Language & Culture Program

2027 PROGRAM HANDBOOK

University of Toronto, Victoria Campus | Toronto, Ontario, Canada

June 27 – August 15, 2027

Ages 7–17 | English Immersion | Cultural Exploration | Lifelong Memories

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Welcome to ELI Camps

Since 2015, ELI Camps has delivered exceptional summer programs in the vibrant city of Toronto. We take great pride in providing a truly multicultural, educational, and enriching environment for young students from around the world.

In 2027, ELI will once again offer its flagship Language and Culture Program for international students at the University of Toronto, Victoria Campus. The program is designed for children and teenagers between the ages of 7 and 17 and is organized into three distinct age groups:

PRIMARY	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Ages 7–11	Ages 12–13	Ages 14–17

Program Options

The ELI Language and Culture Program is available in three accommodation formats to suit the needs of every student and family:

Residential (All-Inclusive)

Our flagship 24/7 residential program accommodates students directly on campus, Monday through Sunday. All meals, activities, and supervision are included. This is the most immersive option and is ideal for students travelling independently from abroad.

Self-Arranged

This option is designed for students who have made their own accommodation arrangements — whether with family in Toronto or other personal lodging. The program runs Monday to Friday, 08:30–17:30. Students must be dropped off and picked up by a parent or guardian unless prior written arrangements have been made with ELI Camps.

Homestay

Available exclusively to senior students (ages 14–17), the Homestay option places students with carefully selected Toronto-area host families. This option runs Monday through Sunday, 08:30–17:30. Availability is limited; pricing and details are available upon request.

Program Dates & Intake Schedule

The 2027 program runs from June 27 (first day) through August 15 (last day). Students may enrol for a minimum of one week up to a maximum of seven weeks.

Residential & Homestay Intake (Sat/Sun)	Self-Arranged Intake (Monday)
June 27 July 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 & 31 August 1, 7 & 8	June 28 July 5, 12, 19 & 26 August 2 & 9

📌 Important: Residential students are strongly encouraged to check in on a Saturday or Sunday to ensure they are settled before classes begin on Monday.

📌 A surcharge applies to residential students who check in between Monday and Friday. Please refer to the ELI Camps website for current pricing.

Program Inclusions

The table below summarizes what is included in each program type:

Inclusion	Residential	Homestay	Self-Arranged
Airport Pickup & Drop-off	✓	✓	
Emergency Health Insurance	✓	✓	✓
Accommodation	Residence	Homestay	
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	Lunch only (Mon–Fri)
English Lessons	✓	✓	✓
Afternoon Activities	✓	✓	✓
Evening Activities	✓	✓	✓
Weekend Trips	✓	✓	Optional (extra fee)
Certificate & Report Card	✓	✓	✓
Campus Wi-Fi	✓	✓	✓
Staff Supervision	✓	✓	✓

Campus & Residence

Both the residential and day programs are hosted at the University of Toronto's Victoria Campus — a prestigious and centrally located setting in the heart of downtown Toronto.

Margaret Addison Residence

Address	140 Charles Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1K9
Residence Phone	+1 416 585 4524
Nearest Subway	Museum Station (exit North East side, 1 min walk)
Neighbourhood	Steps from the Royal Ontario Museum, cultural institutions & downtown attractions
Security	24-hour front desk & campus security; ELI staff on-site 24/7
Bedroom Types	Single and double rooms; cleaned weekly; each with bed, desk, chair, lamp, dresser, bookcase & internet access
Washrooms	Shared per floor, cleaned regularly; gender-separated floors
Laundry	On-site facilities available (additional fee: $2.50 wash / $2.25 dry)
Air Conditioning	Yes
Indoor Facilities	Library, common rooms, television lounge
Outdoor Facilities	Soccer pitch, basketball court, green space

ⓘ Due to limited availability, ELI Camps cannot guarantee specific room pairings or roommate requests. Meeting and bonding with new friends from around the world is very much part of the ELI experience!

Dining & Meals

The campus cafeteria offers a wide and varied menu prepared fresh daily, including vegetarian, halal, and other dietary options. Residential students receive all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Self-arranged students receive lunch Monday to Friday; additional meals may be purchased separately.

All meals operate on an all-you-can-eat basis. On full-day excursions, students will receive packed snacks.

Typical Meal Times

Meal	Time
Breakfast	08:00 – 09:00
Lunch	12:30 – 13:30 (approx.)
Dinner	18:00 – 19:00 (approx.)

* Exact times are confirmed closer to the program start date.

Daily Schedule

Monday to Friday — Residential Program

Time	Activity
07:00	Wake-up call
07:00 – 08:00	Morning preparation
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:20	Morning activity or excursion
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	English classes (4 × 45 minutes)
18:00 – 19:00	Dinner
19:30 – 21:30	Evening activity or social event
22:00	Quiet hours begin
22:00 – 07:00	Overnight rest

Monday to Friday — Self-Arranged & Homestay

Time	Activity
08:45	Arrival on campus
09:00 – 13:00	Morning activity or excursion
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	English classes (4 × 45 minutes)
17:30	Departure for home — see you tomorrow!

* For self-arranged students, drop-off and pick-up by a parent or guardian is required unless alternative arrangements have been pre-approved in writing by ELI Camps.

Saturday & Sunday — Residential & Homestay

Time	Activity
07:00	Wake-up call
07:00 – 08:00	Morning preparation
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:30 – 17:30	Full-day excursion (lunch included)

18:00 – 19:00	Dinner
19:30 – 21:30	Evening activity or social event
22:00	Quiet hours begin
22:30 – 07:00	Overnight rest

* Self-arranged students may purchase weekend day trips separately. Please visit our website for current pricing.

Academics

Our academic curriculum goes beyond English language instruction. Students explore Canadian culture, history, and the education system through dynamic, engaging lessons delivered by qualified instructors.

Weekly Lessons	20 lessons (Senior) / 15 lessons (Primary & Junior)
Lesson Duration	45 minutes per lesson
School Week	Monday to Friday
Class Size	Average of 15–17 students
Levels	Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced)
Public Holidays	No classes on July 1 & August 2 — special activities held instead
Teacher Qualifications	All instructors hold TESL, CELTA, or Teacher College certifications

Level Placement

On the first day of school, all new students complete a written and oral placement assessment. Based on the results, each student is assigned to the level that best matches their current proficiency. Level changes may be made at any time if recommended by the classroom teacher and academic director, or if a student demonstrates significant academic progress.

First Day of School

The first day is dedicated to orientation and placement testing — no formal classes are held. Self-arranged and homestay students should arrive at 150 Charles Street West, Toronto, Ontario by 08:30. An ELI staff member will be present to welcome and guide all new arrivals.

Certificate & Report Card

Upon completing the program, every student receives an official ELI Camps Course Certificate and a personalized Report Card detailing their academic progress, level achieved, and assessment results.

Activities & Excursions

The ELI experience extends far beyond the classroom. Students enjoy a rich calendar of activities, excursions, cultural events, and campus programming — all included in the program fee (unless otherwise noted).

Full-Day Excursions (Weekends)

Niagara Falls	Canada's Wonderland	Centre Island

Half-Day Activities (Weekdays)

CN Tower • Casa Loma • Royal Ontario Museum • Art Gallery of Ontario • Toronto Zoo • Blue Jays Baseball • Bowling • Movie Day • Cultural Festivals • Shopping Trips • Theme Parties

On-Campus Programming

Activity	Description
Arts & Crafts	Guided creative projects including face painting, dream catchers, and design workshops
Drama	Exploration of theatrical styles and self-expression through performance
Science	Hands-on experiments such as bottle rockets and edible science (apple pie & ice cream!)
Sports	Soccer, Frisbee, table tennis, flag football, and Olympic-style games
Dance	Introduction to hip-hop, jazz, and contemporary dance styles
Cooking	Learn to prepare Canadian favourites such as pizza and pancakes
Projects	Team-based multicultural projects with a purpose (e.g., charity fundraising)
Workshops (Senior)	Career exploration and university preparation sessions — interactive and engaging
Campus Tours	Guided visits to University of Toronto and local high schools

✓ All admission fees for program-organized activities are included. Students simply show up and enjoy!

Senior Sign-Out Policy

Senior students (ages 14–17) enrolled in the Cultural Camp component have the opportunity to explore nearby neighbourhoods independently, subject to the following conditions:

- A signed parental consent form (and written confirmation from any intermediary agency) must be submitted prior to arrival. This authorization cannot be arranged once the program has begun.
- Independent outings are only permitted when no other scheduled program activities are taking place.
- Students must return to campus by the time agreed with ELI staff on the day of the outing.
- ELI Camps reserves the right to deny sign-out requests at any time if deemed necessary for the safety or wellbeing of the student or program.

Pre-Arrival & Arrival Information

Thorough preparation before travelling to Canada helps ensure a smooth and enjoyable start to the program. Please review the information below carefully.

Required Travel Documents

The following documents must be carried by the student and presented to Canadian Customs upon arrival:

- Valid Passport
- ELI Camps Letter of Acceptance
- Custodianship Declaration (if required by your agency or parents)

Tip: Photograph all important documents on your phone or tablet before departing. In the event of loss or misplacement, a digital copy can be invaluable.
ELI Camps offers a secure safe where students may store their passports and important documents for the duration of the program. Access is always available upon request.

⚠ Important: Arrival details (date, time, airline, and airport) must be provided to ELI Camps at least 14 calendar days prior to arrival. Our team will be at the airport to welcome you.

Recommended Packing List

Bring These Items	Not Required
• Summer clothing (t-shirts, shorts, swimsuit, hat) • Warmer layers (sweatshirt, jeans, light jacket, sweater) • Rain gear (umbrella, rain jacket) • Footwear (sandals, sport shoes, walking shoes) • Pyjamas, bathrobe & shower flip-flops • Toiletries (sunscreen, insect repellent, soap, shampoo) • School supplies (pens, pencils, eraser) • Camera & alarm clock • Electrical adaptor (Canada: 110/220 V) • Any required medications in original packaging with instructions • Pocket money (~$100/week recommended; varies by individual)	• Bed sheets or towels (provided at the residence) • Desktop computer (laptops and tablets are permitted)

Emergency Medical Insurance

Emergency medical insurance is mandatory for all students enrolled in the ELI Language and Culture Program. Coverage is included in the program fee through a third-party insurance provider. Families who prefer to arrange their own coverage may do so; a fee adjustment may be available in such cases.

Health Disclosure

All students are required to accurately disclose on their registration form any physical or mental health condition, allergy, disability, or medication requirement that may:

- Affect their ability to successfully complete the program
- Impact the health, safety, or wellbeing of other students, hosts, or staff
- Require monitoring, treatment, or emergency intervention
- Require special accommodations

ELI Camps reserves the right to decline an application or terminate a student's enrolment if, in our professional judgment, continued participation poses a risk to the student or others, or if the student is unable to complete the program even with reasonable accommodations. Refund decisions in such cases are made at the sole discretion of ELI Camps.

Medical Incidents

In the event of a medical concern or emergency, an ELI Camps staff member will accompany the student to the appropriate medical facility (walk-in clinic or hospital emergency department). Staff will remain with the student at all times until cleared by a medical professional.

Insurance Claims Process

Students, families, or educational agencies are responsible for covering upfront medical costs at the time of service. ELI Camps will assist with every step of the claims process:

- ELI Camps staff accompany the student to the medical facility
- All required documentation is collected from the medical institution
- The claim is submitted on behalf of the student, verified for completeness
- ELI Camps follows up with the insurer to ensure timely processing

⏱ Most claims are processed within 10 - 15 business days from the date of complete submission.
🔒 If ELI Camps is unable to correctly prepare or submit a claim due to an internal error, ELI Camps will reimburse any applicable fees directly to the student.

Group Leaders and Chaperones

Group leaders and chaperones provide familiarity, continuity, and an important connection among students, families, schools or agencies, and the ELI Camps team.

Role and relationship

ELI Camps remains responsible for the overall operation, staffing, supervision, and delivery of the program. Chaperones are not ELI Camps employees and do not replace ELI Camps staff. They are expected to work collaboratively with our team and remain actively involved with the students they accompany.

Complimentary participation

Chaperones accompanying organized groups are generally provided with complimentary accommodation, meals, and participation in the program. This arrangement reflects the chaperone's active role in supporting the supervision, organization, and wellbeing of their group.

Core responsibilities

- Support attendance and punctuality so students are ready for classes, meals, activities, excursions, departures, and designated meeting times.
- Remain engaged and visible during mornings, meals, excursions, evening activities, transitions, and residence routines.
- Assist with meeting points, head counts, and the orderly movement of students during activities and excursions when requested.
- Promote appropriate behaviour and work with ELI Camps staff when behavioural, cultural, interpersonal, or group-specific concerns arise.
- Help students respect quiet hours, curfews, floor meetings, and residence expectations.
- Serve as a liaison with the accompanying school, agency, organization, or families when communication or clarification is needed.

Application Process

1	Visit www.elicamps.com to review program details, dates, and pricing.
2	Direct any questions to info@elicamps.com or call +1 416 305 3143.
3	Complete and submit the enrolment form (available on our website or upon request).
4	Pay the non-refundable registration deposit of $250 (applied toward the total program fee).
5	Upon receipt of your application and deposit, ELI Camps will issue your Letter of Acceptance and Invoice.
6	Submit the required documents: completed and signed ELI Consent/Waiver Form.
7	Students requiring a visa should present the Letter of Acceptance and Invoice to the applicable embassy. Notify ELI Camps of the visa outcome as soon as it is received.
8	Submit arrival details (airline, flight number, date, time, and airport) at least 14 calendar days in advance.
9	The remaining balance is due in full 21 days prior to the program start date.

Payment methods accepted: wire transfer, direct bank deposit, credit card, certified cheque, or cash. Payment details will be provided upon registration.

Frequently Asked Questions

When does the program begin and end?

The program runs from June 27 (first day) through August 15 (last day), 2027.

What ages are accepted?

The program welcomes students from 7 to 17 years of age (inclusive).

How are students divided by age?

Three programs run concurrently: Primary (7–11), Junior (12–13), and Senior (14–17).

What is the difference between the program types?

The Residential option includes 24/7 on-campus accommodation and full board. The Self-Arranged option is for students with their own accommodation; it runs Monday–Friday, 08:30–17:30. Homestay places students with local families and runs Monday–Sunday, 08:30–17:30.

Can self-arranged or homestay students join evening and weekend activities?

Yes. These students are welcome to purchase access to evening activities ($75, dinner included) and weekend trips ($150 per day, packed lunch included). Homestay students have weekend trips included.

Do I need a visa to attend?

Visa requirements vary by nationality. Please visit www.cic.gc.ca or contact your local Canadian embassy for guidance.

How long can a student stay?

A minimum of one week and a maximum of seven weeks. Stays of 6–7 days are billed as one full week. Stays of 1–5 days are billed at a daily rate.

How are students placed in English levels?

All new students complete a written and oral assessment on their first day of school and are placed in the most appropriate level accordingly.

Can students change levels during the program?

Yes, level changes are possible based on teacher and academic director recommendations, or through demonstrated academic progress.

Are all facilities on the same campus?

Yes. The residence, cafeteria, and classrooms are all within a short walking distance of one another on the Victoria Campus.

Is laundry service included?

No. Laundry is available on-site at the student's expense ($2.50 wash / $2.25 dry).

What is the policy on electronic devices?

Students may bring and use personal devices; however, device use must not interfere with classes or program activities. Devices may be temporarily held by staff if this becomes an issue.

What transportation is used for excursions?

ELI Camps uses its own school buses for off-campus activities. Public transit and walking may also be used for certain destinations — both are considered part of the Toronto cultural experience!

What is the emergency contact for ELI Camps?

Call, WhatsApp, or WeChat us at +1 416 305 3143, or email info@elicamps.com.

What is the policy on drugs and alcohol?

ELI Camps maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy. Any student found in possession of or consuming alcohol or drugs will be immediately removed from the program.

What is the policy on leaving campus without permission?

ELI Camps enforces a zero-tolerance policy on unauthorized departures from campus. Students who leave without staff consent or supervision will be immediately removed from the program.

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