

# Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Camp Registration 2025



## Camp Ozanam - Acceptance for Session ##

When your registration is accepted, you will be mailed this document.

Leaving (Date) and returning home (Date)

Dear: \_\_\_\_\_ Your child/children: \_\_\_\_\_

If you can't attend, let us know! Call 416-364-5577

### 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, common food products and bee stings; or other serious medical issues including severely restricted diets. 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.

#### Health Record and General Health Information:

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 brought by the child will only be dispensed according to the specific directions on the label. Do not send more than one session's worth of medication.

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 First Aid Attendant in instances where the camper develops a heavy cold, fever, headache or an allergic reaction. If you do not wish your 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.

Campers are not permitted to smoke at Camp Ozanam. Cigarettes and lighters will be confiscated and parents/guardians 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 Management, contact Marygrove at 705 549-8951 and we will connect you with Camp Ozanam. 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. **Campers are not permitted cell phones; please do not encourage your child to withhold their phone from staff when asked. We do not want campers taking pictures of other campers, posting, phones going missing, and the general disruption that comes with cell phones at camp. If your daughter cannot manage a week without her phone, do not send them to camp.**

**\*\* FOOD PRODUCTS AT CAMP MAY CONTAIN PEANUTS AND TRACES OF NUT PRODUCTS \*\***

## 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; hair is washed with lice shampoo. 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 once or twice during their stay. In addition, campers have unlimited access to hand washing sinks for general clean-up and they swim 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 tip: please show your child what you are packing for them, and be sure their baggage is labelled.

### Packing check list:

Tshirts	Socks	Water shoes/flip flops	Dirty laundry bag
Hoodies	Swimming suit(s)	Toothbrush & paste	Pillow and case
Shorts	Towels	Washcloth and soap	Sleeping bag or sheets
Pants	Jacket	Brush or Comb	Medicine - labeled
Pajamas	Rain jacket	Toiletry Case	Water Bottle
Underwear	Shoes	Hat and sunscreen	Bug Spray

\*Please note , there is **NO Bedding** available at the camp

No valuables, cell phones, tablets, game sets, computers, cameras, knives or money. All will be kept by the Director for the session. Do not send expensive clothing – it's a camp!

### **The mosquitoes are always hungry – 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. We will **not be mailing** to you the items left behind. 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 Deerlake, South River, north of Huntsville, Ontario. Campers sleep in cabins with bunk beds 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, a lake, canoes and sports. This is a rustic setting. Campers swim every day, shower time is limited.

## 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 <b>Breakfast</b>
10:00 – 11:45	Two Activity Periods
11:45-12:45	Campers Choice
1:00	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 – 2:30	Rest Period Activities
2:30 – 5:45	Third Activity
3:30 -5:45	Campers Choice
6:00	<b>Supper</b>
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 prayer and reflection services during the session

Daytime activities include a selection of the following (dependent on the weather and camper interest): mountain biking, arts and crafts, woodworking, archery, basketball, canoeing, hockey, cooperative games, field sports, camp craft, swimming, and specialized programming.

Night Activities 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.

Meals: 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.

## Transportation

As you may be aware, many children are not met at the buses when returning from camp. This can be extremely traumatic for the child and difficult for staff, so please assist us in reminding parents to arrive on time on the right day, at the right location.

Parents will be provided details of transportation in the camper acceptance letter.

### Marygrove Camp:

#### **Toronto Area Campers Travelling by Bus**

Campers leave from St. Margaret Church, 222 Ridley Blvd, Toronto, ON M5M 3M6 (Avenue Road & Wilson Avenue, just south of 401) at 9:30 am on departure days. Campers return to St. Margaret's Church at 12:00 pm on arrival days. Please arrive by **8:45 am** to register on departure day.

#### **Barrie Area Campers Travelling by Bus (Session 2 and Session 6)**

Campers leave from St. John Vianney Church, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie at 10:30 am on departure days. Campers return to St. John Vianney Church at 11:00 am on arrival days.

#### **Durham Area Campers Travelling by Bus (Session 3)**

Campers leave from St. Leo Church, 130 Watford Street, Brooklin at 9:30 am on departure days. Campers return to St. Leo's Church at 12:00 pm on arrival days. Please arrive by **8:45 am** to register on departure day.

#### **Campers being driven directly to Camp:**

Campers should arrive at camp between 11:30 am and 12:00 noon on Day 1 of camp session. Campers must be picked up by 9:00 am on departure days, the last day of the session.

### Camp Ozanam:

#### **Toronto Area Campers Travelling by Bus:**

Campers leave from St. Margaret Church, 222 Ridley Blvd, Toronto, ON M5M 3M6 (Avenue Road & Wilson Avenue, just south of 401) at 1:00 pm on departure days. Campers return to St. Margaret at 1:30 pm on arrival days. Please arrive by **12:15 pm** to register on departure day.

#### **Barrie Area Campers Travelling by Bus (Session 1 and Session 4)**

Campers leave from St. John Vianney Church, 13 Baldwin Lane, Barrie at 2:00 p.m. on departure days. Campers return to St. John Vianney Church at 12:30 p.m. on arrival days. Please arrive by **1:15 pm** to register on departure day.

#### **Durham Area Campers Travelling by Bus (Session 3)**

Campers leave from St. Leo Church, 130 Watford Street, Brooklin at 1:00pm on departure days. Campers return to St. Leo's Church at 12:15 pm on arrival days. Please arrive by **12:30 pm** to register on departure day.

#### **Campers being driven directly to Camp:**

Campers should arrive at camp between 3:30 and 4:00 pm on Day 1 of the camp session. Campers must be picked up by 9:30 am on departure days, the last day of the session.

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