

YLDP – PARENT INFORMATION

Albert McCormick Community Centre (AMCC) – 500 Parkside Drive
RIM Park – 2001 University Avenue East
Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex (WMRC) – 101 Father David Bauer Drive

We hope this information is helpful as you prepare for camp. We are excited to meet you and look forward to a great summer together!

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This information package is for the following camps:

- Youth Leadership Development Program Year 1 & 2
- Youth Leadership Development Program Year 3

Questions or feedback?

Call: 519-886-1177, ext. 27280

Email: camp@waterloo.ca



About the Program	<p>We are committed to encouraging and enhancing youth leadership skills as they relate to the role of a camp leader. Individuals also benefit from transferable skills taught in this program including organization skills, teamwork and communication. Beginners and returning participants take part in training. This allows past participants to share their experiences and take a leadership role within the group. Training is mandatory and 100% attendance is required.</p> <p>New for 2021: There are now three levels of YLDP. YLDP 3s participate in leader training, receive additional qualifications and are trained in advanced areas of camp.</p>
Training	<p>There are two options for training dates for YLDP 1 & 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday July 5 & Tuesday July 6 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Wednesday July 7 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday July 7 from 1 – 5 p.m., Thursday July 8, and Friday July 9, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. <p>Mandatory training dates for YLDP 3 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 25, 4-8 p.m. • June 26, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. • June 28, 4-8 p.m. • June 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • June 30, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Placement Dates	<p>YLDP 1 & 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During registration, participants select all the week options they are available to volunteer. In May, the YLDP coordinator assigns placement weeks and informs participants of their final placement weeks. • Week options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 12-16 AND July 19-23 ○ July 26-30 AND August 3-6 ○ August 9-13 AND August 16-20 ○ August 23-27 AND August 30 – September 3 <p>YLDP 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YLDP 3 participants have placement Monday – Friday, from July 5 – July 30 inclusive.
Placement Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers aged 13 years are only placed at Fun Centre locations (AMCC or RIM Park). • Volunteers aged 14+ may be placed at either a Fun Centre or Day camp location. • Volunteers will not be assigned to contract specialty camps.

YLDP 3 Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YLDP 3 participants must have completed two years of YLDP prior to registering for YLDP 3. Included in the YLDP 3 fee is a Standard First Aid and CPR C with AED course and High Five's Principles of Healthy Childhood Development course. Near the end of their camp placements, YLDP 3s will have an opportunity to interview for a role as an August only summer camp leader. Employment as an August only leader is not guaranteed and is subject to placement performance, interview status and meeting minimum registration numbers for camp programs.
Things to Bring	All YLDPs will need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running shoes Lunch and two snacks Reusable water bottle Sunscreen and a hat YLDP Red Shirt must be worn while at camp placements Notice will be given in advance if bathing suit/towel are required
Camp T-Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will receive one t-shirt and it must be worn during camp placements. The t-shirt easily identifies the participant as someone filling a leadership role. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 when you register for the program.
Nut Allergies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Our facilities are not nut-free.</u> Concessions and vending machines may contain peanut or nut products and patrons of our facilities may bring in peanut and nut products. <u>Participants are encouraged to bring nut-free lunches.</u> Camp staff will do their best to ensure nut and peanut products are kept away from campers with nut allergies, and that everyone thoroughly washes their hands and disposes of garbage in a separate bag.
Child In Need of Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Waterloo staff and volunteers are legally obligated to observe the terms of the Ontario Child and Family Services Act and must report a child in need of protecting.
Lunch Orders	For YLDPs at RIM Park or WMRC sites only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can order lunch packages when you register or by completing this form. Please note lunches are not available at the AMCC location.

Cell Phones, Money & Valuables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell phones are not permitted during program time. • Participants may check their phones during break time only. • Leave all valuables and electronic devices at home. • Access to vending machines and/or concessions is allowed during breaks only. • The YLDP coordinator is not responsible for any money or valuables.
Police Record Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YLDP 1 and 2 participants do not require a police records check. • YLDP 3 participants will require a clear vulnerable sector reference check prior to beginning any camp employment.
Behaviour Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a leadership program and it is expected that the participant has a keen interest in developing the skills required to work with children in a camp setting. • Due to the nature of the camp placement and the safety of the children involved, a participant may be asked to leave the program if his/her behavior does not meet the required expectations of the program.
Program Ready & Inclusion Support Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the success and safety of all individuals registered and participating in City of Waterloo summer camps, it is important that all participants are program ready. Volunteers who demonstrate they are not program ready may be removed from the program. • Inclusion support workers can be engaged through City of Kitchener Inclusion Services to provide one-on-one support to campers with a disability. Inclusion workers wear similar blue T-shirts as City of Waterloo camp staff to ensure the smooth integration of both the camper and the inclusion support worker. If your child requires accommodation to participate in camp, and you would like to engage the support of an inclusion worker, please call 519-741-2200, ext. 7229/TTY: 866-969-9994. Please do so in a timely manner as support requests fill up quickly.
Refunds & Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refunds and credits on account are pro-rated and subject to an administrative fee of 10%. Refunds of \$25 or less may only be available as a credit on account. To receive either a refund or credit on account, withdrawal requests must be made 14 days prior to first program date.
Covid-19 Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The safety and wellbeing of campers is always our top priority. In summer 2021, volunteers will be required to wear face masks during the camp day. More information about our policies will be reviewed during training.

<p>High School Volunteer Hours</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of the training course and camp placement can count towards high school community service volunteer hours if the participant is currently enrolled in high school or is entering Grade 9.
<p>YLDP Appreciation Party</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YLDP participants are invited to attend the appreciation party scheduled for Wednesday August 25, 2021 from 6-8 p.m. More details will be available closer to the date.
<p>Consent Form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete this form now to speed up placement selections.