



Kid Curator Summer Camp—Frequently Asked Questions

How do I Register for camp?

Registration and payment are done online. Please email contact@nhsm.ca to obtain the link to the registration form.

How much does it cost for a camper to attend your Kid Curator Summer camp?

\$140 per registrant.

What's a typical day like?

We pride ourselves on offering a variety of activities each day. In the past, we have brought in the Niagara Cricket club to teach campers how to play cricket and invited a Haudenosaunee woman to teach the kids about the medicine wheel. We have also taught the kids how to make butter and how to design an exhibit. We also promote physical activity. Campers get a chance to run around outside and play tag games, sports, and camp favourite—kick the can. We also gone on field trips to Fort George, the Canada Summer Games, and on Hikes with Owen's Hiking Adventures. We do not use the pool in NOTL. This space is used by the Town of NOTLs Summer Camp. However, we play some water activities.

How old does my camper have to be to attend camp?

Our camp is for those aged 7-12. Campers must be 7 before they start their designated week of camp.

When does Camp Run?

Camp runs Monday through Friday during the designated weeks and starts at 10:00 a.m. and runs until 4:00 p.m. Drop off begins at 9:45 a.m. and pick up ends at 4:15 p.m. Occasionally, we do require parents/guardians to drop off/pick up their kids at alternate locations. This helps to keep the cost of camp low at \$140.00.

What if I am late to pick-up my camper?

If you will be more than 5 minutes late from your pick-up time, please call to inform staff.

What if someone else will be picking up my camper?

If you require someone other than the main contacts stated on your camper's registration form to pick up your camper, please fill out the authorized pick-up individuals' section of the registration form. We will ask anyone our camp staff have not met, to identify before they can sign out your camper. If someone arrives at camp to pick up your camper without your prior authorization, we will call home for verbal permission before releasing your camper.

**What if my camper is going to be late for drop off?**

If your camper is going to be late for camp, please call and let the camp staff know so that they know not to wait for your camper before proceeding with the days' activities.

What if I need to pick up my camper during the day?

If you know in advance, it is best to make arrangements with the Camp staff ahead of time as your camper may be busy with activities when you arrive. This way we can have them ready as it may take some time to prepare them to leave for the day.

What if my camper is going to be absent?

If your camper is going to miss a day of camp, please call and let the camp staff know so that they know not to wait for your camper before proceeding with the days' activities.

What is expected of me if I'm asked to pick up my camper?

If your camper becomes ill during the day, or there has been a situation in which your child cannot stay at camp for that day, we will call you to come and pick them up. If you are unable to pick up your camper before the end of day, you will be required to make alternative arrangements to ensure they are picked up from camp in a timely manner.

What if I have to cancel my camper's registration?

Cancellation requests received 14 days before the start of camp will receive a refund, less \$25.00/session/Registrant. Cancellation requests received within 13 days of the start of camp will not qualify for a refund. A doctor's note is required for cancellations due to medical reasons and must be dated before the registrant(s) session(s) start date.

Who are the Camp Staff:

- Our camp staff is made up of one permanent staff member who is trained in First Aid/CPR C and one college/university student with experience and/or a passion for working with children and youth. Both have passed a recent vulnerable sector check.

Staff-to-Camper Ratios:

- Ratio of 2:15
- We only take 15 campers per week.

What happens during inclement weather?

Camp runs rain or shine!

Please take the time to review the daily weather forecast each morning and prepare your camper for the day (e.g., rain boots, rain jacket, warm sweater, etc.). Camp staff also review the weather daily and during camp, to make decisions to ensure our campers are safe. In the event of a thunderstorm, we will adapt programs to ensure campers are safe.



In the event of an extreme heat alert, alterations to programs will be made to ensure campers are safe. Activities will be moved into shaded areas, inside, and more water-based activities will be played. As always, campers will be reminded to reapply sunscreen and drink water frequently throughout the day.

What communication can I expect leading up to camp?

We communicate mainly through email and will send information to the main contact we have on file to get your camper(s) ready for our camp.

About 1 week before the campers designated camp week, we will send a Welcome to Camp email with our camp newsletter. This newsletter includes drop-off and pick-up instructions and the camp staff's name and contact information. We'll also share program-specific details at this time.

What should my camper bring with them?

- A Backpack
- **Nut-Free** Lunch & Snacks for 2 snack breaks
- Closed-Toe Shoes (preferably running shoes)
- Re-fillable water bottle
- Hat & Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Rain gear
- Regular or emergency medication, should your child need it.

Allergies, Epi-pens, and Medication at Camp

If the camper has been identified as requiring an epi-pen for life-threatening allergies or in need of an inhaler, they will need to accompany the camper to camp each day. Under staff discretion, and for your child's safety, we can decide not to admit your child to camp if they do not have their epi-pen or life-saving medication with them.

What should my camper bring for lunch?

Please pack a lunch that does not require a microwave or a refrigerator. We suggest an insulated lunch bag with an ice pack to keep lunches and snacks fresh all day. We encourage using reusable containers to cut down on waste and litter. Please note, we do not have utensils on site.

We are a nut-free environment. Please keep in mind when packing your camper's snack and lunches that we have many campers with nut allergies. Please do not send any nuts or nut products to camp.



What are your Behaviour Management Procedures?

We strive to create a positive community through safe, respectful, fun, and diverse learning experiences. We generally follow a three-strike system: two written warnings to parents, and on the third instance, the camper is no longer welcome in our program. We document all incidents. We also have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying and behaviour that puts campers or staff at risk. In cases where a camper causes harm (verbally or otherwise) to themselves, another camper, or camp staff, we reserve the right to remove them immediately. Refunds are not given for any registrant(s) sent home or removed from camp for disciplinary reasons.