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# CAMP SAMAC FAQ



## Where is Camp Samac located?

Our Summer Camp entrance is located at 275 Conlin Rd. E., Oshawa, ON L0B 1J0. Camp Samac is approximately one hour east of Toronto, between Oshawa and the 407.

## What types of camping is Camp Samac offering for the summer of 2022?

Camp Samac is pleased to offer traditional youth Day Camps, as well as weekly Leadership-in-Training / Counsellor-in-Training programs. Camp Samac will NOT be offering traditional youth overnight camping or weekend family camping options for the summer of 2022.

## What is the cost of your 2022 summer program?

### Are your summer programs exclusive to Scouts Canada members?

Our summer programs are open to all youth! Scouts Canada members receive a discounted program rate.

	EARLY BIRD RATE Available until May 1, 2022	REGULAR RATE After May 1, 2022
<b>Scouts Canada Member Rate</b>	\$260.00/full week (\$208.00/short week)	\$285.00/full week (\$228.00/short week)
<b>Non-member Rate (Public)</b>	\$285.00/full week (\$228.00/short week)	\$310.00/full week (\$248.00/short week)

## Does Camp Samac offer youth Summer Camp programs?

Yes, for summer 2022, Camp Samac is pleased to once again be offering weekly summer Day Camps starting on July 5 and ending September 2, 2022. Day Camps for youth ages 7-13+ will be offered on a weekly basis from Monday to Friday (with the exception of short weeks) and will provide youth a variety of

interactive, engaging outdoor activities.

Our Senior Programs (CIT-LT) are offered for youth 13-16 years and alternate which program is delivered weekly.

## What is the age range for youth Day Camps?

At this time, for the summer of 2022, Camp Samac is pleased to be offering our traditional youth Day Camp programming for all youth ages 7-13+ years. Our Senior Programs (CIT/LT) are open to youth 13-16+ years.

## What type of programming can my child expect in Day Camp?

Camp Samac's Day Camp programs are focused on fun and exciting outdoor programming. With great on-site amenities and a waterfront location, youth can expect their day to be filled with activities such as swimming, canoeing, arts & crafts like sculpting and painting; archery, trail hikes, orienteering and outdoor skills such as fire-building and knot tying.

*Please note that some activities are subject to change due to inclement weather.*

## What is the difference between your CIT and LT programs?

Our CIT program focuses on professional skill development (e.g., resume building, mock interviews). These participants also have the opportunity to plan and lead a session for youth during the week, receiving feedback from our Summer Staff to promote their progress and growth. Our LT program centres around personal development. While some skill-development may be the same from week to week (e.g., communication, leadership styles, problem-solving), the workshops that LTs participate in will be different based on the theme of the week. We have many CITs & LTs who attend for multiple weeks in a season, so we strive to switch up the programming as much as possible to keep our participants fully engaged!

## **Which weeks are CIT weeks & which weeks are LT weeks?**

Our LT program will be offered Week 1 (July 5–8), Week 3 (July 18–22), Week 5 (August 2–5), Week 7 (August 15–19), & Week 9 (August 29–September 2). Note that Weeks 1 & 5 are short weeks this season.

Our CIT program will be offered Week 2 (July 11–15), Week 4 (July 25–29), Week 6 (August 8–12), & Week 8 (August 22–26).

## **Can my teen volunteer at the camp?**

Yes, we do take volunteers. All volunteers are required to complete at least one (1) week of Senior Programs (CIT or LT) before attending to volunteer. To determine a volunteer week that works for both your family's schedule and our team, please contact our Senior Staff via email to discuss arrangements ([campsamac@scouts.ca](mailto:campsamac@scouts.ca)).

## **What is Scouts Canada's vaccine policy for staff, volunteers, & youth 12+?**

At Scouts Canada, we believe the health and safety of our youth and adult members is priority #1, and a responsibility for all to share. Considering the on-going risks posed by COVID-19, this mandate requires full COVID-19 vaccination for all members including youth 12+, Scouters, parents, adults, staff and helpers who intend to participate in-person at Scouting activities or on Scouts Canada properties. If you have further questions about this mandatory vaccination requirement, please refer to our website & respective FAQ.

### [Announcement](#)

### [COVID-19 FAQ](#)

## **How can I apply for a medical/religious exemption for my youth (12+)?**

Any individual who cannot be vaccinated based on medical or religious reasons can request an exemption and will be accommodated. To apply for an exemption, please complete the [following application](#) prior to registering your child(ren) for Summer Camp.

## **Now that Ontario has removed vaccine passports, does that mean the vaccine mandate no longer applies for youth 12+?**

At this time, there is no change to Scouts Canada's vaccine policy. The board will continue to review & evaluate the organization's actions & policies to ensure they are aligned with Scouts Canada

principles and reflect the most current conditions across the country. Continue to monitor our website for the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

## **How do I become a member?**

To become a member of Scouts Canada, please complete the [following registration form](#).

## **When are the Early Bird rates available until?**

Early Bird rates will be in effect up until May 1, 2022. For any registrations made after May 1, 2022, regular rates will apply.

## **Will Camp Samac be offering the weekly meal plan service?**

No meal plan will be offered for our Summer Camps in 2022. Campers are expected to arrive with a lunch, refillable water bottle, and a minimum of two peanut-free snacks to enjoy throughout the day.

## **Is there before/after camp care?**

Our regular Day Camp hours for the season will be 8:30AM until 4:30PM. Early care (starting as early as 8:00AM) is available for an additional \$25/week. After camp care can also be accessed until 5:00PM latest for an additional \$25/week. These add-on rates are adjusted accordingly for our short weeks.

## **Do I have to register my child for a full week of Summer Camp?**

Yes, families register on a weekly basis (Monday–Friday) with the exception of our two short weeks, which are reduced to a four-day commitment (Tuesday–Friday). Our short weeks this year are Week 1 (July 5–8) and Week 5 (August 2–5), and the program & add-on rates are reduced accordingly.

## **When do your Summer Programs start this year?**

The first week of Summer Camp kicks off July 5 and will be offered weekly throughout July & August. The final week of programming this season will be August 29 to September 2.

## **What are the daily drop-off and pick-up times for Summer Camp?**

New this year, our Day Camp Program will operate Monday to Friday from 8:30AM–4:30PM. Early Drop-off & Late Pick-up services are available starting as early as 8:00AM and extending as late as 5:00PM. Before and After camp care is available at additional cost.

## What is the refund policy for Summer Camp?

<b>All Registrations</b>	Policy for “all registrations” is now 100% deposit will be required to secure your booking.
<b>Registrations cancelled with more than 4 weeks’ notice</b>	If a payment has been made in full, 80% of the deposit will be refunded.
<b>Registrations transferred with more than 4 weeks’ notice</b>	100% deposit can be transferred to another registration this summer.
<b>Registrations cancelled with less than 4 weeks’ notice, but more than 2 weeks’ notice</b>	50% of total payment is refundable.
<b>Registrations cancelled with less than 2 weeks’ notice</b>	No refunds*
<b>Scouts Canada cancels registration due to extenuating circumstances</b>	Transfer 100% of payment to another registration this summer or receive a 92% refund.
<b>If you are unable to provide proof of full vaccination or a religious/medical exemption approved by Scouts Canada (for youth 12+)</b>	No refunds. Families should not register for camp before an exemption from Scouts Canada has been granted (for youth 12+).

\*If cancellation is related to COVID-19, families may be required to attest to facts and/or provide supporting documentation of extenuating circumstances to be eligible for a 90% refund.

### Is Camp Samac peanut-free?

Yes, Camp Samac is peanut-free and we require all campers to refrain from bringing any foods that contain tree nuts or peanuts.

### What if I need to change my camper’s weeks?

Families are able to transfer their registration to a different week subject to availability.

Prior to our Summer Camp opening on July 5, you will have the ability to change your camper’s week by logging into the Doubleknot registration system, removing the week they can no longer attend, and then adding the new week. If you need to change your camper’s week after July 5, please email our Administrative Coordinator directly for assistance (campsamac@scouts.ca). Please note that there may be a cost difference depending on the week selected & the time of the switch (e.g., short week rate to full week rate, early bird price vs. regular rate).

### Is Camp Samac offering traditional overnight camps for youth?

No, Camp Samac will not be offering traditional overnight camping for youth in the summer of 2022.

### How do I cancel my camper’s registration?

If you need to cancel your camper’s registration, please email our Administrative Coordinator for assistance (campsamac@scouts.ca).

### If a week is sold out, how can I get on the waitlist?

If you would like to place your camper on the wait list for a particular week, please complete the online registration form and select the week you would like to be on the waitlist for. If a spot becomes available, you will receive an email update and we will contact you for payment information.

### How do I request for my camper to be in the same group as their friend(s)?

When filling out the application to register your camper, there is a section that asks “Would your child like to be grouped with other campers?” Please check ‘yes’ and a second box will appear asking for the camper(s)’ name(s). If you have already submitted your registration, please email our Administrative Coordinator (campsamac@scouts.ca) with the information.

### How are camper groups organized?

Camper groups are organized based on age and friend requests. We try our best to accommodate all friend requests. If there is an age difference between the friends, we will move the older camper down to the younger age group to ensure all campers can participate in every activity. Otherwise, groups are usually comprised of youth within +/- 1 year of one another in age. This is to ensure all campers feel comfortable socially as well as in activities planned to their abilities.

### **How many campers are in a group?**

We operate in a 1:6 ratio of counsellors to campers. This makes group sizes around 12 campers with a minimum of 2 counsellors.

### **My child needs extra support. Do you offer any enhanced staffing services?**

Yes, we do offer enhanced staffing services. Please email our Administrative Coordinator (campsamac@scouts.ca) prior to registering, and we will discuss availability of our enhanced staffing and the application procedure in greater detail.

### **Are masks required?**

All campers and staff will be required to abide by the latest health & safety protocols in place (as determined by the Ministry of Health and the Durham Region Health Department) while on property, which may include but is not limited to social distancing measures, routine handwashing & sanitizing, and indoor mask requirements.

### **Where do I go for drop-off & pick-up?**

Drop-off and pick-up are located at the 275 Conlin Rd. entrance. Please park your vehicle in the parking lot by the pool and walk your camper up to the field where you will sign in/out with a Camp Coordinator and meet your camper(s)' counsellors daily.

### **Is it okay if a friend or family member is going to be picking up my camper(s)?**

Of course! Just make sure to tell a Senior Staff member, the camper's counsellors, and the camper themselves.

### **If it is raining, what do you do?**

In the event of rain, all our campers and counsellors will go inside to different cabins across property with their cohort (assigned camper group). The staff always plan for rain, so programming will go on inside. While indoors, counsellors and camper groups will follow all Public Health guidelines (e.g., mask requirements if applicable).

### **How do I know who my camper's counsellors are?**

Your camper's counsellors will call you the weekend before camp starts. They will tell you their name, their counsellor partner's name, and the name of the group your camper is in.

### **Do the campers get to swim?**

Yes, all of our campers get to swim in the on-site outdoor pool once a day, weather permitting.

### **What if my camper does not want to swim?**

If your camper does not want to swim, we do provide additional quiet games and activities. At Quiet Games, campers may play small games, colour, make bracelets, etc., with other campers and counsellors.

### **Who supervises swim time?**

The onsite pool is run by the City of Oshawa. The City of Oshawa hires municipal lifeguards to supervise during public & camp swim times throughout the summer. Camp Samac Summer Staff also swim in the pool with campers to assist with supervision, and there is always a Senior Staff member of ours on the deck during swim time.

### **Can my child take the swim test?**

All campers 7 and up are eligible to take the swim test according to municipal by-law.

### **What if my child doesn't pass the swim test?**

If your camper is under the age of 10 and doesn't pass the swim test, they will be asked to wear a lifejacket and to swim with a counsellor in arms reach in the shallow end. If your camper is over the age of 10 and doesn't pass the swim test, they will be asked to swim in the shallow end. The swim test is run by the City of Oshawa lifeguards.

### **Can my child use a swim card from a local municipality?**

Yes, please have your camper bring their swim card with them on their first day of camp. The City of Oshawa lifeguards will take a look at the card and give them a green wristband, which allows them to swim in all areas of the pool independently.

### **How often do they get to go canoeing?**

Weather permitting, each camper group gets to go canoeing twice a week. This site will be led by a Site Coordinator & our Waterfront Assistant, who are both certified lifeguards.

### **Can I register my youth who is 5-6 years old?**

At this time, we are accepting Summer Camp registrations for youth 7+. This is to help maintain physical distancing when PPE cannot be worn (e.g., swim time). For example, according to municipal by-law, youth under the age of 7 must be within an arms length of an adult at all times in a life jacket and PPE can't be worn in the pool. If a change is made to our minimum age requirement prior to the season beginning, we will share the update via email, our social media channels, as well as on our website.

### **Do I need to bring a lifejacket for my child(ren)?**

Camp Samac does provide lifejackets during swim time and canoeing; however, some children are more comfortable in one from home. It is an optional item to pack.

### **What types of activities will my camper be doing?**

Every week our Counsellors and Site Coordinators plan new and exciting activities for our campers to partake in based on the theme of the week. As a scouting camp, our Counsellors always incorporate fire building, shelter building, knot tying, and orienteering into their programs.

Your camper will also get to go to all of the three sites (Nature, Arts and Crafts, and Canoe) where a Site Coordinator will lead activities for them according to the weekly themes.

### **What are the weekly themes for?**

Each week, Camp Samac Summer Camp has a new theme where counsellors will plan new and exciting activities for their campers. While the core skills are repeatedly integrated regardless of the week you choose (e.g., fire building), the activity aimed to develop this skill will vary weekly according to our themes. This ensures all campers are getting to experience the highly anticipated outdoor-skills programming we've promised, while doing so in a unique way week-to-week. We have many campers attending for multiple weeks in any given summer, so we strive to keep them engaged through new & innovative programming!

### **What are this year's weekly themes?**

Week 1: Camp's Reopening? Time to SING!\*

Week 2: The Wizarding World of Samac!

Week 3: Marvel Meets Samac

Week 4: CHOPPED Jr. (Samac Edition)

Week 5: A Samac Space Odyssey\*

Week 6: Samac's Space Jam!

Week 7: Under the Samac Sea

Week 8: Camp Encanto!

Week 9: Welcome to... JUMANJI! (Samac Edition)

\* Weeks 1 & 5 are short-weeks & are available for a reduced rate.

### **Will my child be able to participate in archery?**

According to Scouts Canada Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, youth must be at least 8 years old and up to participate in archery.

### **My camper is in Scouts; can they work towards any badges?**

Yes. Please let your child(ren)'s Camp Counsellors or our Senior Staff know at drop-off on your child(ren)'s first day of camp, and our team will complete an Outdoor Adventure Skill (OAS) tracker for pick-up on Friday afternoon. This matrix can be shared with your youth's Scouting Leader in the Fall.

### **Are there going to be the weekly Family Night Campfire events this year?**

At this time, we are unsure whether or not our usual Family Night Campfires will be organized for this year. Our staff will be working with Public Health officials to assess risk, and the decision will be confirmed prior to the summer beginning. As much as we love this tradition, we need to ensure we are keeping our families and staff as safe as possible on-site! Regardless of the verdict, Family Night Campfires will not be offered in inclement weather due to our commitment to limit capacity indoors. Stay tuned for more on this!

### **What is the "Family Night Campfire?"**

Our Family Night campfire is traditionally hosted weekly on Thursday evening from 5:00–6:00PM. Family and friends are welcome to join us for a guided tour of the property at 4:30PM or meet us in Kitchie Field (staff will be in the parking lot to direct) for the show. Each group prepares and performs a song or skit based on the theme of the week. If we are proceeding with this outdoor event this season, we will be in touch with registered families prior to attending to confirm details (e.g., times, locations, safety measures, etc.).

