



**CAMPS CANADA**

The camp of choice for  
quality-minded parents.

# Registration Handbook 2010

*Our 15<sup>th</sup> Season!*

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This handbook contains important registration information.  
We suggest you read it thoroughly and keep it for easy reference.

## Dates and Rates

<b>MARCH BREAK 2010 – KANATA</b> <b>(Earl of March Secondary School)</b>	WK 1 Mar 15 - Mar 19
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March Break Multi-Sport	\$219

Optional Lunch available: 5 day week - \$29.00 per week

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March Break Multi-Sport	\$219

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Arts and Crafts	184	219	219	219	219	184	219
Golf	249	N/A	N/A	299	N/A	N/A	299
Horseback	249	299	299	299	299	249	299
Morning Only Freshman Sports Camp	109	131	131	131	131	109	131
Multisport	184	219	219	219	219	184	219
Swim	N/A	479	wk 2 of 2	N/A	434	wk 2 of 2	N/A

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## ***DISCOUNTS***

\* All of the discounts below are automatically deducted by our online system at the time of registration.

### **Returning Camper Discount**

By using your Camps Canada PIN from a previous registration, you will automatically receive a discount of **\$20 per household per year**.

### **March Break Earlybird Discount**

All registrations for March Break Camp received before February 1, 2010 will automatically receive a discount of **\$10 per household per year**.

### **Summer Earlybird Discount**

All registrations for Summer Camp received before April 1, 2010 will automatically receive a discount of **\$10 per household per year**.

### **Multiple Registration Discount**

Register more than one child, or the same child for more than one week and receive **\$5 off of every registration week after the first one**. For example: 3 total weeks of registration would be eligible for a \$10 discount. The \$5 discount for multiple registrations applies only for all registrations completed at the same time, not those added later.

## ***CAMPS CANADA – DATES TO REMEMBER***

### **FEBRUARY**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010 - Deadline for Earlybird March Break Registrations

### **MARCH**

MONDAY, MARCH 15 TO FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010 - MARCH BREAK CAMPS

### **APRIL**

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2010 - Deadline for Earlybird Summer Registrations

### **JUNE**

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2010 - Deadline for Registration Changes / Deadline for Registration Cancellations

### **JULY**

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010 – First day of summer camp

### **AUGUST**

FRIDAY AUGUST 13, 2010 – Last day of summer camp

### **SEPTEMBER**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 - unclaimed lost and found items are donated to a local charity

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE OWNER**

Dear Parents,

As Owner of Camps Canada, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Camps Canada.

This Registration Handbook will give you a sense of Camps Canada but it cannot do justice in capturing the warmth and friendliness of our camp family and our vigorous pursuit of camp quality. I encourage you to visit our website at [www.campscanada.com](http://www.campscanada.com) to learn more about our camp or feel free to contact me directly.

With day camp locations in Kanata and Barrhaven, we are a summer camp committed to providing exceptional camp experiences for boys and girls of all ages and abilities. We take great pride in our reputation as the camp of choice for quality-minded parents.

Camps Canada is a community of people who together create an environment of caring and fun unequalled by our competitors. We are justly proud of our reputation for having the best camp staff in the city. Our many web pages of parent testimonials attest to the quality of our camps and the total satisfaction of our camp parents. Impressive, considering we have had more than 14,000 children attend our camps since our doors opened in 1996. Should you decide to send your child to Camps Canada this summer, I know you will not be disappointed.

On behalf of our camp family, I warmly welcome you to Camps Canada. Your interest in our camp is much appreciated.

Please enjoy your visit!

Matt Barr  
Owner - Camps Canada

## **ABOUT US**

Camps Canada is a privately-owned day camp operating a total of 11 camps at 2 locations; one in Kanata, Ontario and the other in Barrhaven, Ontario

The camps we offer are: Arts and Crafts Camp, Golf Camp, Horseback Camp, Mornings Only Freshman Sports Camp, MultiSport Camp, and Swim Camp.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is simple. We strive to be the best camp in the Ottawa area.

We want every child who comes to camp to have the time of their life. We accomplish this by having fun at work. When our staff have fun (by dressing in funny costumes, dancing, or singing silly songs), the campers can't wait to join in. It's contagious!

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Our programs are designed with two overriding principles in mind. Is it safe? Is it fun? If we can answer yes to these questions, then we "go for it". That's why camp is so much fun. We don't have to follow a curriculum and kids aren't graded or scored. It's all about the experience.

Our success is based on the fact that kids love our camp and they come back summer after summer.

***“Word of mouth among kids and their parents is our best advertising.”***

## **WHY CAMPS CANADA?**

When you're comparing camps, be sure that you're comparing apples to apples.

***“We encourage you to do lots of research. When you do, we're confident you'll choose Camps Canada.”***

### **SAFETY FIRST**

- **We make safety a priority, so you know your kids are safe.**
- We're professionals. We plan every minute of camp very carefully.
- We bring more than 15 years experience to running camps.
- There have been more 14,000 campers before you.
- We hire teachers to supervise each age group, not young teenagers.
- Our counselor to camper ratio is 1 to 8, while at some camps the ratio is as high as 1 to 20)
- Our Counselors work with the same group of campers throughout the week. This helps build positive relationships and makes communication with parents easy.
- We publish, post and enforce our "camper code of conduct".
- We use a "buddy system" at all times.
- We've established and enforce strict swimming rules and regulations.
- Our staff undergo extensive training well before the start of camp.
- Although safety is our first concern, we still know how to keep it fun!

### **THE EXTRAS**

- We're home of the original 100% money back guarantee (more than 14,000 campers have enjoyed our camp since 1996)
- We offer extended hours from 7:30am to 5:30pm (convenient for working parents)
- Pre and Post Camp Care are always FREE OF CHARGE (other camps charge extra)
- Weekly field trip to the Wave Pool (campers love these trips)
- Daily free swim (the highlight of camp for many campers)
- All these great extras - FREE t-shirt, hat, or waterbottle, decals, tattoos, daily Gatorade, our famous "Gator Cup", and weekly awards and prizes for all
- A variety of camp choices at one location (certainly a plus when you're trying to accommodate more than one child)
- Optional hot lunch program (tired of packing box lunches?)
- Easy online registration (it takes only a few minutes and it's available 24/7)
- Check Camp Availability online (see what spots are still available in real time)

## CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

### MARCH BREAK ARTS & CRAFTS CAMP (Kanata, Barrhaven)



Boys and girls ages 5 to 12.

Arts and Crafts in the morning and swimming each afternoon. This is essentially the same program as our summer camp with the exception of the afternoon swims.

### MARCH BREAK ARTS & CRAFTS CAMP (Kanata, Barrhaven)



Boys and girls ages 5 to 12.

MultiSport Camps in the morning and swimming each afternoon. This is essentially the same program as our summer camp with the exception of the afternoon swims.

### SUMMER ARTS & CRAFTS CAMP (Kanata, Barrhaven)



Boys and girls ages 5 to 12.

The emphasis of this camp is fun with arts and crafts, not technical training. Our goal is to provide a stimulating environment for kids who enjoy completing arts and crafts projects. Using age appropriate materials, our experienced teachers provide daily lessons in arts and crafts using a variety of materials including: pastels, coloured pencils, watercolour paints, foam sheets, googly eyes, beads, fabric paint, and more. Small classes and a low (8:1) student to teacher ratio ensure that students receive a great deal of individual attention and support. Our quality counsellors provide lots of instruction, guidance and inspiration. At the end of the week, students will have a portfolio of projects to take home.

### SUMMER GOLF CAMP (Kanata, Barrhaven)



Boys and girls **ages 8 to 12.**

Sorry . . . but we will no longer be taking campers to a golf course.

In partnership with the Kevin Haime Golf Centre in Kanata and the On the Green Driving Range in Barrhaven, campers aged 8 to 12 will receive golf instruction in the morning and go swimming each afternoon. Our goal is to provide campers with the tools to improve their confidence and their skills in a fun-first environment so they will enjoy the sport of golf for a lifetime. During their two hour lesson each day, campers will get lots of professional instruction and the opportunity to hit buckets of balls, all under the careful supervision and guidance of our Golf Professionals. Our instructors are among the finest CPGA Golf Professionals in Canada. They'll teach the skills necessary to improve your child's game and help them to play better golf.

## SUMMER HORSEBACK CAMP (Kanata ONLY)



Boys and girls **ages 8 to 12.**

Horseback Riding in the morning and swimming each afternoon. This camp is suitable as an introduction to Western Horseback Riding. It is not for experienced, advanced level riders. Under the watchful eye of experienced horse-riding instructors, campers aged 8 to 12, of different abilities will learn western horseback riding on quarter-horses and ponies in an outdoor sand ring. Confidence in riding will be fostered at each camper's individual pace. In addition to riding, children will also learn lots about horses and come to understand the complete responsibilities of horse ownership. Our mission is to educate campers through hands-on experience about horses, horse care and of course riding . . . in a fun-first, country environment. Personalized helmets will be provided on a weekly basis.

## MORNINGS ONLY FRESHMAN SPORTS CAMP (Kanata, Barrhaven)



Boys and girls **ages 5 and 6 only.**

**Mornings only - 7:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

"Mornings Only Campers" will take part in our traditional Multi-Sport Camp and then leave just after lunch before our afternoon swims.

Our Multi-Sport Camp gives campers an opportunity to try their hand at a wide variety of sports, games, and team challenges. Our goal for this camp is to nurture an appreciation of sport and provide an environment where all children achieve success regardless of their athletic ability. Our staff is an exceptional collection of certified teachers, coaches, assistants and volunteers.

## MULTISPORT CAMP (Kanata, Barrhaven)



Boys and girls ages 5 to 12.

This is our most popular camp. Our Multi-Sport Camp gives campers an opportunity to try their hand at a wide variety of sports, games, and team challenges. Our goal for this camp is to nurture an appreciation of sport and provide an environment where all children achieve success regardless of their athletic ability. Children will enjoy Multi-Sport Camp (see the list provided) in the morning and traditional camp activities (see the list provided) and field trips (see the list provided) in the afternoon. The Multi-Sport Camp changes from week to week to accommodate campers signed up for multiple weeks.

## SWIM CAMP (Kanata, Barrhaven)



Boys and girls ages 5 to 12.

This camp is offered only as a two-week session because of the number of hours required for swimming lessons.

Kanata campers will walk to Beaverbrook Pool each morning for their lesson and then back to camp for the rest of the morning.

Barrhaven campers will travel by school bus to the Walter Baker Pool each morning for their lesson and then back to camp for the rest of the morning.

Campers will have a 45-minute swimming lesson each morning for two weeks (no lessons on Mondays). When they are not at their swim lessons, "swim campers" will participate in our Multi-Sport Camp in the morning and additional free swims each afternoon.

Swim Camp is the perfect solution for busy parents. No need to drive your kids to swim lessons outside of your regular work day. Lessons will be provided during camp hours by experienced, qualified swim instructors and participants will work toward completing their levels in the City of Ottawa's Lifesaving Society SWIM program. Campers will be placed in appropriate swim levels based on the swim assessment completed on the first day. We will be offering a variety of levels throughout the morning and will ensure that each camper is placed in the appropriate group. Just as with the City of Ottawa swim program, participants will receive a progress report at the end of each session.

## SWIM SAFETY

We take swim safety very seriously. We want to assure you that we have put many safety precautions in place and our staff are well trained in supervising group swims. In fact, many of the swim policies and procedures we invented many years ago are now part of the City of Ottawa regulations for all swim groups and specifically camps. You can view our complete "Swim Safety Rules" on our website under "Policies".

## AGE GROUPINGS

Campers are divided by age (not gender) into the following Cabin Groups:

Freshman	5, 6 year olds
Sophomore	7, 8 year olds
Junior	9, 10 year olds
Senior	11, 12 year olds

## OUR STAFF

What sets our camp apart from others is the quality of our counselors. Our staff is an exceptional collection of certified teachers, university students and volunteers. If you ask former campers or their parents, I'm sure they would tell you about our amazing staff. Our counselors create a fun-first atmosphere that ensures every camper has an awesome time. The positive, fun-loving attitude of our counselors is infectious.

***"The camp is always bursting with smiles and laughter."***

## **STAFF ASSIGNMENT**

Staff is assigned to specific age groups on a weekly basis. That means that your child's counsellor will be the same for the entire week. We feel that this allows campers and counsellors to form a bond and also allows you as a parent to ask their counselor about their success over the week.

## **DIRECTORS**

Our Directors are certified school teachers. Parents often comment that this is what separates us from other camps. Every year we get tons of positive feedback from parents about the quality of our staff. We know that having teachers gives parents peace of mind. It also ensures that children are provided with a nurturing environment with positive adult role models. Our enthusiastic teachers are our greatest asset. They make every day at camp fun. Our team of select teachers is hired after extensive interviews, background checks and criminal record checks. They are hand-picked for their knowledge of camp and their proven leadership abilities.

## ***TYPICAL DAY***

This is a skeleton schedule only. It changes on a weekly basis to accommodate campers signed up for several weeks in the summer (sometimes consecutively).

<b>7:30 to 8:45am – Pre Camp</b>	Children choose between supervised quiet time for reading and playing board games or sports activities and games in the gym
<b>8:45 to 9:00am – Start of Camp - Scatter</b>	Attendance, children go to chosen "Specialty Camp" (some by bus)
<b>9:00 to 10:15am - Specialty Camp Time</b>	As chosen weekly – Arts and Crafts, Golf, etc.
<b>10:15 to 10:40am – Snack</b>	FREE Gatorade supplied, cash snack bar available
<b>10:40 – 12:00 - Specialty Camp Time</b>	As chosen weekly – Arts and Crafts, Golf, etc
<b>12:00 to 12:30pm – Lunch</b>	Buses return. Bring your own OR choose our optional lunch plan
<b>12:30 to 1:00pm – Flagpole</b>	Attendance, announcements, songs, jokes, rumours, tongue twisters, prepare for swim
<b>1:00 – 4:00pm – Recreational Swim (no lessons provided)</b>	Recreational Swim (no lessons provided)
<b>4:00 – 4:30pm – Return to camp site - Snack and Wrap Up</b>	FREE Gatorade supplied, cash snack bar available
<b>4:30 – 5:30pm - Post Camp</b>	Children choose between supervised quiet time for reading and playing board games or sports activities and games in the gym

## ***LUNCH PLAN***

Our optional lunch plan is available for \$29 per week.

All food and snacks provided by Camps Canada are "NUT FREE". We provide lunches at BOTH our Kanata and Barrhaven locations. Along with the main course, campers also receive a drink of juice and a dessert like pudding, jello, or cookies.

Our lunch plan includes:

Monday: Pizza Pizza  
Tuesday: Subway subs  
Wednesday: All Beef Hotdogs  
Thursday: Subway subs  
Friday: Pizza Pizza

## ***NEED HELP?***

If this Registration Handbook has not answered your questions, you may want to visit the FAQs section of our website. If you still can't find the information you're looking for, please feel free to contact us anytime by email or by telephone.

We are happy to assist you!

### **IN THE OFFICE**

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