

# Parent/Guardian FAQ

## How do I register?

If you would like to register for a week at Camp Samac, please go to this link: <http://wpc.scouts.ca/ca/summer-2017-registration>. You will find program prices and the application to register your camper here.

## I don't see the week I would like to register for on the application. Is this week still available?

If you do not see the week available on the registration form, the week is sold out. If you would like to see if space has become available, please email [campsamac@scouts.ca](mailto:campsamac@scouts.ca).

## If a week is sold out, how can I get on the waitlist?

If you would like to place your camper on the wait list for a particular week, please email [campsamac@scouts.ca](mailto:campsamac@scouts.ca) with the name of the camper(s) and the week you would like.

## How do I request for my camper to be in the same group as their friend(s)?

When filling out the application to register your camper, there is a section that asks, "Would your child like to be grouped with other campers?" Please check yes and a second box will appear asking for the camper(s) name. If you have already submitted your registration, please email [campsamac@scouts.ca](mailto:campsamac@scouts.ca) with the information to update the file internally.

## My camper has a food allergy. Does the meal plan accommodate for dietary restrictions?

Camp Samac does accommodate those with dietary restrictions on our meal plan. When filling out the health form, please specify your camper's dietary restriction(s) to ensure we can prepare for your camper. If you have an additional questions or concerns about the meal plan or dietary restrictions, please email [campsamac@scouts.ca](mailto:campsamac@scouts.ca).

## What does types of food will be on the meal plan?

Our camp strives to make our meal plan consist of kid-friendly options. The Day Campers who opt into the meal plan, will be provided with a morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. The morning snack usually consists of a fruit (i.e. apples, oranges, watermelon, etc). Lunch consists of a main (i.e. grilled cheese, mini pizzas, chicken nuggets, etc) and a side of salad or veggies. Our afternoon snack option is usually a granola bar, yogurt tube, crackers etc.

Our Residential (Overnight) camp has the same meals as the Day Camp but also receives breakfast, dinner and a night time snack. The breakfast menu always includes a variety of cereal to choose from, with fruit and a main (i.e. egg sandwiches, pancakes, french toast, sausages, bagels). The dinners vary from week to week but consist of a main (i.e. chicken/potatoes,

spaghetti, lasagna, tacos, etc) and a side of salad or veggies. The night time snack depends on the day and week but may include apple crisp, s'mores, rice krispies, muffins, etc.

Please note that our meal plan menu is subject to change. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Administrative Coordinator ([campsamac@scouts.ca](mailto:campsamac@scouts.ca)).

### **Where do I go for drop off/pick up?**

Drop off is located at the 275 Conlin Rd. entrance. Please follow the driveway and park in the parking lot. Parents/guardians are responsible for walking your camper(s) to/from the Sign-In field where you will sign in/out with a Coordinator and meet with your campers' counsellors.

### **Is it okay if a friend or family member is going to be picking up my camper?**

Of course! Just make sure to tell a coordinator, the camper's counsellors and the camper.

### **If it is raining, what do you do?**

In the event of rain, all our campers and counsellors will go inside to different cabin facilities across property. The counsellors and site coordinators always plan for rain so programming will go on inside. With this in mind, times of transition may prompt for relocation in inclement weather (e.g. Sign Out); therefore, it is imperative that campers are prepared for traveling short distances in rain (i.e. umbrella, rain boots, poncho/rain jacket).

### **How do I know who my camper's Counsellors are?**

Your camper's counsellors will call you the weekend before camp starts (between Friday and Sunday evening). They will tell you their name, their counsellor partner's name, and the name of the group your camper is in. Noting this information at the time will make drop-off much faster on Monday morning.

### **Do the campers get to swim?**

Yes -- all of our campers get to swim in the Camp Samac Pool from 1pm-2pm. Our Residential (Overnight) Camp also gets to swim a second time from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

### **What if my camper does not want to swim?**

If your camper does not want to swim, we do provide additional quiet games and activities. At Quiet Games, campers may play small games, colour, make bracelets, etc. with other campers and counsellors.

### **How often do they get to go canoeing?**

Each camper group gets to go canoeing twice a week. This site will be led by a Site Coordinator, who is a certified Lifeguard.

### **What types of activities will my camper be doing?**

Every week our Counsellors and Site Coordinators plan new and exciting activities for our campers to partake in based on the theme of the week. As a scouting camp, our Counsellors always incorporate outdoor skill such as fire building, shelter building, knot tying, and orienteering into their programs.

Your camper will also get to go to all of the three sites (Nature Centre, Arts & Crafts, and Canoe) where a Site Coordinator will lead activities for them.

The remainder of the time is developed on a weekly basis by the counsellors (e.g. creek studies, sporting activities, scavenger hunts, archery, etc).

### **My camper is in Scouts. Can he/she work towards any badges?**

Yes, if you let a coordinator know on Monday morning we can prepare and return a tracking sheet at the end of the week on Friday afternoon. This will track any Outdoor Adventure Skill requirements met through participation in our programs, which can be shared with your camper's leaders in the upcoming Scouting year.

### **What and when is the Family Night Campfire?**

"Family Night" is on Thursday evening from 5pm-6pm. All campers are provided with dinner (hotdogs and chips) ahead of the arrival of their loved ones. Family and friends are welcome to join us for a tour of the property at 4:30pm or meet us in Kitchie field (staff will be in the parking lot to direct) for the show. Each group prepares and performs a song or skit based on the theme of the week. Friends and Family night is a great way to see what your camper has been doing and to meet all the amazing counsellors on staff at Camp Samac.

### **What do I pack for the week?**

A generic packing list is provided in our Survival Guides on our website at: <http://wpc.scouts.ca/ca/parent-camper-information>

During your camper call, the staff will let you know if there are any additional items required for the given week.