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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 2023?

Camp Samac is pleased to offer traditional youth Day Camps, as well as weekly Leadership-in-Training / Counsellor-in-Training programs. New this year, we will be offering a Junior Ranger program for teens as well. Camp Samac will NOT be offering traditional youth overnight camping or weekend family camping options for the summer of 2023.

Are your summer programs exclusive to Scouts Canada members? What is the cost of your 2023 summer program?

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

	EARLY BIRD RATE Available until May 1, 2023	REGULAR RATE After May 1, 2023
Scouts Canada Member Rate	\$260.00/full week (\$208.00/short week)	\$285.00/full week (\$228.00/short week)
Non-member Rate (Public)	\$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 2023, Camp Samac is pleased to once again be offering weekly summer Day Camps starting on **July 4 and ending September 1, 2023**. Day Camps for youth ages 7–13+ will be offered on a weekly basis from Monday to Friday 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. The Junior Ranger program will be running for youth 13–16+ years weekly.

What is the age range for youth Day Camps?

At this time, for the summer of 2023, Camp Samac is pleased to be offering our traditional Day Camp programming for youth aged 7–13+ years. Our Senior Programs (CIT/LT) & Junior Ranger program are open to youth 13–16+ years.

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

Camp Samac's Day Camp program is focused on fun and exciting outdoor programming. With great on-site amenities and a waterfront location, youth can expect their day to be filled 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.

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 will 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!

What is the Junior Ranger program about? What will they do?

The new Junior Ranger (JR) program at Camp Samac is a place for adolescents to develop their personal, professional, and environmental skills. The program aims to cultivate knowledge and abilities in ecological sustainability and integrated natural resources management through educational, practical, and meaningful experiences for participants. Focuses of this program includes various forms of ecosystem rehabilitation with an emphasis on forest and water conservations, invasive species management, and wildlife care. The program participants will

shadow our Junior Ranger Leads and work in groups throughout the week to complete legacy projects, which can be physically demanding, though incredibly rewarding. Projects may include bank restoration, tree planting, trail maintenance, hazardous plant management, and more. Canoeing, archery, swimming daily, and fire building are some of the many other traditional camp activities that will take place during the program.

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

Our CIT program will be offered Week 1 (July 4–7), Week 3 (July 17–21), Week 5 (July 31–August 4), Week 7 (August 14–18), & Week 9 (August 28–September 1). *Note that Week 1 is a short week this season & will be available for a reduced rate.*

Our LT program will be offered Week 2 (July 10–14), Week 4 (July 24–28), Week 6 (August 8–11), & Week 8 (August 21–25). *Note that Week 6 is a short week this season & will be available for a reduced rate.*

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, LT, or JR) 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).

How do I become a member?

To become a member of Scouts Canada, please complete the following registration form: [Scouts.ca/join/](https://scouts.ca/join/)

When are the Early Bird rates available until?

Early Bird rates will be in effect up until May 1, 2023. For any registrations made after May 1, 2023, regular rates will apply.

Will Camp Samac be offering the weekly meal plan service?

A meal plan will not be offered for our Summer Camps in 2023. Campers are expected to arrive with a lunch, refillable water bottle, and a minimum of two nut-free snacks to enjoy throughout the day.

Is there before/after camp care?

Our regular 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. On short weeks, each additional care fee is reduced to \$20/week.

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 4–7) and Week 6 (August 8–11), and the program & add-on rates are reduced accordingly.

When do your Summer Programs start this year?

The first week of Day Camps kicks-off Tuesday, July 4, offered weekly throughout July & August. The final week of Day Camp is August 28 to September 1.

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

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.

Is Camp Samac nut-free?

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

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 2023.

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 form and select the week(s) 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.

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 4, 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 4, 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).

What is the refund policy for Summer Camp?

All Registrations	100% deposit will be required to secure your booking.
Registrations cancelled with more than 4 weeks' notice	If a payment has been made in full, 80% of the deposit will be refunded.
Registrations transferred with more than 4 weeks' notice	100% deposit can be transferred to another registration this summer.
Registrations cancelled with less than 4 weeks' notice, but more than 2 weeks' notice	50% of total payment is refundable.
Registrations cancelled with less than 2 weeks' notice	No refunds
Scouts Canada cancels registration due to extenuating circumstances	Transfer 100% of payment to another registration this summer or receive a 92% refund.

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).

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

When filling out the online registration form for 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 and need a friend request added to the file, please email our Administrative Coordinator (campsamac@scouts.ca) with the details.

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 1:8 ratio of counsellors to campers. Groups may include up to a maximum of 16 campers with 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.

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

Drop-off and pick-up are located at the 275 Conlin Rd. Entrance. Follow the paved path to the parking lot and park your vehicle. If able, parents/guardians are expected to walk their camper up to the field where you will sign in/out with a Camp Coordinator and meet your camper(s)' counsellors daily. If the parent/guardian requires staff assistance walking a child to & from the parking lot for mobility reasons, please flag down a Senior Staff member on your drive-in and our team will be happy to support.

Is it okay if a friend or family member is going to be dropping off or 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 camper group. The staff always plan for rain, so programming will go on inside.

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

Your camper's counsellors will call you the weekend before camp starts before Sunday evening. They will tell you their name, their counsellor partner's name, and the group your camper is in. This information will be helpful at drop-off on your first day of camp.

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 group games, colour, make bracelets, doodle, 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 Camp 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(s), who are all certified lifeguards.

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 Camp Counsellors and Site Coordinators plan new and exciting activities for our campers to partake in based on the theme of the week. As a Scouts Canada camp, our Camp 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 Minecraft (Unplugged) (*)

Week 2: Camp Samac: A Young Jedi Adventure

Week 3: Super Mario Bros (Samac Edition)

Week 4: Camp Samac's Amazing Race!

Week 5: Samac Goes Elemental!

Week 6: BINGO! Camp Samac's Gameshow Extravaganza (*)

Week 7: Samac Meets Shrek!

Week 8: To Infinity... & Beyond!

Week 9: Survivor: Samac All-Stars

(*) Weeks 1 & 6 are short-weeks & are available for a reduced rate.

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.