



**Summer
Camp**
Today's
Family

**R.A. Riddell
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 Wreath
Gilkson Park

50 Gemini Drive, Hamilton
<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation>

Campers will take advantage of our vast greenspace to search for natural materials we can incorporate into a wreath to display in our program. We will also have time for a splash in the splash pad.



Week 2 – July 8-12

Monday, July 8
Bug Hunt

They fly, they buzz — they can even light up! It's no wonder most kids think bugs are cool. We're going to take some time to observe the bugs in our backyard, and get up close and personal with magnifying glasses.

Tuesday, July 9
Library Day
Terryberry Public Library

100 Mohawk Road W., Hamilton
<https://www.hpl.ca/>

We are going to take the HSR to the public library to check out some exciting books for our program. We will engage in an interactive story and have the opportunity to enjoy the play area.

Wednesday, July 10
Wild Waterworks

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

Pack your bathing suit, because today is going to be a splash! Wild Waterworks is the largest water park in Hamilton, complete splash pads, a lazy river, and an outdoor wave pool! We'll break for lunch and then get back to the water for more fun.

Thursday, July 11
Community Garden Exploration
Today's Family Early Learning and Child Care

44 Greendale Drive, Hamilton
www.todaysfamily.ca/

Campers will visit the local community garden at our Greendale Child Care Centre. We'll learn about the various vegetables being grown and what it takes to grow and maintain the garden. Afterwards, we will be gathering the materials needed to grow our very own plants.

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Friday, July 12 Capture the Flag Gilkson Park

50 Gemini Drive, Hamilton
<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation>

Divide, conquer, and capture – the flag, that is. Campers will enjoy a large game of capture the flag over at Gilkson Park. Campers will divide into teams to brainstorm a name for their team and design a flag.

Week 3 – July 15-19

Monday, July 15 Teddy Bear Picnic Gilkson Park

50 Gemini Drive, Hamilton
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 Gilkson Park.

Tuesday, July 16 Soccer Gilkson Park

50 Gemini Drive, Hamilton
<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation>

Campers will take a short walk to Gilkson Park and enjoy time in the field learning a variety of soccer skills and a variety of other outdoor games at the park.

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.

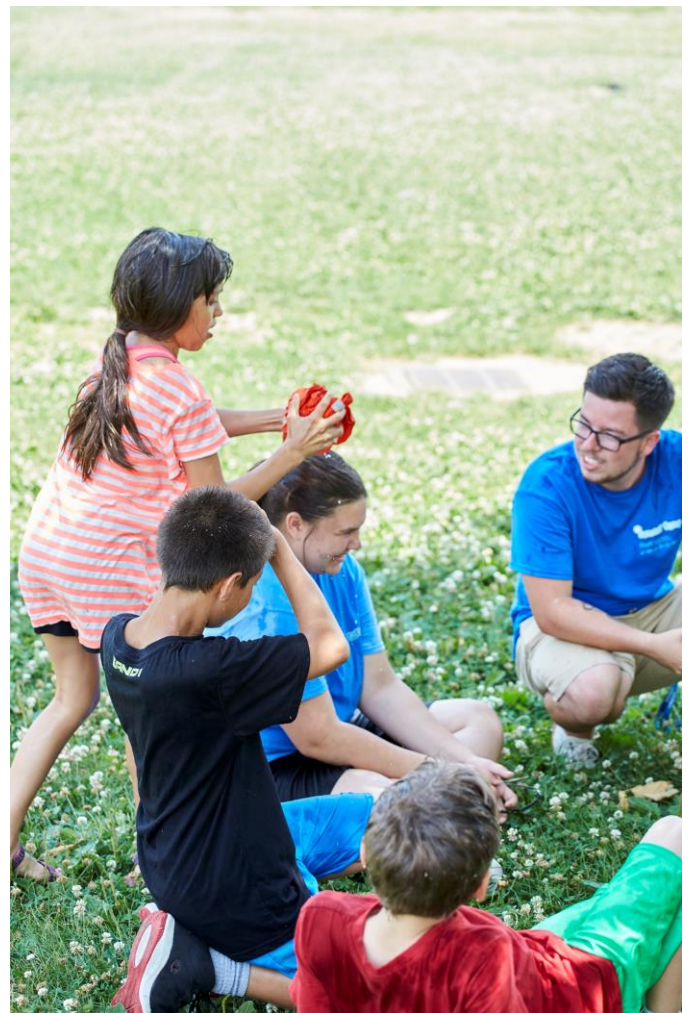
Thursday, July 18 Bowling Mountain Lanes

335 Upper Wentworth St. Hamilton
<https://www.mountainlanesbowling.ca>

Today's activity is right up our alley. Get ready for bowling! After an action packed morning at home base, we'll be riding the HSR bus to Mountain Lanes. We will enjoy a few rounds of bowling before heading back to our camp.

Friday, July 19 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, we will add the items found to the tape to make our own unique bracelet.



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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
Superhero Training Day

Even superheroes started somewhere! Today we will be training to battle the forces of evil. Games and activities will focus on getting these young heroes the resources they need to stop any evil plot. Afterward the campers will put the finishing touches on their superhero outfit or mask.

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 waterslides, a gradual entry wave pool, and a giant splash area. We'll also practise our putting at the mini-golf course!

Thursday, July 25
Fire Station #3

965 Garth Street, Hamilton
<https://www.hamilton.ca/emergency-services/fire>

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

Friday, July 26
The Hamilton Children's Museum
Gage Park

1072 Main Street E, 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 at Gage Park.

Week 5 – July 29-August 2

Monday, July 29
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.

Tuesday, July 30
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!

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
Children's International Learning Centre

189 King William Street, Hamilton
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.

Week 6 – August 5-9

Monday, August 5

Program closed for the statutory holiday.

Tuesday, August 6
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.

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 areas before returning to the water for more fun in the afternoon.

Thursday, August 8
Nature Sensory Walk
Gilkson Park

50 Gemini Drive, Hamilton
<https://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 Gilkson Park. After a picnic lunch, we will go for a splash in the splash pad.

Friday, August 9
Monkeynastix

<https://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!

Week 7 – August 12-16

Monday, August 12
Toy Museum

1231 Main Street E., Hamilton
www.thtm.ca

Campers 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.

Tuesday, August 13
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!

Wednesday, August 14
Wildflower Memory Game
Bronte Creek Provincial Park

1219 Burloak Drive, Burlington
www.ontarioparks.ca/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 campers 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
Parachute Games
Gilkson Park

50 Gemini Drive, Hamilton
<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation>

Campers will head to Gilkson 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.

Friday, August 16
Camp Mural

Campers will be working together to create a giant mural to commemorate an awesome summer at camp! In the afternoon, we will play a few different types of tag games.

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 sea shell jewelry.

Wednesday, August 21 African Lion Safari

1386 Cooper Road, Hamilton
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 as well as 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 for that "little extra".

Friday, August 23 Last Day of Camp Picnic Party Gilkson Park

50 Gemini Drive, Hamilton
<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation>

For our last day of camp, we take a walk to Gilkson Park to enjoy a variety of games and activities. After 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.