

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Camp Registration 2025



Marygrove Camp - 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, bee stings or common food products; or other serious medical issues or 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 Electronic and Cell Phone waiver and General Health Information:

Please bring the Camp Health card and the waiver 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 1 session worth of medications.

Over the counter medications including, but not limited to Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl or allergy medication 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. Campers who have head lice will have their hair washed at camp with lice control shampoo. The camp will follow, to the best of their ability, all approved COVID and communicable disease protocols.

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 Marygrove, 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. From time to time, campers may stay in the First Aid Cabin if it is determined that this would be beneficial to their adjustment to camp.

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, the phone number is 705 549-8951. 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 MARYGROVE 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 Marygrove 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 Marygrove Camp.

Head Lice:

Regrettably, head lice is a common occurrence at most camps including Marygrove. 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. Marygrove Camp does not send children home during sessions if it is discovered they have head lice; we will do our best to contain it. Marygrove will not be held responsible for the contracting or spread of head lice - this is a problem that reaches far beyond the camp. Children with head lice will have their hair washed with lice shampoo.

Shower/Clean Up Facilities:

Campers have limited access to "public pool" type showers every other day. In addition, campers have unlimited access to hand washing sinks for general clean-up and they swim at least once per day. Additional shower time is not granted due to supervision issues. Remember this is a camp - campers will get dirty, and so will their clothes - it's 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!

Packing check list:

T - shirts	Socks	Water shoes/flip flops	Dirty laundry bag
Hoodie	Swimming suit(s)	Toothbrush & paste	Pillow case
Shorts	Towels	Washcloth and soap	Sleeping Bag or sheets
Pants	Jacket	Brush or Comb	Medicine - labeled
Pyjamas	Rain jacket	Sanitary protection	Face mask if desired
Underwear	Shoes	Sun hat and sunscreen	Reusable Water Bottle

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!

If your child leaves something behind it will be kept at the Society's Head Office for a maximum of 10 days. If you find something in your child's bag upon her return, that is not hers, please consider returning it to the Society, it may be another child's prized possession. We will not be mailing to you, items left behind.

Facilities:

We have cabins with bunk beds, except for our youngest campers who have single beds. The washroom cabin is located immediately behind the camper cabins, the youngest campers have washrooms in their buildings. The First Aid Cabin has single beds for those feeling under the weather or who simply need a little extra rest. We also have a dining hall, kitchen, games room, rec hall, craft cabin, art room, shower and washroom cabin and a lovely chapel on site.

A day at Marygrove Camp - 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 an 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	Flagpole, O Canada, Morning Prayer Breakfast
9:30 am	Cabin Clean up
10:00 - 12:00	Activities
12:15	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Quiet Activities
2:00 - 5:00	Activities
5:30	Supper
6:15 - 7:15	Free Time - camper choice of supervised activities
7:30 - 8:30	Flagpole Evening Activity
8:30	Snack Bedtime - quiet activities Senior campers - night activity continues

Campers attend Mass depending on availability of our Chaplin, otherwise, we will attend our chapel for song and reflections.

Daytime activities include a selection of the following (dependent on the weather and camper interest): swimming, canoeing, crafts, drama, dancing, sports, cooperative games and specialized programming. The park and basketball court are always big favourites! Each session has a special theme day - Hawaiian Day, Christmas Day, Valentine's Day, Halloween and Fall Fair. Crafts and activities are geared towards the special day.

Night Activities include camp productions by campers and staff, camp wide games, campfires, scavenger hunts, beach activities and 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.

"I always remember my time at Marygrove and think of it often. I loved the swimming and games and chance to be outside. Camp is about meeting new friends and deciding not everyone is going to be a friend, late nights, early mornings, mosquito bites, sandy feet and having fun. It's a break from your life that everyone should have because you learn a lot about yourself"

Mail to camp often takes a week from the Toronto area. Please take this into account when sending mail to your child - and please only good news!! Mail will be returned if it arrives after your child has left, providing there is proper return information. Camp mailing address: Child's name, Marygrove Camp, 1301 Champlain Road, Tiny, Ont. L9M 0E7

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.