

Hawthorne on Essex Daycare

Summer Camp Policy - updated February 2023

Summer camp will run on a weekly basis beginning the week of Tuesday, July 4, 2023 and ending August 31, 2023.

The Centre is closed on Monday, July 3 for Canada Day Holiday, closed on Monday, August 7 for Civic Holiday and closed on September 1, 2023 for reorganization day. Those weeks will follow the 4-day camp fee schedule. All other summer camp weeks will follow the 5-day camp fee schedule.

Registration is available on a week-by-week basis, for full-time enrollment.

Summer camps are offered to the following age groups:

Kindergarten camp - offered to age 4, 5 and 6 year old children who were enrolled in JK or SK during the 2022-23 school year.

***Note 1** - there is no “reach-ahead” to Kindergarten camp for children who may have already turned 4, but have not yet entered Kindergarten by the time camp begins.

***Note 2** - Children who have not yet turned 6 and are enrolled in Kindergarten camp will be eligible for reduced fees under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Program (CWELLC). According to the Ontario Government, this subsidy ends for 6 year olds during the summer months, so families must pay regular fees starting in the first full week that the child is 6 years old.)

School age camp - offered to children age 6 and up who were enrolled in Grade 1 or up during the 2022-23 school year.

***Note** - there is no “reach-ahead” to School age camp for children who may have already turned 6, but have not yet entered Grade 1 by the time camp begins.

Policies

Policies outlined in the Hawthorne on Essex Family Handbook are in effect and are applicable to the summer camp program. A copy is available on our website:

<https://hawthornedaycare.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Family-Handbook-Revised-March-2019.pdf>

**** Please see fall enrolment section below for saving your spot for fall before- and after-care.**

Fees, Deposit and Cancellation Policy

- JK/SK CWELLC-subsidized fees (for weeks when a camper is 4 or 5 on the first day of camp): \$120.49 for 5 day week/\$ 96.40 for 4 day week
- JK/SK regular fees (for weeks when a camper is 6 on the first day of camp: \$255 for 5 day week/ \$230 for 4 day week
- School Age fees : \$215 for 5 day week / \$175 for 4 day week
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A 50% deposit per week/ per child, will be deducted once registered to hold a space for summer camp (please see registration form for dates).

The deposit will be deducted from your account within a few weeks of registration using the PAD (pre-authorized agreement) information provided. The **balance owed** for the camps will be deducted from your account, again using the PAD, on June 1st for July camps and July 1st for August camps.

Families who must **cancel** their week(s) may do so at any time up until **Friday May 26 minus your 50% deposit**. We are unable to offer a refund after this date.

Substitutions

If families find they require different weeks during the summer, we may be able to change their requested weeks **if space is available**. Requests for changes to summer camp weeks must be sent in writing as soon as available, and no later than June 1, 2023.

City of Toronto Subsidy

Families who have City of Toronto Subsidy must check with the daycare office regarding the number of eligible vacation days. If a family uses more than the allowed number of days, or if they are off more than 20 days consecutively, the full fee rate will be applied.

Fall enrollment

In order for campers to save their before- and after-care spots come fall:

NEW Children entering **Kindergarten camp** who receive any CWELCC-reduced fees for summer camp will need to enroll in a minimum of 4 weeks of camp to secure their before/after-care spot for the 2023-24 school year. Children who are not receiving any

CWELCC-reduced fees in the summer will continue to require a minimum of 2 weeks of camp to secure a before/after-care spot for the 2023-24 school year.

Children entering **School age camp** must be enrolled for a minimum of 2 weeks during the summer (does not apply to subsidized children).

Please note that we prioritize our youngest members for summer camp spaces and children who fall into the oldest age group may be informed that a space is not guaranteed for September. Affected families will be notified personally and fall spaces will be confirmed by June 1, 2023.

Note: the Daycare Withdrawal Policy outlined in Hawthorne-on-Essex Daycare Family Handbook still applies during the summer months. The Daycare requires one month's written notice (i.e., August 1st) if not returning to before- and after-care in September.

Communication

Communication regarding summer camp schedules and important news are now electronic. Please visit our website for information, or contact info@hawthornedaycare.ca.