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# Summer Day Camp Parent/Guardian Guide

2023

# Welcome to Zorra Summer Camp 2023!

Zorra Township Recreation Department Summer Day Camp is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and quality camp program that will benefit children's abilities while using maintained parks and facilities and developing community partnerships. The program is designed to provide children with a variety of fun experiences that promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

## Our Program Objectives

When children participate in recreational play, they develop physically, emotionally, and socially. What they learn at play provides a strong foundation that will help prepare them for future life experiences. All recreation programs have a responsibility to provide activities and environments where children feel safe, welcome, competent, connected, empowered, and special. Taking that into consideration, the Zorra Summer Day Camp program should aim to provide participants with:

- A safe and clean place to play
- A quality program involving a balance of age-appropriate activities (games, crafts, etc) that stress fun, enjoyment, and participation
- Opportunities to acquire new skills, improve existing skills/abilities, and make new friends
- A constructive outlet for energy and self-expression that enhances growth and self-awareness
- A number of positive role models and opportunities for children to be leaders and role models for others

## Locations

### Embroid Zorra Community Centre

355644 35th Line  
Embroid, ON  
N0J 1J0

### Thamesford District Recreation Centre

85 Middleton Street  
Thamesford, ON  
N0M 2M0

# Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to hear that your child(ren) will be joining us at camp this summer! Whether you are new to our camp or have returning campers, we want to ensure that everyone has the best experience. Please make sure to read through this information to best prepare for camp.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

Campers will be dropped off and picked up in the Small Hall at the Embro Zorra Community Centre or the Hall at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre. Please note the times on the schedule below.

Drop Off	8:00am to 9:00am
Camp Program	9:00am to 4:00pm
Pick Up	4:00pm to 5:00pm

*\*Before and After Care are available for an additional cost*

Before Care	7:00am to 8:00am
After Care	5:00pm to 6:00pm

Please sign your camper(s) in and out of camp using our sign in/out sheet. If you ever need to pick up your camper(s) early or drop them off late, please inform a counsellor during drop off or pick up ASAP so that they can make note of the change.

**ALWAYS have a piece of photo ID with you.** The safety of the campers is our priority, so our counsellors will ask you for photo ID **every day** upon pick up. At morning drop-off, the parent/guardian must sign-in their child and will also include the name of the person who will be picking up their child each day. This name, in addition to the listed guardians, will be the only one allowed to pick up the child.

Parents who give permission for their child to sign themselves in or out must provide a note in person on the first day of camp authorizing their child to leave without a parent/guardian to sign them out. The letter must indicate when the camper will be expected in the morning and the time they can be released at the end of the day.

## Camp Communication

Our counsellors are always happy to help you with any questions that you may have during drop off and pick up times. If you require any additional information regarding our camp programming or policies, please ask to speak with Haley Stears (Camp Coordinator) or Stephanie Starchuck (Recreation Program Coordinator). Haley can be reached in person (just ask) or by email at [zorracamp@zorra.ca](mailto:zorracamp@zorra.ca). Stephanie can be reached by email at [sstarchuck@zorra.ca](mailto:ssstarchuck@zorra.ca) or by phone at 519-485-2490 ext. 7242.

## Our Camp Leaders

We are very fortunate to have an experienced and dynamic team of Camp Leaders to ensure that all campers have a fun and safe week at camp. In addition to pre-camp orientation training, camp staff are certified in Standard First Aid and CPR-C.

## Standard Day at Camp

Campers can expect days full of fun and excitement! A typical day will include indoor and outdoor activities, games, crafts, and trips to local parks. Our weekly themes help guide our activities and outings.

Each Friday, we will be providing a pizza lunch (1 slice each) to all campers from Thamesford Pizza!

In Thamesford, every Tuesday campers will have the opportunity to go to Lion's River Park for Creek Walking. Please bring rubber boots or water shoes, nets, and buckets. This activity depends on the height and speed of the creek.

In Embro, campers will have the opportunity to visit the new splash pad and participate in fun activities at the local library and other

## Swimming (Thamesford Only)

We will be swimming every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday! As safety is our first priority, campers 6 years old and younger will be required to wear a life jacket regardless of their swimming ability. Campers 7 years and older will be required to complete a swim test to swim without a life jacket.

Due to our limited supply of life jackets, we encourage campers to bring their own life jacket or puddle jumper. Please label them with the camper's name.

Please note that all campers (both in Thamesford and Embro) will be participating in water activities throughout the summer. Therefore, campers are encouraged to bring their bathing suit every day!

### Daily Schedule

7:00am to 8:00am - Before Care

8:00am to 9:00am - Regular Drop  
Off

9:00am to 10:30am - Daily  
Activities

10:30am to 10:45am - Snack Break

10:45am to 12:00pm - Daily  
Activities

12:00pm to 1:00pm - Lunch

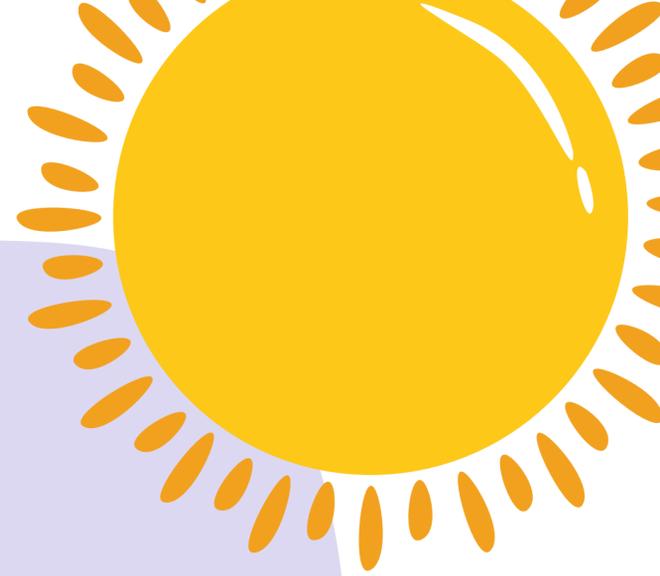
1:00pm to 2:30pm - Daily Activities

2:30pm to 2:45pm - Snack Break

2:45pm to 4:00pm - Daily Activities

4:00pm to 5:00pm - Regular Pick  
Up

5:00pm to 6:00pm - After Care



## Packing List

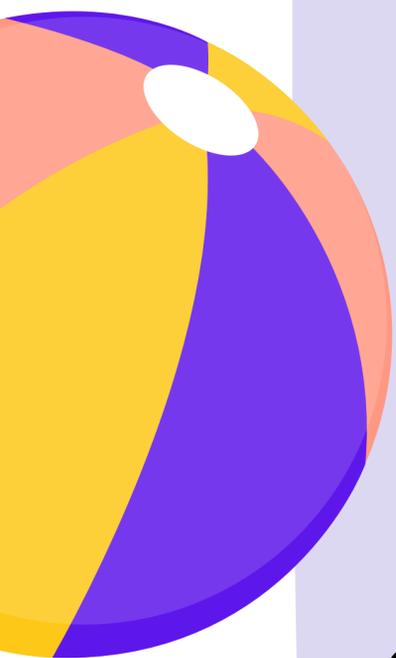
Please bring the following items to camp:

- Lunch and two snacks (peanut free)
- Water bottle
- Proper indoor/outdoor attire
- Running shoes (no sandals/crocs/open-toed shoes)
- Sun safety supplies (**sunscreen**, hat, sunglasses)
- Bathing suit and towel

Occasionally, counsellors may request specific items to be brought to camp for special crafts and activities. These notifications will be indicated in the weekly newsletter.

**Don't forget to label all your child's items that are brought to camp.**

**Please do not bring toys to camp.**



# Camp Themes

<b>Week</b>	<b>Theme</b>
<b>Week 1</b> July 3 - July 7	<b>Too Cool for School</b> School's out for the summer - HOORAY! Kick off the summer with a fun-filled week with us enjoying the sunshine - and no more homework
<b>Week 2</b> July 10 - July 14	<b>Secret Life of Pets</b> We definitely think those pets get up to no good when home alone all day! I wonder what other interesting things we can find out about our favourite animals? Let's discover together!
<b>Week 3</b> July 17 - July 21	<b>Amazing Race + Trip to Funvilla</b> Ready, Set, GO! Let's race around the world while completing some zany and exciting challenges each day. We might be in Japan one day and Chile on another. Who knows where we'll end up!
<b>Week 4</b> July 24 - July 28	<b>Beach Week</b> Life at the beach is so much fun! Let's bring the beach to camp with sandcastles, water activities, and meeting some new aquatic friends!
<b>Week 5</b> July 31 - August 4	<b>To Infinity and Beyond + Trip to Clovermead</b> We'll take a trip to explore stars, the sun, and planets this week. Maybe we'll make some new alien friends on our adventure too!
<b>Week 6</b> August 8 - August 11	<b>Shark Tank</b> We want to hear all about your cool ideas! Have you discovered a new invention that will brush your teeth and hair at the same time? Or a jetpack that gets you to school even faster? Impress us with your inventions and become a Top Shark!
<b>Week 7</b> August 14 - August 18	<b>The Music is Gonna Move You + Trip to Storybook Gardens</b> Let's turn up the beat and get our groove on! Making instruments and finding fun ways to incorporate music into all of our activities are just some of the ways this week will be a smash hit!
<b>Week 8</b> August 21 - August 25	<b>Tropical Paradise</b> Camp is going on vacation to a tropical getaway! Sun, surf, and refreshing drinks with little umbrellas in them are all makings of a relaxing time in paradise!
<b>Week 9</b> August 28 - September 1	<b>Tastebud-Tastic</b> Let's discover what our tastebuds already know: there are a lot of delicious things out there! Spend the week discovering new flavours and practicing your skills to become a Top Chef!