



**R.L. Hyslop
Kinder Camp
2019**

Week 1 – July 1-5

Monday, July 1

Program closed for the statutory holiday.

Tuesday, July 2
Welcome to Camp!

Welcome to Camp! Today, you will meet your fellow campers and play some fun games that focus on team building. Get ready for the human knot and races, right in our own backyard.

Wednesday, July 3
Bronte Creek Provincial Park

1219 Burloak Drive, Burlington
www.ontarioparks.ca/park/brontecreek

Campers will begin the first of many trips to Bronte Creek this summer by exploring what the park has to offer. We will explore the farm, and the farmhouse. After taking a lunch break, the campers will walk down the trail to the pool to go swimming.

Thursday, July 4
Community Scavenger Hunt

The campers will create their own checklists and then head out on a camp-wide scavenger hunt. How well do you know your neighbourhood? We'll find out!

Friday, July 5
Summer Memento Wreaths
Green Acres Park

50 Randall Ave., Stoney Creek
www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation

Campers will take a walk to Green Acres Park to search for natural materials we can incorporate into a wreath to display in our program. We will enjoy a picnic lunch before we cool down in the splash pad.



Week 2 – July 8-12

Monday, July 8
Bubble Play

We're feeling bubbly, and today's activities will blow you away! Get ready for some bubble-blowing fun!

Tuesday, July 9
Red Hill Public Library

695 Queenston Road, Hamilton
<http://www.hpl.ca/branches/red-hill-branch>

We are going to hop on the HSR bus to our local public library to check out some exciting books for our program. Campers will have the opportunity to engage in an interactive story. Afterwards, we will splash around in the splash pad at Sam Manson Park.

Wednesday, July 10
Wild Waterworks

680 Waterfront Trail, Hamilton
www.wild-waterworks.com

Wild Waterworks is the largest water park in Hamilton, complete with splash pads, a lazy river, and an outdoor wave pool! Campers will enjoy lunch in the shaded picnic area before returning to the water for more fun in the afternoon.

Thursday, July 11
Riverdale Community Garden

Lake Ave North, Stoney Creek

Today, we will visit our local community garden at Riverdale Community Garden where we will learn about the various vegetables being grown and what it takes to grow and maintain the garden. Afterwards, we will be gathering materials needed to grow our very own plants.

Friday, July 12
Scavenger Hunt
Green Acres Park

50 Randall Ave., Stoney Creek
www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation

Divide, conquer, and capture – the flag, that is. Campers will walk over to Green Acres Park to enjoy a large game of capture the flag. Campers will divide into teams to brainstorm a name for their team and design a flag. After taking a lunch break, the campers can look forward to some time in the splash pad.

Week 3 – July 15-19

Monday, July 15
Teddy Bear Picnic
Battlefield Park

77 King St W, Stoney Creek
www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation

Bring along your favourite cuddly friends and enjoy a day full of teddy bear themed activities including a bear hunt and picnic at Battlefield Park.

Tuesday, July 16
Nature Bracelets

We are on the hunt for beautiful treasures to add to our wrists! Campers will wrap tape around their wrists sticky side up and head out for a nature walk. As we explore the neighbourhood, we will add the items found to the tape to make our own unique bracelet.

Wednesday, July 17
Nature Hike
Bronte Creek Provincial Park

1219 Burloak Drive, Burlington
www.ontarioparks.com/park/brontecreek

We are going to hit the trails to explore our surroundings. Campers will be introduced to trail blazing and learn what it takes to be safe in the forest. After taking a lunch break, the campers will walk down the trail to the pool where we will have the opportunity to go swimming.

Thursday, July 18
Bowling
Splitsville

1525 Stone Church Blvd E,
Hamilton
<https://www.splitsville.ca>

Today's activity is right up our alley. Get ready for bowling! We're hopping aboard the HSR bus to head over to Splitsville. We will enjoy a few rounds of bowling before heading back to our home base.

Friday, July 19
Soccer

Campers will take advantage of our vast greenspace to enjoy time in the field learning a variety of soccer skills and a variety of other outdoor games.

Week 4 – July 22-26

Monday, July 22
Master Chef

Bring your appetite and your creativity with you today! Campers will be brainstorming healthy recipes, combine the ingredients and create nutritious culinary wonders.

Tuesday, July 23
Fire Station #12

199 Highway 8, Stoney Creek
www.hamilton.ca/

Ever wonder what it's like to be a firefighter? We will be taking a walk to visit our local heroes today. We will have the opportunity to meet the men and women dedicated to our safety, learn about the vehicles and the equipment that firefighters use and learn about fire safety. If we are lucky, they might let us try on their uniforms!

Wednesday, July 24
Bingemans Fun Park

425 Bingemans Centre Drive, Kitchener
www.bingemans.com

Half waterpark, half sports centre, and a whole lot of fun! Today we'll be going to Bingemans! The waterpark includes a gradual entry wave pool, and a giant splash area. We'll also practise our putting at the mini-golf course!

Thursday, July 25
Superhero Training Day

Come dressed in your favourite superhero costumes and be prepared to participate in various outdoor games! No superhero costume? No problem! There will be a variety of art supplies to help you create your own.

Friday, July 26
The Hamilton Children's Museum

1072 Main Street East, Hamilton
<https://www.hamilton.ca/attractions/hamilton-civic-museums/hamilton-childrens-museum>

We will be hopping on our local HSR bus to Gage Park to visit the Hamilton Children's Museum! Here, campers will participate in the interactive, hands-on galleries, which encourage learning through self-directed play. After a picnic lunch, campers will enjoy time in the wading pool.

Week 5 – July 29-August 2

Monday, July 29

Children's International Learning Centre

189 King William Street, Hamilton

<http://www.cilc.ca/>

Today, we'll be hopping aboard the HSR bus to visit the Children's International Learning Centre. Campers will explore all of the things that make Canada awesome! We will also explore cultural artifacts, instruments and play some fun games

Tuesday, July 30

Bird Feeders

We want to get a closer look at the birds in our area and D.I.Y. bird feeders are just the thing to attract them. Campers will brainstorm a list of foods they think birds might eat. We will then string these items up to hang around our camp.

Wednesday, July 31

Farm Life

Bronte Creek Provincial Park

1219 Burloak Drive, Burlington

www.ontarioparks.com/park/brontecreek

Today we're exploring a farm with all sorts of animals to see up close! We will also take a step back in time as we tour the Spruce Lane Farmhouse, which dates back to the 19th century. After a picnic lunch, campers will have the opportunity to go for a swim in the pool.

Thursday, August 1

Sports FANatics

Come dressed in your favourite jersey and get ready to play! We'll be representing our favourite teams today as we hone our soccer and flag football skills. No sports jersey? No problem! You can get creative and make your own banner for your favourite team with our stash of art supplies.

Friday, August 2

Rock Art

Today we are off on a rock-hunting adventure to gather rocks of all different shapes, sizes, and colors. Once we get back to the centre we will channel our inner Picassos and turn those rocks into works of art!

Week 6 – August 5-9

Monday, August 5

Program closed for the statutory holiday.

Tuesday, August 6

Monkeynastix

www.monkeynastix.ca

Today, the team from Monkeynastix will help campers to develop confidence and a positive self-image in a fun and challenging way. Using specialized equipment, Monkeynastix will teach us some good habits to keep when it comes to staying active!

Wednesday, August 7

Wild Waterworks

680 Waterfront Trail, Hamilton

www.wild-waterworks.com

Wild Waterworks is the largest water park in Hamilton, complete with splash pads, a lazy river, and an outdoor wave pool! Campers will enjoy lunch in the shaded picnic area before returning to the water for more fun in the afternoon.

Thursday, August 8

Water Play Day

Get ready to get wet! We will be breaking out the sprinklers, slip and slide, water balloons and buckets for a super fun day of water play.

Friday, August 9

Nature Sensory Walk

Green Acres Park

50 Randall Ave., Stoney Creek

www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation

Today we are going to immerse ourselves into nature listening to the different sounds, smelling all the smells and using our eyes to take in all the sights around us on the way to the Green Acres Park. After a picnic lunch, we will go for a splash in the wading pool.

Week 7 – August 12-16

Monday, August 12
Parachute Games
Green Acres Park

880 Queenston Road, Stoney Creek
<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/drop-in-recreation-programs/green-acres-outdoor-pool>

Campers will head to Green Acres Park where they will enjoy a day of parachute activities. After our lunch break, we will take a break and play in the splash pad to cool down.

Tuesday, August 13
Camp Mural

Campers will be working together to create a giant mural to commemorate their time at camp. Everyone will plan and design their contributions with access to a variety of different materials.

Wednesday, August 14
Wildflower Memory Games
Bronte Creek Provincial Park

1219 Burloak Drive, Burlington
www.ontarioparks.com/park/brontecreek

We are going in search of the most beautiful wildflowers to collect. Each camper will find five plants and then test their fellow camper's memory by playing a game of "Which One is Missing?" After a picnic lunch, campers will have the opportunity to go for a swim in the pool.

Thursday, August 15
Toy Museum

1231 Main Street East, Hamilton
www.thtm.ca

Campers will take an HSR bus to the Toy Museum. They will go back in time to explore a collection of vintage toys dating back well over 100 years in an environment that puts the emphasis on play and imagination.

Friday, August 16
Life Size Board Games
Water Play

Children will spend the morning designing and playing life-sized board games, both indoors and outdoors. In the afternoon, we will break out the sprinklers, slip and slide, water balloons and buckets as we spend the afternoon playing in water!

Week 8 – August 19-23

Monday, August 19
Field Games Day

Today, we're taking advantage of all of the possibilities we find in our own backyard! We'll play lots of games like frisbee and soccer. We will be able to cool off with some water games after lunch.

Tuesday, August 20
Beach Party

It's a Beach Party and you're invited! We will be working on our limbo skills, finding out what it takes to crack open some coconuts and making seashell jewelry.

Wednesday, August 21
African Lion Safari

1386 Cooper Road, Cambridge
www.lionsafari.com

The African Lion Safari will put us face-to-face with some of the most fascinating and amazing animals in the world, including elephants, zebras, baboons, and, of course, lions! Campers will ride through the large game reserve in the Safari Tour Bus, take a ride on the scenic railway and go for a cruise on the "African Queen" boat! After lunch, campers will visit Mismumu Bay, an interactive water play zone, complete with slides and plenty of splashing.

Thursday, August 22
Camp's Got Talent!

Everyone is a star today in our camp-wide talent show. It's time to showcase your best dance moves, singing voice or magic tricks! Props and costumes will be available.

Friday, August 23
Last Day of Camp Party
Green Acres Park

50 Randall Ave., Stoney Creek
www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation

For our last day of camp, we will walk to the park to enjoy a variety of our favorite games and activities from throughout the summer and enjoy a picnic lunch. We will collect autographs on our camp shirts to keep as souvenirs as we say our farewells.

Today's Family Summer Camp

Program overview

Kinder Camp (Ages 4-6 years)

Our Kinder Camp Program provides a great opportunity for children ages 4-6 years to explore their environment in a safe and supervised setting. Campers will enjoy trips in their community, physical activity, songs and games, arts and crafts and weekly outings.

Adventure Camp (Ages 7-9 years)

Our Adventure Camp Program provides campers ages 7-9 years with an active, fun-filled opportunity. Campers will go on weekly outings, swim, enjoy arts, music and drama experiences, physical activities, outdoor adventures and explore their community.

Camp Extreme (Ages 9-12 years)

Our Camp Extreme Program is an action packed adventure for campers ages 9-12 years. Campers will experience outdoor activities, sports, arts and crafts, swimming, weekly trips and much more.

Is your camper 9 years old?

If so, s/he gets to decide whether to have an exciting 'adventure' this summer or go 'extreme!'

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Leader-in-Training (LIT) Program (Ages 13-16 years)

Our Leader-in-Training (LIT) Program provides a great opportunity for teens to develop communication skills in a team environment. Participants also learn how to supervise young children as they plan activities to help them learn and grow.

Did you know...

Answers to frequently asked questions

Welcome to Today's Family

Today's Family is a non-profit charitable agency servicing children and families in and around Hamilton, Halton and Haldimand Norfolk. We offer a wide range of early learning and child care programs as well as parental support programs to help you and your child every step of the way. It's professional, caring support that makes a real difference in the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development of children.

Registration

You can register for Today's Family Summer Camps in the following ways:

1. In person

2. By mail: Today's Family Summer Camp Central Administration Office, 44 Greendale Drive, Hamilton ON L9C 5Z4

3. By email: Download a registration package: www.todaysfamily.ca or email us at childcare@todaysfamily.ca

Financial Assistance

Qualifying families may be eligible for subsidy through the Social Development and Early Childhood Services Child Care Fee Subsidy Office. For further information, please call:

905 546 4870 City of Hamilton
905 825 6000 Halton Region
519 426 6170 Haldimand Norfolk

Program Hours

Today's Family Summer Camp Programs operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. We are closed on statutory holidays.

What to bring to camp:

To be prepared for camp, please remember to bring the following to camp each day:

- ✓ Lunch (nut-free)
- ✓ Swim suit
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Comfortable shoes
- ✓ Hat

✗ We ask that campers not bring any valuables to camp. This includes: cell phones, electronic devices and games.

Hot Weather Policy

To ensure the health and safety of all, camp staff will modify activities to accommodate for hot weather. There will be more indoor time and less strenuous activities with more frequent water breaks. This will allow all campers to enjoy even the hottest days.

Nutrition

Today's Family provides snacks in accordance with the Canada Food Guide. Menus are posted and copies are also available to parents and families. Please be sure to alert us of any allergies or food restrictions. If possible, we will try to provide an alternative. Please bring a nut-free lunch and refillable water bottle every day.

Guiding Behaviour

Today's Family use re-direction and positive behaviour guidance techniques appropriate to the child's age to promote self-discipline and respect for others and their environment.

Serious Occurrences

Serious occurrences that happen in your child's Camp Program are posted at the program location for your information.

Volunteer and Student Supervision Policy

Only Today's Family employees will have the direct responsibility for the supervision of children in the camp programs. Please note: Volunteers and students are not considered part of the staff / caregiver to child ratio.