CharityAxess

20+ INCLUSIVE KIDS SUMMER CAMPS ACROSS SOUTHERN ONTARIO — 2025 GUIDE



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Disclaimer: All information in this guide is accurate as of June 24, 2025. Camp details, availability, and programming may change. Please contact the camps directly or visit their websites for the most up-to-date information.

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Summer 2025 arrives at a complex moment in history. With ongoing global conflicts, an increasingly polarized political climate, and the rising cost of living impacting families across Canada, it's more important than ever to invest in what matters most—our children.

Children are the heartbeat of our future. Let's give them a summer they'll never forget, One filled with joy, growth, connection, and discovery.

Summer camp is more than just fun and games. It's a chance for young people to build confidence, meet lifelong friends, engage in meaningful physical activity, learn new skills, and soak up the sun before heading back to the structure of the school year. Whether it's canoeing on a quiet lake, exploring science in a hands-on lab, creating art that speaks to their soul, or simply laughing with new friends around a campfire—these are the moments that shape character, spark passion, and create memories that last a lifetime.

This guide is designed for families exploring camps for this summer or planning ahead for future years. It's also for community members, donors, and advocates looking to support youth-focused charities doing impactful work across our region.

At CharityAxess, we champion all youth—those who are Black, Indigenous, living with disabilities, and 2SLGBTQ+. We believe every child deserves access to enriching experiences, regardless of background or ability.

Thank you for reading. We invite you to explore CharityAxess to discover a charity that resonates with your values and vision for the future.

Let's make this summer count.

Kind Regards,

The CharityAxess Team



ARTS, CULTURE & MUSEUMS



Art Gallery of Ontario Royal Ontario Museum



ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO



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AGO Summer Art Camp

Location: Toronto **Age Range:** 5-13

Registration Open: Yes

Description: AGO's Summer Art Camp sparks creativity with hands-on projects, gallery visits, and fun activities led by artist

instructors in a vibrant setting.

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ROMKids Summer Camp

Location: Toronto **Age Range:** 5-16

Registration Open: Yes

Description: ROM Summer Club offers hands-on science, art, and world culture activities for kids in a fun, educational

museum setting.

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ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM



NATURE, SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

- Focus on Nature Summer Camp
- The High Park Nature Centre
- ✓ Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
- ✓ Toronto Zoo



FOCUS ON NATURE SUMMER CAMP



Focus on Nature Summer Camp

Location: Guelph, Waterloo, Burlington,

Cambridge, Niagara **Age Range:** 8-12

Registration Open: Yes

Description: Focus on Nature camps inspire kids to explore the outdoors and express creativity through photography, nature hikes,

and hands-on activities.

Learn More

THE HIGH PARK NATURE CENTRE

The High Park Nature Centre

Location: Toronto **Age Range:** 4-16

Registration Open: Yes

Description: High Park Nature Centre's summer camps connect kids with nature through hands-on outdoor adventures, wildlife exploration, and eco-fun.



TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION FOUNDATION



TRCA Summer Camp

Location: Brampton, Pickering, Richmond

Hill, Woodbridge Age Range: 4-14

Registration Open: No

Description: TRCA summer camps connect kids with nature through hands-on outdoor activities, wildlife exploration, teamwork, and

environmental learning.

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O6 Zoo Camp

Location: Toronto **Age Range:** 4-16

Registration Open: No

Description: Toronto Zoo Camp offers wild adventures with animal encounters, nature exploration, and science fun for kids

who love wildlife and the outdoors.

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TORONTO ZOO



HEALTH-FOCUSED & MEDICAL SUPPORT

Campfire Circle



Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto



CAMPFIRE CIRCLE



Campfire Circle Summer Camp

Location: Toronto, Hamilton, London, Barrie

Cambridge, Niagara Age Range: 6-18

Registration Open: Yes

Description: Campfire Circle offers free, medically supported camp programs for kids

affected by childhood cancer.

Learn More

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES TORONTO

RMHC Toronto Summer Camp 08

Location: Toronto Age Range: 5-12

Registration Open: No

Description: Summer fun, play, and connection for children staying at RMHC Toronto—bringing joy and normalcy during

challenging health journeys.



EQUITY & INCLUSION-FOCUSED

Extend-A-Family

Lady Ballers Centre

The Bob Rumball Camp of the Deaf

Tropicana Community Service



CNIB



CNIB Lake Joe

Location: Muskoka **Age Range:** 8-18

Registration Open: No

Description: CNIB Lake Joe is a fully accessible lakefront camp offering

recreational programs for people of all ages

who are blind or partially sighted.

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Extend-A-Family Summer Camp

Location: Kitchener **Age Range:** 4-18

Registration Open: No

Description: EAFWR's Summer

Program offers inclusive day activities full of fun for youth with developmental

disabilities in Waterloo Region

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EXTEND-A-FAMILY



LADY BALLERS CENTRE

Lady Ballers Centre Summer Camp

Location: Brampton Age Range: 12-16

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Registration Open: No

Description: Lady Ballers Camp empowers girls through sports, leadership activities, and mentorship in a supportive and inclusive summer camp environment.

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THE BOB RUMBALL CAMP OF THE DEAF



The Bob Rumball Camp of the Deaf

Location: Toronto Age Range: 3-21

Registration Open: No

Description: Bob Rumball Camp of the Deaf provides a vibrant, accessible summer experience for Deaf and hard-of-hearing youth in a supportive environment.

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TROPICANA COMMUNITY SERVICE

Tropicana Community Service Summer 13

Camp

Location: Toronto Age Range: 5-18

Registration Open: Yes

Description: Tropicana's summer camps offer fun, culturally affirming programs where kids explore creativity, build confidence, and make lasting friendships.



FAITH-BASED & VALUES -DRIVEN



Moorelands Kids



Scouts Canada



The Salvation Army



MOORELANDS KIDS



Moorelands Kids Summer Camp

Location: Dorset **Age Range:** 8-16

Registration Open: Yes

Description: Moorelands Camp empowers Toronto kids from low-income families with outdoor adventure, leadership skills, and

lifelong memories.

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15 Scouts Canada Summer Camp

Location: Oshawa **Age Range:** 5-16

Registration Open: Yes

Description: Camp Samac offers outdoor

adventures, forest trails, and youth

programs that build skills, confidence and

connection in a natural setting.

Learn More

SCOUTS CANADA



THE SALVATION ARMY



Blaze Adventure Camp

Location: Jackson Point, Muskoka

Age Range: 7-10

Registration Open: No

Description: Faith-filled summer camps helping kids build confidence, friendships, and values through fun, adventure, and

spiritual growth.

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COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICE



Tim Hortons Foundation

✓ Weston Frontlines

YMCA of Greater Toronto



BGC TORONTO KIWANIS



BGC Toronto Kiwanis Summer Camp

Location: Toronto **Age Range:** 6-16

Registration Open: No

Description: BGC Toronto Kiwanis' summer

camp blends themed activities, creative

exploration, outdoor fun, and new friendships

in a supportive community.

TIM HORTONS FOUNDATION

Tim Horton Onondaga Farms

Location: St. George Age Range: 11-16

Registration Open: No

Description: Tim Hortons Camps help youth from underserved communities develop confidence, resilience, and leadership

through multi-day camp experiences.

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WESTON FRONTLINES



Weston Frontlines Summer Camp

Location: Toronto, Weston Community

Age Range: 6-12

Registration Open: Yes

Description: Frontlines Summer Camp offers youth a fun, safe space to build confidence, learn new skills, make friends, and enjoy

creative activities.

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20 YMCA GTA Summer Camp

Location: Toronto **Age Range:** 4-15

Registration Open: Yes

Description: YMCA camps offer kids a safe space to explore nature, build confidence, make friends, stay active, and grow through fun, inclusive adventures.





STEM & ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT



ACCN Toronto

21 STEM Summer Camp

Location: Toronto **Age Range:** 12-17

Registration Open: Yes

Description: ACCN's STEM Summer Camp engages kids in coding, robotics, and hands-on science activities that spark creativity and problem-solving skills.

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ACCN TORONTO





THANK YOU NOTE

As we head into another vibrant Canadian summer, we want to extend a warm and sincere thank you for taking the time to explore this guide. Whether you're a parent looking for the perfect camp, a community member seeking to support inclusive youth programming, or a charity doing the incredible work of uplifting children, you are part of something deeply meaningful.

Summer is more than a season. It's a spirit. One of possibility, connection, and joy. We hope this guide helps you discover camps and organizations that spark curiosity and build unforgettable experiences for the kids in your life and your community.

At CharityAxess, we believe that when children thrive, we all do. That's why we created this resource, to amplify inclusive, accessible, and life-changing opportunities across Southern Ontario. Camps listed here aren't just programs; they're safe spaces where children feel seen, celebrated, and supported. From lakeside adventures to science labs to arts collectives, every one of these camps offers something transformative.

This summer, we invite you to make the most of it. Check out local charity **events**. Sign up to volunteer if you have the time. If you're led and able, consider making a **donation**. Every gesture of support helps create a richer, more inclusive world for our kids.

We also welcome you to support our <u>Kids at Camp Fund</u>. All donations to this initiative are disbursed directly to the charities featured in this guide, helping to cover camp fees, provide accessibility support, and ensure no child is left on the sidelines due to financial barriers.

Let's make memories. Let's make a difference. And most of all, let's make this summer count!

Sincerely,

The CharityAxess Team

If you're a charity and haven't yet claimed your profile, you can do so <u>here</u> to increase visibility and connect with supporters who share your mission. If you're a member of the public looking to align your giving or volunteer time with causes that matter, explore CharityAxess to find organizations that resonate with your values.

