



WIDJIITWIN

HELPING ONE ANOTHER

Dear Parents,

We are so excited that your child will be joining us at Muskoka Bible Centre as part of the Widjiitiwin Program this summer! Our camp operates through partnership with local churches and organizations, so you may be getting this letter from someone other than an MBC staff member - that's okay! Each partner group will spend 5 beautiful days and nights in Muskoka, where campers will enjoy an amazing week of camp, including activities like archery, basketball, canoeing, swimming, rock climbing, field games, campfires and much more. Our trained staff provide a daily program and games that keep our campers coming back for more! Each community group will also participate in Bible teaching, devotional time, singing and prayer as a part of our commitment to teaching our campers about the love of God and His plan for them.

After you read the information in this letter, please contact your local partner if you have questions before you contact MBC – they will likely have all the answers you need.

We can't wait to see you!

With God's love,

The Widjiitiwin Staff Team

Link to Registration: <https://widjiitiwinpartners.campbrainregistration.com>



You will register your camper(s) for the session labelled **South Etobicoke Week**.

Bus Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Location: Capstone Community Bible Church (763 Royal York Rd, Toronto)

Bus Departure Time: Sunday, August 10, 2024 - 12:00pm

Bus Arrival Time: Friday, August 15, 2024 - 5:00pm

Please make sure that you arrive at your bus pick-up location at least 1 hour before your scheduled departure. Even one late camper means that a whole bus must wait, so, we appreciate that you are there early to make sure that luggage is stowed and that we are ready to leave on time.

Payment

You can find information about payment on our registration website. Please refer to your local partner regarding questions about the cost of camp.

Lice Check Policy

We want to make sure that all our campers have a great week. To prevent lice, all campers will be screened for lice before getting on the bus. In the case of lice found, your community leader will share with you next step directions.

Medical Forms and Medications

Anyone spending time at Widjiitiwin must complete a medical form included as a part of the online registration process. Our medical staff will retain medical forms to be used in the event of an emergency.

Medical information is considered confidential. It will only be made available to the appropriate, necessary and specific community partner, camp, and/or professional medical staff. If you need to talk to our medical staff before you arrive at camp, please contact your partner leader and they will help you get in touch with the right person.

For the safety of everyone, medication is kept locked and safe during your week at camp. All camper and staff medications will be collected on Sunday before each camper gets on the bus and then returned to their parents at the end of the bus trip home on the following Friday.

Allergies

Many people have severe allergies to products that can put them in danger if consumed or inhaled. To help protect these campers, we have attempted to remove all products containing these known allergens (nuts, sesame, etc.) from our kitchen and tuck shop. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a completely allergy-free environment. If you have concerns, please make sure to indicate allergies clearly on your medical form, and make sure that you pack at least two sets of anti-allergy drugs. Make sure that your child is trained for the operation of the drug.

Electronic Devices

We do not allow campers to use cell phones or other electronic devices while at our camp property. We want you to focus on building relationships with each other and with God. Any electronic devices that arrive at camp will be held in a locked cabinet for the week and will be returned to the owner at the end of the week. Please note: some Widjiitiwin and partner leadership staff will carry phones in case of emergency.

Code of Conduct

Widjiitiwin intentionally partners with community leaders in priority neighbourhoods to provide camp and retreat experiences for children, youth, and families. These experiences offer life-changing and lasting transformation through encountering God's great love for them.

In this context, it is important that our staff, campers and volunteers conduct themselves in a way that is honouring to those around them and, above all, honouring to God. Therefore, all those attending are required to abide by certain standards and practices. Specifically, Muskoka Bible Centre considers the following conduct to be inappropriate in our context as a camp community:

- Abusive behaviour of any kind
- Malicious acts, physical aggression or threatening the safety of others.
- Use of illicit drugs or the use of tobacco, alcohol or marijuana (including vaping).
- Criminal activity of any kind
- Theft, lying or deceit
- Blatant disregard for Muskoka Bible Centre policies or our Statement of Faith.

If campers or staff participate in any of the above activities while you're a part of a Widjiitiwin program, whether you are on or off Muskoka Bible Centre property, it will initiate investigation and appropriate disciplinary action, as necessary.

Final Things

Bring adequate clothing for hot and cool weather. Modest attire is required at all times.

We are a smoke-free environment.

Mark your initials and last name on all personal property. Care should be taken of all personal property.

Muskoka Bible Centre is not responsible for personal property. Lost items will be kept at camp until two weeks after the camp session. After this date everything left will be donated to a local community group or thrift store, as appropriate.

There are no laundry facilities for campers. Please bring sufficient clothing for the duration of your stay.

Packing List

Essentials:

- Prescription Medication
- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag
- Underwear & Socks
- Shorts & T-shirts
- Long Pants & Long Sleeve Shirts
- Sweaters
- Pajamas
- Bathing Suit (one piece only)
- Jacket or a Raincoat
- Hat
- Beach Towel & Bathing Towel
- Running Shoes
- Bible, Notebook & Pen
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Flip flops or sandals

Toiletries

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Body Wash
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Comb or Brush

Bonus:

- Clothes for themed meals (Copa Cabana, twin night)
- Outfit for fruit social (wacky dance)
- Fitted Sheet (single size for a camp bunk)
- Board or card games
- Shower caddy

Do Not Bring:

In order to make sure that you have a great time at camp, and for the safety of everyone, we ask that you do not bring food (unless in a sealed container so as not to attract wildlife to the cabins), weapons of any kind (including

knives), drugs or alcohol (including vapes, cigarettes or anything of the kind). We also ask that you leave electronic devices at home.