



GRACEFIELD

Christian Camp and Retreat Centre



CAMP FAQs

Frequently asked questions and details about camp

We're excited you're considering joining us for a fun- filled summer experience. Here you'll find answers to some of the most common questions about the camp to help you make an informed decision.



FAQs - General

Q. Will siblings be able to see each other during the week?

A: Yes, siblings will be able to see each other during the week. They will eat meals at the same time in the dining hall, and there will be camp-wide activities each day when siblings in different camps can participate together if they wish.

Q. Does a camper have to be religious to attend camp?

A: Not at all! Campers will participate in a chapel service twice during the week, and daily *Encounters* (faith-based learning) based on Christian philosophies. They are encouraged to participate but are free to express their own opinions and explore faith at their own pace.

Q. Will campers be able to call their parents during camp?

A: We generally discourage phone calls from campers to their parents during camp, to allow them to fully immerse themselves in the experience. Regular communication with parents can create homesickness and distract campers from bonding with their peers and participating in activities.

Q. What happens if a camper gets sick or injured during camp?

A: Our program staff, who are all trained in first aid, will provide immediate assistance if a camper gets sick or injured at camp. We also have an on-duty first aider with a fully equipped infirmary to provide any necessary care.

Q. What if a camper has allergies or dietary restrictions?

A: At summer camp, we strive to accommodate campers with allergies or dietary restrictions. We are a nut-free camp and can accommodate most dietary restrictions with advance notice.

Q. How safe is your waterfront?

A: Our waterfront is staffed with NLS certified lifeguards who are trained to respond to emergency situations. We also have various safety measures and equipment in place, such as life jackets, safety ropes, and designated swimming areas, to ensure the safety of all campers.

FAQs - Base Camps

Q. Where do campers sleep during the week?

A: Campers will sleep in our woodland cabins along with 11 other campers and their 2 counsellors. Campers will choose their own bunk and bunkmates.

Q. What types of activities do base camps do?

A: Base camps offer a wide range of activities, including but not limited to swimming, canoeing, archery, field games, team building, low ropes course, nature walks and many others.

Q. That time is wake up and lights out?

A: Campers usually wake up around 7:30 am, and join our daily *morning watch* reflection before breakfast. Bedtime varies depending on the age of the campers; the youngest head to bed at 8:30 pm and the oldest campers by 11:00pm.

Q. Do base camps do any camping or cookouts?

A: Yes, all of our base camps do either an overnight campout on camp property or a cookout for a meal, depending on the camp session age group.

Q. What does a typical day schedule look like?

A: The following is a typical day for a Trailblazer Camper

7:30am - Wake up, Polar bear dip (every other day), morning watch	11:45am - Encounters	4:00pm - Cabin Choice
8:30am - Breakfast	12:30pm - Lunch	5:30pm - Dinner
9:30am - Cabin Clean	1:00pm - FOB (Foot on Bunk - rest time)	6:30pm - Field Time / wide game
9:45am - Session 1	2:00pm - Free swim	8:00pm - Campfire
10:45am - Session 2	3:00pm - Session 3	9:00pm - Devotions / Lights out

FAQs - Wilderness/Tripping Camps

Q. Where do campers sleep during the week?

A: Both our Adventure and Woodlander camps are based at our Bruno's Wilderness site where they will sleep in large canvas tents along with their fellow campers. Voyageur campers will spend their first and last night in our woodland cabins; the rest of the time will be in tents during the canoe trip.

Q. Do campers need to have outdoor skills to attend these camps?

A: No, they will learn the needed outdoor skills at camp. We do suggest that campers have an interest in wilderness camping and canoe tripping to ensure they have an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

Q. How do campers eat their meals?

A: Throughout the week, campers will have the opportunity to experience three different types of meals. They will have some meals in the dining hall with the base camps, some meals will be prepared by our kitchen staff and brought to our wilderness sites, and there will also be an opportunity for campers to cook their own meals over a fire or on camping stoves.

Q. How safe are canoe trips, and what qualifies the camp staff to lead them?

A: Canoe trips can be an enjoyable and safe way to experience the wilderness, provided that appropriate safety measures are in place. At our camp, we prioritize safety by ensuring that our trip leaders have qualifications in canoeing, lifeguarding, and first aid. We also have a detailed trip plan with emergency pull-out options and daily GPS responder check-ins. In addition, we provide various safety equipment to campers to ensure that they have a safe and enjoyable experience on the water.

Q. What types of activities are done on canoe trips?

A: Canoe trips typically involve a variety of activities that centre around exploring and experiencing the wilderness by water. Activities could include hiking, swimming, campfire building, camp cooking, and of course paddling. Campers may also get to explore waterfalls, natural water springs, and caves while on the trip.

***If you have any other questions please email
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