leave mail with us for distribution throughout the camp session. If you are sending a parcel, please try and keep it small and do not send any food items — we suggest comic books, stickers, fun socks and trinkets instead! Campers will be writing letters home. We ask that you please send them with a letter-writing kit containing self addressed stamped envelopes, paper, pens or pencils and extra envelopes and postage (along with any needed addresses).

Medication: Please ensure that all medication is given to the camp Wellness Supervisor upon arrival. To ensure a speedy registration process, please notify our office regarding any medical needs and allergy details about your camper in advance. All medication must be clearly labeled and in a sandwich bag. Please be sure to separate your camper's medication into a weekly organizer. This is **very** helpful. Please include original bottles and a copy of the prescription or packaging so our staff will know the specifics about each medication in the event of an emergency. All medication must be handed into the camp office. Epi-pens and puffers are the exception to this rule.

Head Lice: The Ontario Camps Association (OCA) requires that residential camps check for lice. YLCC has a nit-free policy. If your camper has head lice upon arrival to their camp session, they will need to return home and choose to come back when they are nit-free. We ask parents to please check your camper personally or have them visit their family doctor prior to arrival as to ensure this will not be the case! If a camper is sent home, a credit for a session of equal value can be issued either for later in the camp season or for the summer of 2011.

Calling Home: Because it is necessary to keep our phone lines clear for emergency and office use, campers are discouraged from calling home. However, if our staff feels it is in the best interest of a camper, a call can be arranged.

Refunds/Cancellation Policy: Our cancellation policy is available to anyone by contacting our office or visiting the download section of our website.

Lif jackets: At YLCC, it is mandatory that all campers and staff wear a lifejacket during all watercraft activities. Please send your camper with a government-approved PFD that fits properly. Please label the lifejackets clearly. If you are unable to provide a lifejacket for your camper we offer a rental service for \$15.00 per session. However it is highly recommended that you bring your own as there are a limited number of rentals.

Accommodations: All campers will sleep in large wooden cabin accommodations with 8-12 other campers and a YLCC staff member. All campers sleep on a bunk with a mattress. Navigators will sleep in teepees on mattresses and Outtrippers will sleep in cabins while at camp and tents while on trip. Our bathroom complex is in close proximity to all cabins. YLCC is OCA accredited and our facilities exceed all standards.

Laundry: Laundry service is available once a week. The cost is \$15.00+HST per camper. This is for one load (mixed white and darks) which will be washed, dried, folded and delivered back to your camper. If you would like your camper to come home with all their camp items already washed and folded, you too can take advantage of the service. Laundry is picked up Friday night and brought back Saturday morning.

Birthdays: If your camper is celebrating a birthday at YLCC, please contact the camp office and we will ensure that special YLCC birthday arrangements are made! Birthday presents for your camper can be left with us to make the day extra special!

Arrival: Registration will begin at 2:00pm and close at 4:00pm on Sundays. We ask that all campers eat lunch prior to arrival. If your camper is taking the camp bus, please pack a lunch or send money to buy lunch as we will be stopping along the way. All campers are to be registered by 4:00 as camp begins promptly after registration.

Departure: Parent Ceremony and Camper Graduation starts at 10:30 and ends at 12:00. YLCC strongly encourages family to attend. Pick up opens at 12:00pm and closes at 1:00pm Saturday. Please try to be prompt, and be sure to notify us if you will be late. We also ask that families arrive no earlier than 10:00am to attend the graduation. We will need to know in advance if your family is planning to stay for the Luncheon. Thank you for sending your camper to YLCC, we look forward to sharing the joy of YLCC with you and your family.

Post-Camp Excitement: When your camper arrives home from YLCC, they will be excited! They will want to share all of

their memories with you. You will no doubt hear all about the times shared at the lake, at crafts and in the bunk. Plus you can also anticipate enthusiastic tales of house competitions and new friendships made. We also ask that you take the time to ask about the important leadership lessons your campers has participated in and grown from. Many families will take our leadership models and apply them to school and home.

Life after Camp: YLCC is not just a summer experience; stay connected by visiting www.ylcc.com, read our Camp Director's blog at www.stu-pendous.blog.com and watch for reunions and our YLCC newsletter! If you are interested in another 2010 session please call the office and we will do our best to accommodate your camper, availability dependent.

Sharma Leadership International: YLCC is proud to be associated with Sharma Leadership International (SLI) are excited to take your campers to a new level of leadership excellence. YLCC is one of the most thorough and progressive summer leadership programs in Canada that will give your camper the tools they need to take them to greatness. For more information about SLI please visit www.robinsharm.com.

Contact Us: Our Assistant Director Erin Grittani is happy to answer any questions you might have regarding YLCC 2010. Please feel free to contact Erin at her desk 705 326 2433 or via email erin@ylcc.com. If you should need to speak with either of the Camp Directors please call or email trish@ylcc.com or stu@ylcc.com. If possible, please call during regular business hours. If you reach our answering machine, please leave a detailed message. We may be in program at our Outdoor Centre, but we check the machine frequently and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

In case of an emergency ONLY, call our Camp Director's Cell Phone (705) 345-3605

The Falcon's Nest

One of the traditions of summer camp is visiting the camp store, (The Falcon's Nest) more affectionately known as the Tuck Shop. Our Tuck Shop is a place where campers can visit to purchase souvenirs and extra items. The Falcon's Nest will open daily after meals. Campers typically bring around \$4.00 per day for treats and cold drinks plus money for YLCC merchandise.

Planning to buy a sweater? You can check out sizes on registration day. We will have a table set up displaying everything that our tuck shop has available. All campers will have a tab set up for them upon arrival, all cash is collected on registration day and returned on the last day if not used. This helps to ensure that tuck funds are not misplaced. We also accept debit or credit card at the Tuck Shop.

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY IS ACCEPTED AT PAR- HONEST!!!!
Start saving today!

YLCC OPEN HOUSE 2010

YLCC would like to invite you and your family to our annual OPEN HOUSE. Plan to spend an hour or the afternoon at camp. It's a great way to test the bunk beds, meet and greet our amazing staff and take some time to enjoy some traditional camp activities! The OPEN HOUSE is a wonderful stepping stone for campers to test the waters of a new experience. Please RSVP info@ylcc.com if interested. We hope to see you there!!!

COME FOR THE AFTERNOON
STAY FOR THE SUMMER!

Sunday, June 20, 2010.
2:00pm-6:00pm

We also have some availability left for our
FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP! June 18-20th.

(Who ever said summer camp was just for kids?!)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Private cabins for each family and a personal fire pit for your marshmallows!
Full access to our sandy beach and many water sports
Gourmet meals prepared for you by our chef including our child friendly menu
A freestyle schedule including events such as rock climbing, high ropes, archery, kayaking ,family crafts, kids corner, family sandcastle competition, family bingo, sing along camp fire all hosted by our training centre staff and counselors!
Adult evening activities available .

Please contact our Assistant Director Erin at erin@ylcc.com for more information and registration details!

Driving Directions to YLCC

From Toronto

Take Hwy 400N to Hwy 11N
Take Exit 129 Memorial Ave (Simcoe Road #49) to Orillia
Travel 1 km to Woodland Drive, turn right
Follow Local Directions

From North of Orillia via HWY 69S and 400S

Travel south on Hwy 400, exit Hwy 12 East
Follow Hwy 12 East into Orillia (Watch for Home Depot and Wal-Mart on your left)
Get onto Hwy 11S, travel south on Hwy 11, exit Old Barrie Road
Turn right at Memorial Ave (Comfort Inn will be on your right hand side)
Travel past the Wendy's and OPP Headquarters on right hand side
Take first left, Woodland Drive
Follow Local directions

From North of Orillia via Highway 11

Travel south on Hwy 11, exit Hwy 12 (Old Barrie Road)
Turn right at Memorial Ave (Comfort Inn will be on your right hand side)
Travel past the Wendy's OPP headquarters on right hand side
Take first left, Woodland Drive
Follow Local Directions

From Whitby, Oshawa/Pickering

Travel north on Hwy 48 to Hwy 12N
Turn left at Memorial Ave
Continue past OPP Headquarters on right hand side
Take first left, Woodland Drive
Follow Local Directions

Local Directions

YOU DID IT!!!!

Your so close you can probably hear the crackle of the campfire!

Just follow Woodland, for 2km.

You'll pass over two small bridges and then start up a rise.

Turn left onto Moon Point Drive. Look for the YLCC sign on the tree!

Travel 0.7km. Turn left at the big sign for Youth Leadership Camps Canada.

We can not wait to meet you!

IF ALL ELSE FAILS...

Call our office 705-326-2433

LAST RESORT...

Call Trish! 705-345-3605



NOTES: