

# CAMPER GUIDE

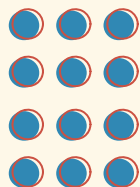
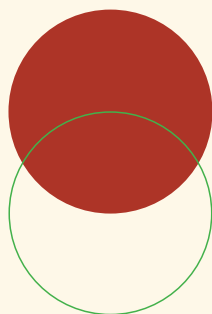
# YLCC



## DAY CAMP 2022

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
CAMPS CANADA**

498 Moon Point Drive  
Oro Medonte



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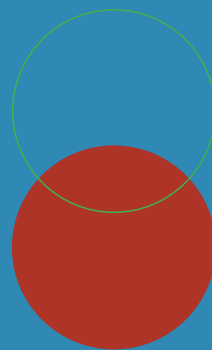
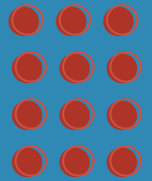
Good Day!

Thank you for registering your campers with us for the summer of 2022.

We are so excited to be gearing up again for another great summer of YLCC Voyageur's Day Camp. Many people don't know this, but I got my start in camping as a Day Camp Counsellor for a local summer camp in London, Ontario. I went on to win Counsellor of the Week a few times and finally became the Director when I was 22. I have a special place in my heart for the magic of introducing our youngest campers to a truly authentic summer camp program.

YLCC is an award-winning summer leadership development program. The longer your children stay with our program the better the foundation they will build. I look forward to meeting all of you on graduation days and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me directly. YLCC is celebrating its 30th summer this year! We are excited to welcome you to the family or welcome you back again.

In leadership and gratitude,  
Stu Saunders  
(He/Him/His)  
Founder YLCC Inc.



# OUR STAFF

## Stuart Saunders



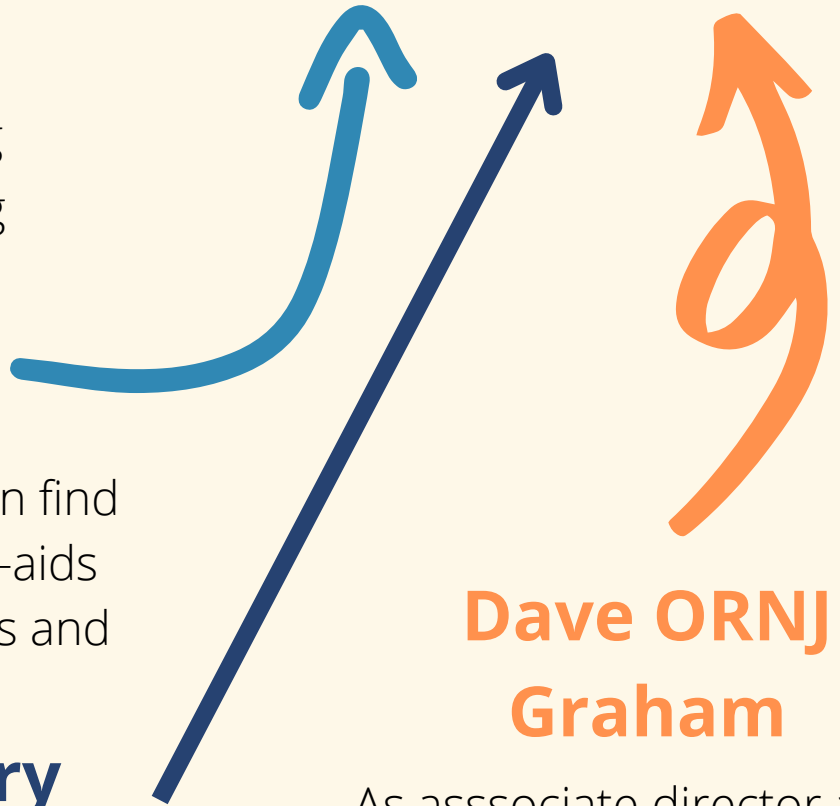
As the founder and camp director, you can find Stu mowing the lawn and washing dishes, when he is not reading amazing story books to campers.

## Kameron Kirbyson

As day camp director, you can find Kameron handing out band-aids and stickers to both campers and staff.

## Christine Fry

As the director of all things office and registration, you can find CFry in the office or running around camp with her three pugs.



## Dave ORNJ Graham

As associate director and camp mascot, you can find ORNJ spreading joy through magic and wishes all around camp.

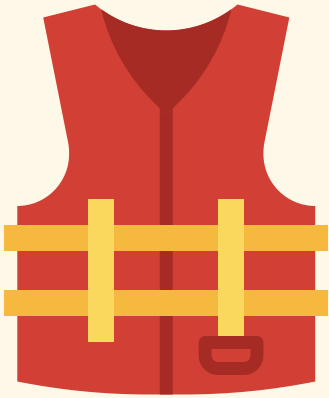
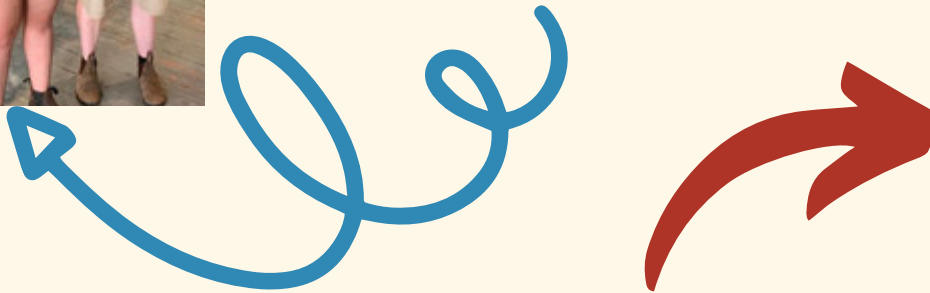
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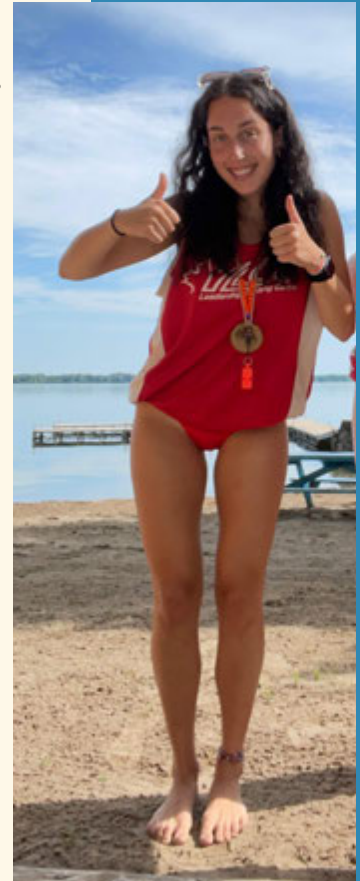
## Natasha Dias

As the assistant day camp director, you can find Natasha swimming at the beach with our day campers and correcting Kameron's Spelling.



## Emma Griffin

As the Waterfront director, you can find Emma giving sand castle lessons and running swim tests.



The pride of YLCC is our excellent staff. Traditionally we hire our staff from within our programs; they know our philosophy best and can pass it on to our campers. YLCC is very careful about screening all employees.

The majority of our staff are post-secondary students and grads; many of whom have backgrounds based in outdoor recreation and education and are leaders in their own schools and communities. All staff are certified in SFA (Standard First Aid) and CPR, they also undergo a criminal background check before they are hired.



# DAY CAMP



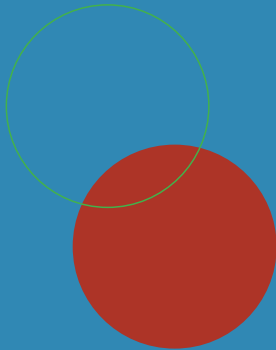
YLCC Day Camp is an excellent introduction to overnight camp and what it has to offer.

Day Camp operates from 8.30am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

The Day Camp programs focus on building the foundational skills of leadership through play and fun. We introduce the campers to the qualities of leadership and aim to improve their self-confidence, team building & problem-solving skills.

There are 4 levels to YLCC Day Camp. Each level has a major and minor focus outlined below.

Program	Group Names	Grade	Major Focus	Minor Focus
Pathfinders	Checkered Chickadees Rainbow Robins	JK and SK	Kindness	Gratitude
Voyageur 1 (V1)	Tie Dye Toucans Speckled Starlings Floral Flufftails	1 and 2	Team Building	Kindness
Voyageur 2 (V2)	Polka-Dotted Pelicans Plaid Penguins Spiral Sandpipers	3 and 4	Awareness	Team Building
Senior Day Camp	Gingham Goslings Paisley Puffins	5 and 6	Leadership	Awareness



# GETTING READY

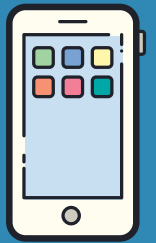


Your Camp Brain Account: <https://ylcc.campbrainregistration.com/>



Please have all forms complete before the start of your campers week, this includes your updated health form found in your online account.

We understand that some campers may be more nervous about coming to camp, so you can sign up in your account online for a phone call from a YLCC staff member. We'll call just before your camper starts their camp adventure.



Prior written authorization is required from parents who are arranging for their camper to travel with another family or another family member. Please send details to our office. This is to ensure the safety of all campers. This is a good reason to text us at the "urgency and emergency" number if your plans change last-minute. You will receive this number when camp begins.

If your camper is getting any add-ons to camps such as lunch, tuck, tie-dye t-shirts or life jacket rentals please make sure these are all signed up for and paid for before the week begins so that our records are up to date!



If your camper has a group request to be with another camper around a similar age then we try our best to grant their wish. Siblings and friends of different ages will be in groups with children their own age. Please give us your request well in advance as group changes on the registration day will not be granted.

The request is available in your "additional information" form online in your account.

# OPTIONAL CAMP EXTRAS



Daily hot lunches and snacks are made by our amazing kitchen team.

Add on to your camp experience from your online account.

For an extra sweet treat and juice box at the end of the day sign up for tuck.

Purchase a YLCC Tie-Dye shirt for your camper.

Your child needs a life jacket to go boating. You can rent one from us if need be.

V2 and Seniors have the opportunity to have a Thursday sleepover night and join the overnight camp. Please sign them up ASAP, as it fills up quick.

# OPTIONAL EXTRAS



## Miss Jen

Our amazing head chef Miss Jen and her team work hard to make delicious food for hundreds of campers a week.

✓ You must PRE-PURCHASE your camper's all-week lunch program before Thursday at 6 pm before your camper is attending camp.

✓ If you would like to order lunch, you must commit to the full week of lunches. Lunch per camper per week is \$45+ HST

**We offer our meals for vegetarian and regular diets.**

If your camper will not eat or cannot eat any of the meals then please send them with their own lunch.

## Hot Lunch Program

### Monday

Grilled Cheese

### Tuesday

Pizza

### Wednesday

Chicken Fingers

### Thursday

Mac and Cheese

### Friday

Hot Dogs

**Each meal comes with a side, fruit & veggies, and a sweet treat.**



# HEALTH AND SAFETY



## **Medical Care**

Our entire staff is First-Aid and CPR certified and YLCC has an on-site nurse available 24/7. YLCC also has an on-call Camp Doctor.

## **Off Site Medical Attention**

In the event that your child needs medical attention, apart from injuries of a minor nature, our staff will provide immediate transportation to the Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Orillia. An ambulance will be called in for critical emergency situations.

We will make every effort to contact you as soon as possible should medical treatment be necessary, and will stay with your camper until the situation is resolved. If any prescription drugs are necessary as a result of consultation with the doctor, and we do not normally stock them, you will be contacted and billed for the amount after camp.

## **Medication**

No medication will be given to your child without your permission. Please do not send any medication other than Epi-pens and puffers with your camper. Epi-pens and puffers should be secured in a fanny pack for your child to carry during the day.

## **Head Lice**

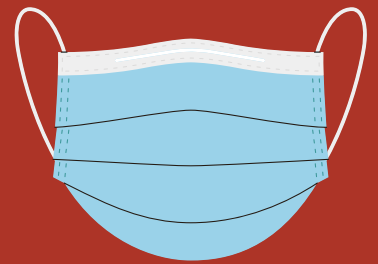
YLCC has a nit-free policy. We ask parents to check their camper personally or have them visit their family doctor prior to arrival. The Ontario Camps Association (OCA) requires that residential camps check for lice. If your camper has head lice upon arrival at camp, they will need to return home and are welcome to come back when they and their belongings are nit-free. If a camper is sent home, a credit for a session of equal value can be issued for later in the camp season or for the following summer.

## **Enhanced Cleaning Procedures**

Campers and staff must wash/sanitize their hands before & after each activity. All used equipment, supplies, and all commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected after each activity. Dedicated supplies will be provided to each cabin group (e.g. common arts & crafts supplies). Additional equipment has been purchased to allow for disinfecting between use by cabin groups. Health Canada recommended soaps and sanitizers are readily available throughout camp. Health Canada approved, commercial-grade cleaners and disinfectants will be used on all commonly touched surfaces, bathrooms and program areas.

Any guidelines are subject to change with new guidance from the Simcoe Muskoka Health Department

# HEALTH AND SAFETY



## Covid-19

In order to maintain the health of all of our staff and campers, we ask that you are extra careful in assessing if your child is healthy enough to come to camp. If you, or your camper are showing any of the following symptoms up to 5 days before camp please stay home, call us, and we will accommodate you another session.

### Symptoms

- SORE THROAT
- RUNNY NOSE
- SNEEZING
- NEW OR WORSENING COUGH
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING
- TEMPERATURE EQUAL TO OR MORE THAN 38°C
- FEELING FEVERISH
- CHILLS
- FATIGUE OR WEAKNESS
- MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES
- NEW LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE
- HEADACHE
- ABDOMINAL PAIN, DIARRHEA AND VOMITING
- FEELING VERY UNWELL

As per the guidelines as of the writing of this manual (June 2022) your camper has the choice to wear a mask or not to camp. We can also provide them if necessary.

60 acres of outdoor space is available. Traditional indoor activities will be moved to an open-air environment, or areas that are sheltered and well-ventilated.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## Homesickness

When campers are away from home, it is reasonable to expect that until they become adjusted to the camp environment, they may go through a period of homesickness. It is important that parents realize, however, that this is something that a child may need to experience and see-through in order to reach a higher degree of independence. Our Counsellors receive training on how to help children feel comfortable at camp and how to respond to their individual needs. Campers are not typically permitted to call home as we have found this usually increases the level of homesickness. If there is a situation at camp that requires a phone call, we will contact you immediately. Please refrain from telling your child they can call home or go home part-way if they wish.

## Cells

Cell phones are not permitted at YLCC.

## Visits

Due to safety concerns, YLCC allows no visitors at camp.

Parents of senior day campers are strongly encouraged to attend the Graduation Ceremony at the close of their camper's session. All visitors must check in at the Camp Office to receive a visitor's badge except for graduation.

## Camp Behaviour

Each camper must have a desire to be a part of the YLCC Family. At Youth Leadership Camps Canada, we strive to teach each camper valuable skills and leadership qualities. 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 enhance your overall camp experience. While camp offers opportunities for close friendships and new group skills, young people can react to these changes in many different ways. At YLCC, it is our goal to provide a safe, comfortable and supportive environment. There will be zero tolerance for bullying of any kind. Please discuss appropriate behaviour expectations with your child prior to arrival.

Our staff are trained and experienced in providing high quality care for our campers and ensuring that the needs of each individual are met. If a situation arises where a camper threatens the safety or security of another camper, or themselves, we will make every appropriate effort to inform the parent involved, correct the behaviour and provide a positive camp experience for everyone. However, should disruptive behaviour continue, the child may be dismissed from camp at the discretion of the Camp Director. The camp will not provide a refund or be held responsible for any costs associated with a camper's dismissal.

# DAY IN THE LIFE



8:30 - 9:00am	Drop Off - Caregivers drive through YLCC dropping their camper/s off at a designated building. For those campers who cannot independently remove a seatbelt or car seat buckle, caregivers will be required to assist. Otherwise, caregivers are asked to stay in their vehicles. Many staff and signage will be directing the flow of cars.
9:00 - 9:20am	Camp Welcome- Campers will meet their groups counsellor and get to learn more about the camp and its grounds.
9:20 - 11:30am	Activities Block- This is where the individual's bird groups have scheduled activities see next page for examples as they change for different ages and days.
11:30 - 12:00pm	Lunch Time- The campers are either provided a hot lunch if ordered or eat their lunch from home in the dinning hall.
12:00 - 2:00pm	Activities Block- This is where the individual's bird groups have scheduled activities see next page for examples as they change for different ages and days.
2:00 - 2:30pm	Journaling- The campers are given the quiet reflective time to ponder a question of the day and respond in with pictures or words depending on the level.
2:30 - 3:45pm	Activities Block- This is where the individual's bird groups have scheduled activities see next page for examples as they change for different ages and days.
3:45- 4:00pm	Snack/Tuck- This is a snack break where campers may choose to eat a snack from home or if already purchased have a small treat from the tuck shop.
4:00 - 4:30pm	Pack up- This is time for the campers and staff to get everything together that they need to take home with them such as wet bathing suits and crafts.
4:30 - 5:00pm	Story Time- the camp is gathered to hear a childrens story with all their belongings gathered.
5:00 - 5:15pm	Pick up time- All campers will be gathered in their groups on the basketball court to be picked up by their caregivers. If the camper is not picked up before 5:20 a fee may be levied.



# ACTIVITIES



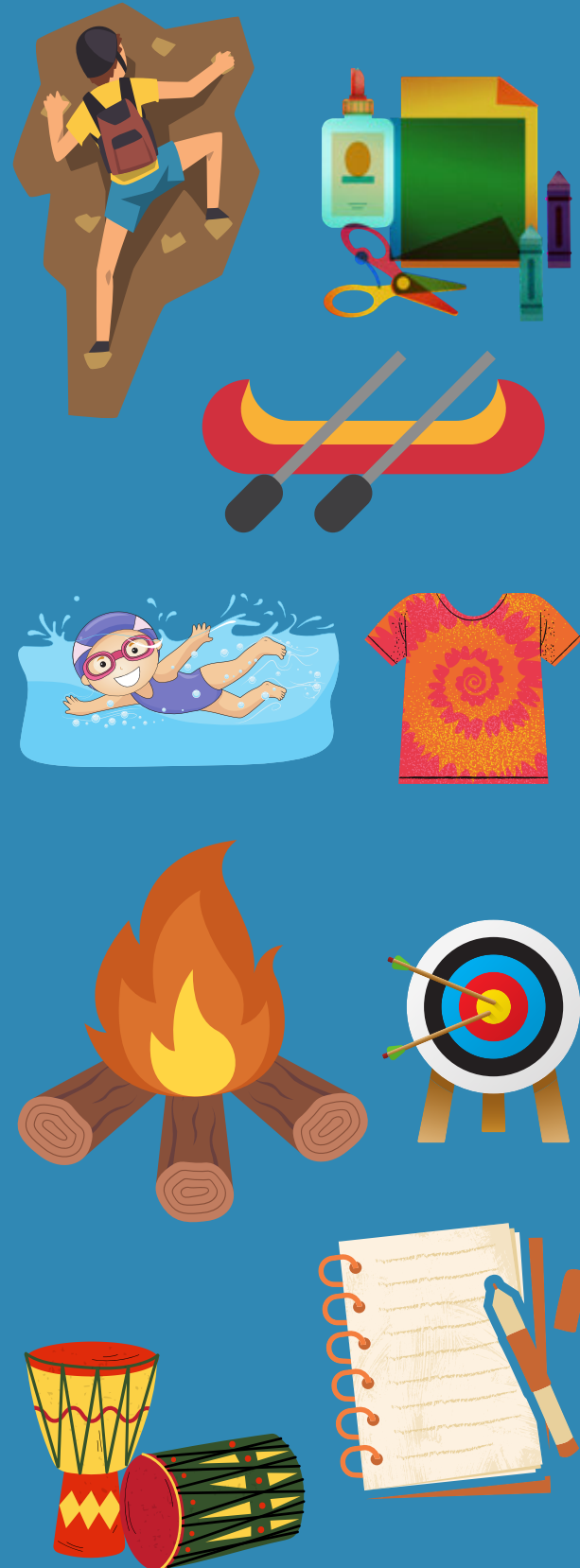
Your camper will get to experience so many fun activities at camp here is just a glimpse:

Swimming Everyday  
Canoeing or Kayaking  
Rockwall

High Ropes  
Arts and Crafts

Tie-Dye  
Campfires (Seniors)  
Sleepovers (Senior, V2)

Archery  
Music - Drumming, Singing  
Journaling  
Challenging teamwork activities





# PACKING LIST



## Daily

- **Nut-free** lunch in a cooler bag (still need extra snacks if bought lunch)
- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing (t-shirt/shorts/socks)
- Underwear
- Reusable water bottle
- Sun hat/ sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Bathing suit
- Towel
- Running shoes with closed toes and heels
- Mask and bag to keep it in (if applicable)

## Prohibited

- Chewing gum
- Weapons including knives, hatchets
- Illegal substances
- Matches
- Cell phones
- Electronic games

Campers found with these items will be asked to hand them into the Camp Office. Upon discretion of the Camp Director, a camper may be discharged without warning. YLCC is not responsible for any costs incurred due to discharge – no refunds will be granted.

**Campers must bring two bags. One that goes back and forth with them every day with swimwear and food. The second bag (Just-in-case bag) stays at camp for the week and has rain gear and backup clothes for messes and accidents.**

## Just-in-Case Bag

- T-shirt and shorts
- Bathing suit
- Underwear
- Socks
- Rain boots and raincoat
- Life jacket (PFD) - Well labeled!

## Thursday Sleepover Extras

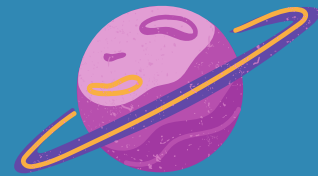
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Pyjamas- two-piece are preferred
- Favourite stuffed animal
- Adequate supply of underwear
- Sweatshirt/sweater or hoodie
- Track pants
- 1 pair of shorts
- 1 t-shirt
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Flashlight with working batteries
- Green Graduation lanyard

# DAY CAMP FUN



Each week we have a new theme and your camper can dress up in a costume on Wednesday.

Week	Theme
Week 1: July 11-15	Outer Space
Week 2: July 18-22	Escape from the Zoo
Week 3: July 25-29	Fairytales
Week 4: August 2-5	Colour Explosion
Week 5: August 8-12	Superheros
Week 6: August 15-19	Tropical Island/Pirates



We are all so excited to share this magical 30th summer with you and your family at YLCC day camp.

# Youth Leadership Camps Canada

## Mabel's Labels



Please Label Everything!

## Come to camp ready for fun & adventure!

One of the best ways to prepare for camp is to label your stuff!



Sleepaway  
& Day Camp  
label packs  
now available!

Go to the "support a fundraiser section" or  
click here!

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