Summer Day Camps with The Canadian Mathematical Society

PARENT / GUARDIAN HANDBOOK

This handbook is a guide for families and their campers. We hope that it helps everyone have a fun and safe summer with us.

Location

Summer Day Camps will take place at Carleton University in the classrooms. All groups will be in the same building. The location will be sent out by email to each group before the camp begins. Campers will be in the classroom most of the day and will go outside periodically for fresh air breaks. The days will be filled with amazing math games, activities, and fun.

Hours

Camps take place between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. Optional, extended hours are available from 8:00 – 8:30 AM and/or 4:00 – 4:30 PM at no additional charge to you.

Getting ready for CMS camp

Some of the topics we will explore include geometric constructions and patterns; secret codes; puzzles and mathematical games of strategy. Campers will enjoy the greenspace, in between activities. They will get to know one another and their counselors through icebreakers and games.

We encourage parents to screen their child for any symptoms of illness before arriving at camp. If your child is sick, please keep them at home. If you are unsure about sending your child to camp, please use the Ontario School and Child Care Screening tool: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/.
Label EVERYTHING – including your backpack & shoes!
Keep personal belongings in your backpack throughout the day.
Leave valuables and electronics at home.
Keep lunches and snacks cool with an ice pack.
Be waste-free at lunch and do not include any items with nuts
Don’t share food or drinks.
Take EVERYTHING home at the end of each day.
If anything is left behind, we will collect it each day and set aside

What to bring to Camp?
• A comfortable mask to wear indoors if desired
• 1 healthy, nut-free, lunch
• 2 healthy, nut-free, snacks
• Full water bottle (re-useable)
• Hat
• Sunscreen – labeled with the name
• Comfortable shoes

Does your child have an anaphylactic allergy or carry life-saving medications?

Complete the Medical Administration Form and return them to the Camp Supervisor at meetings@cms.math.ca electronically before your child’s first day of camp.

If the medication changes, a new form must be completed and submitted electronically. If an auto-injector (EpiPen) is required, parents/guardians must provide one (1) current prescribed auto-injector on the first morning of camp. Please label any medication with your child’s name. Children requiring life-saving medication will not be permitted on the premises without their medication or completed forms.

Campers may enjoy a pizza lunch on Friday, supplied by the camp. Should there be a concern or allergy that we should be aware of, please let us know in advance to make the appropriate accommodation. We are also happy to accommodate dietary restrictions such as vegetarians, vegans or gluten free.

If your child is sick or displaying symptoms of cold, flu or covid-19 – please do not send them to camp. Should a child present symptoms of illness while participating in camp, the camp Supervisor will telephone the child’s parents, or emergency contact when necessary, to pick them up from camp.
Dropping-off your Child(ren)

- The drop-off location will be outside the classroom at Carleton University. A parent/guardian will bring the child(ren) to the drop-off location.

Drop-off times: from 8:00 AM for extended hours and from 8:30 AM for camp hours.

Before saying goodbye to your child for the day, the Camp Supervisor will sign in your child, and let them know what to expect, where to go, and how to find their teacher. Parents are welcome to walk their children to the classroom. The teacher will greet each camper and record the time of arrival on the attendance.

Picking-up your Child(ren)

Only those adults listed on the registration form will be permitted to pick up your child(ren). We will ask for government-issued identification before releasing your child(ren) where necessary. Pick-up times: from 4:00 PM for camp hours and extended hours. Upon arrival for pick-up, visit the classroom your child is in. Parents are welcome on the premises to retrieve and greet their children.

Please notify the camp supervisor before leaving with your child, so that they can be signed out and accounted for.

Attendance & Absenteeism

Attendance is taken daily as children arrive and leave. CMS does not provide refunds or credits for any days a camper is absent.

Camp Groups

Camp groups will have up to 30 campers per day and will be organized levels. No student is stuck in one class. The purpose of these classes is to have fluidity depending on the concepts covered and the student’s strengths.

Camp Fun

Activities will take place in the classroom. There will be many activities to keep their minds active. The overall concepts covered in each class will be: number sense, algebra, data management, and geometry and measurement.
Behaviour

Any camper who purposefully puts the safety of another camper and/or staff at risk will have their parents contacted to pick up their child immediately. This type of behaviour will result in immediate discharge from camp without refund or credit.

If your child(ren) feels sick at camp, we will take the symptoms of every camper seriously and administer appropriate measures accordingly.

In the event of a child with Covid-19 symptoms ranging from mild to severe, they will be immediately isolated, separated from others in their group, and supervised until the parent arrives to pick them up. Parents/guardians (or emergency contact where necessary) will be contacted to arrange immediate pick-up of the sick child(ren). It is recommended that the child and their family members use a rapid antigen test to test for Covid-19. For any positive results, notify the Camp Supervisor.

In the event that a camp participant tests positive for Covid-19, they should stay at home and isolate following guidance from Ottawa Public Health.

SEE YOU Soon!