

Adventures Every Day Outdoor Learning Fall 2024

Monday - Friday

15 weeks from Sept. 9 to Dec. 16

Not including HWDSB PA Days on Sept. 20 and Nov. 1 and Nov. 22

Programme Overview

Adventures Every Day offers a drop-off nature immersion program to students 4 to 6 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. Forest School principles (<https://childnature.ca/about-forest-and-nature-school/> child-led free play in nature) will guide our sessions this fall.

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.

Pick-up and drop-off

Drop off for afternoon sessions is at 12:00 at 366 Herkimer St.

Kids will be returned to Earl Kitchener School for pick-up at 3:10.

Sites

The first site is the backyard of 366 Herkimer St. where there are nature spaces, gardens, and some sports equipment. The residence will only be used for bathroom access on the first floor directly

accessed from the back yard. Our forest site will be the escarpment adjacent to the Bruce Trail between the Hillcrest reservoir and the Chedoke golf course. Walks and free play areas vary from week to week depending on the weather and the energy of the group. We have access to a bathroom at the Dundurn Market at 346 Dundurn St. S. Field trips to e.g. Princess Point, Royal Botanical Gardens South Shore trails or other nature sites will be communicated ahead of time.

Registration and Refund Policy

Payment in full is required on September 1, 2024. Payment in two instalments (Sept. 1, Nov. 1) is available on request. 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. Long-term absences will be considered for refund or credit on a case-by-case basis. Students entering the class after Sept 9. may be charged at a higher rate. Fees are listed on the site: <https://adventureseveryday.ca/programs>

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. I have done site risk-assessments for the Highland Gardens/Bruce Trail/Chedoke woods and golf course and Churchill Park/RBG south shore sites and continue to monitor weather and environmental conditions and be mindful of risks to staff and participants.