



Camp Samac—FAQ

Where is Camp Samac located?

Camp Samac, in Oshawa, Ontario, is located in the heart of Durham Region at 1711 Simcoe St. N. Guests can use the main access to the camp from Conlin Rd. A secondary access point is provided by an entrance from Simcoe St. on the west side of our property.

When is Camp Samac open for Family Adventure Camp?

Camp Samac is looking forward to welcoming families beginning Friday, July 2 until Friday, September 3, 2021.

How much is a Day-Use pass at Camp Samac?

A Day-Use Pass is \$15.00 + HST per person. Children under 3 years of age are free. Day-Use Pass includes all amenities and all Instructor-Led Programming. Day-Use Passes must be purchased in advance and cannot be purchased at the camp.

How many tent sites are available to book at Camp Samac?

Guests have the opportunity to choose between five (5) campsites on the property: Scugog, Sturgeon, Buck Horn, Balsam, and Stony. All campsites offer similar privacy and amenities, including a personal firepit, picnic table, and parking space.

How many cabins are available to book at Camp Samac?

Camp Samac will be opening five (5) cabin facilities for families to utilize this summer (Cabins 2–6). All cabin facilities are equipped with twin-sized bunkbeds, an oven/stove, and refrigerator. Each cabin offers electricity, a firepit, private flush-toilet washrooms, a picnic table, and running water. All facilities are surrounded by forest with ample greenspace to enjoy.

How much does it cost to book a tent?

All families choosing to book a campsite for tenting on the property will pay \$60.00 for the Family Day Pass and a \$20.00 overnight accommodation fee, for a total of \$80.00 per day. The Family Day Pass includes all-access to equipment (e.g., canoes) and a variety of programming offerings throughout the duration of your stay.

How many nights can I book at tent site?

There is no minimum or maximum stay requirements for booking a campsite at Camp Samac this summer.

How much does it cost to book a cabin?

All families choosing to book a cabin will pay \$60.00 for the Family Day Pass and a \$40.00 overnight accommodation fee, for a total of \$100.00 per day. The Family Day Pass includes all-access to equipment (e.g., canoes) and a variety of programming offerings throughout the duration of your stay.

How many nights can I book a cabin?

Cabins are available to families throughout July and August for minimum 5 day/4 night bookings.

Can we book a shorter stay in a cabin?

Once guests have had an opportunity to book longer stays, shorter rental options for our cabins may become available (i.e., Friday–Sunday).

Can I book more than 1 week at a cabin?

Absolutely! Guests are welcome to book multiple weeks back-to-back in the same cabin facility in order to extend their stay.

Are there hike-in/paddle-in camping options?

No—as Camp Samac is in the heart of the city, paid guests are able to drive or walk in from the local community.

What amenities are available at Camp Samac?

- Picnic areas
- Walking paths
- Heated outdoor pool*
- Waterfront
- Volleyball court
- Fire pits

These amenities are available to all overnight and Day-Use Pass guests.

*Our on-site outdoor pool, operated by the City of Oshawa, may be open for public use throughout the summer (pending Public Health approval). If so, designated swim times and pricing will be shared by the municipality. Leisure swims are typically offered in the early morning hours, whereas public swim times, historically, are open in the afternoon and evening hours. Camp Samac's pool is 25m and ranges in depth from 3–8ft with waterslides for families to enjoy.

What type of Instructor-led programming is available at Camp Samac?

Program activities will be facilitated at set times throughout the day in one-hour blocks beginning at 10:00 am. Sign-up opens by 9:00 am daily.

Instructor-led programming activities will be facilitated by our trained and enthusiastic summer staff throughout the week, such as paddling, archery, outdoor education, guided trail hikes & orienteering, survival skills, and Scouts + STEM.

These programs are available to all overnight and Day-Use Pass guests.

**Please note that activity offerings may vary daily based on weather conditions and staff availability.*

Will washrooms and showers be available?

Plastic Kybos are available in public areas for guests to use and will be sanitized every two hours during day-use operations. Private flush toilets are available to cabin guests only in their accommodations. There will be no showers available for guests on-site.

Are there laundry facilities?

No. There are no laundry facilities on-site.

Can I bring my pet?

Pets are not permitted on Scouts Canada properties.

Do I need to bring my own water, or is drinking water available on site?

Camp Samac runs on the regional water system and is safe to drink. There are five (5) water taps throughout Lakeland and each one will be assigned to a campsite. We suggest bringing large water containers to fill-up and return to your site.

All cabin facilities are equipped with functional sinks to access their own drinking water throughout their stay.

Day-use guests are encouraged to bring their own water on-site to minimize contact.

What are the check-in/out times?

Guests who have booked overnight accommodations are welcome to check-in at any time, but will not receive access to their overnight accommodation location until after 1:00 pm on the day of their reservation. Families must fully vacate their overnight accommodation by 10:00 am on check-out day. Guests must check-in no later than 7:00 pm on their arrival date. Overnight guests are encouraged to check-in before 5:00 pm on their day of arrival. Check-ins after 7:00 pm are not permitted.

Can I bring my tent-trailer/camper/RV?

Tent-trailers, campers, and RVs are not permitted on the property.

Is fishing allowed?

Out of respect for the biodiversity that call Lake Samac home, we do not permit fishing on the property.

Can we bring our own recreational equipment, such as boats or bikes?

Yes. Families are welcome to bring their own non-motorized watercraft, such as paddleboats, canoes, and/or kayaks. Guests are also encouraged to bring their own lifejackets when possible to minimize contact.

Canoes and lifejackets will be available on-site and sanitized after each use. This equipment is included in the Family Day Pass cost.

Guests are also welcome to bring their own bikes and helmets to use on the property throughout their stay.

Is there an on-site Tuck Shop or Canteen?

Snacks, ice, ice cream, drinks, gear, clothing, firewood, and Scouts Canada tuck shop items can be purchased at the camp store during day-use hours of operation.

What are the day-use hours of operation?

Monday: 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Thursday: 8:00 am–7:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am–7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Is alcohol permitted?

There shall be no illegal drug/substance/cannabis or alcohol consumed on the property as per Scouts Canada policy. This is a family camp model with youth on-site; as such, we have a clear obligation to care for and ensure the safety of everyone participating in our programs and activities.

Is Camp Samac a smoke-free property?

Yes, Camp Samac is a smoke-free property.

Are there any meal plan options?

Due to our ongoing efforts to minimize risk on property this summer, we will not be offering any meal plan services for guests. Families will be responsible for supplying their own food.