

## Adventures Every Day Outdoor Learning Summer Camp 2024

### **Programme**

Adventures Every Day offers a drop-off nature immersion program to students 4 to 12 years old. Repeated access to trails and wooded areas will promote good physical, mental, social and emotional health, while teaching understanding of our place in the web of life. Students will build life skills such as resilience while being outdoors in all kinds of weather, spatial awareness while negotiating forest trails, social competency while practising sharing ideas and objects, and self confidence while assessing and taking risks in the physical environment. All of these experiences will take place in the presence of at least one experienced and caring adult. The maximum student to educator ratio is 6:1. Students must take care of their own toileting and carry their own backpacks.

### **Educators**

Christopher is a teacher of music, language and love of nature with a Forest and Nature School Practitioner's certificate. His ability to appreciate kids for who they are and his commitment to guiding people towards deep care for nature and themselves is what makes Adventures Every Day a valued part of the community.

Samantha Harper is an Early Childhood Educator with extensive experience with young children in daycare and school settings. She's a patient teacher who lets children lead and provides great opportunities for learning through play and always has something in her bag to keep kids interested in any situation.

Michelle Kannenberg is a recent graduate of Mohawk College's Early Childhood Education program and is eager to share her love of nature and care for young people with our summer campers.

Additional staff hired for Summer 2025 must show proof of a recent vulnerable sector screen and be educational professionals (OCT, ECE or CSW).

Youth volunteers and/or workers may be present in the morning program or to assist at Coronation pool. These volunteers/workers will have to submit a relevant resume and reference to Adventures Every Day and undergo a Vulnerable Sector Screen if they are over 18.

### **Program details**

Drop off for morning sessions is at either 366 Herkimer St. or 21 Rossmore Ave. at 9:00 am. A pre-start email will advise which site your child(ren) will start at. Children will remain outside except for bathroom access, and canopies will be set up in case of rain at each site. Emergency shelter in case of a thunderstorm would be in the residence.

Herkimer and Rossmore groups will meet on the Aberdeen bus between 10:00 and 10:30.

For all weeks, kids will be returned to the Earl Kitchener School (300 Dundurn St. S) playground for pick-up by 4:00 pm.

Our morning site will be Churchill Park in Westdale and surrounding forest trails managed by Royal Botanical Gardens. We have access to a bathroom, water station, splashpad and playground in the park. In case of thunderstorm, our shelter is Westdale Library at 955 King St. W.

In the afternoon, we will walk to Coronation Pool for an outdoor swim and then take the Aberdeen bus back to Earl Kitchener from there.

### **Registration and Refund Policy**

A \$100 deposit or one week's fee per child is due on registration.

Payment in full is required on June 1st 2025. There will be no refund

for absences due to illness, injury or other spontaneously arising personal circumstances. Cancellations caused by weather will be refunded or credited. Credit for future days may be granted at the discretion of Adventures Every Day if a vacated spot can be filled from a wait list.

### **Safety Plan**

I have up-to-date First Aid training and carry a stocked First-Aid kit with me. I have a cell phone with coverage in the areas I visit with kids and I make sure at least one child knows the lock code of my phone and can access it in an emergency. Site risk-assessments for the Churchill Park/RBG south shore and Coronation Park/Princess point sites will be completed between July 10 and July 14 2025. Weather and environmental conditions are continually monitored and we are mindful of site, weather and human risks to staff and participants.