

# 2024 ULTIMATE PARENT GUIDE

# MSVU SUMMER DAY CAMPS

REGISTRATION BEGINS: MARCH 6, 2024



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# WELCOME TO SUMMER CAMP!

Welcome to day camp at the Mount! Since 1983, we have been a leader in offering unique and meaningful active day camp experiences for children in Halifax and surrounding areas. From athletic and recreational games in the gymnasium, to art activities and crafts, to outdoor adventures and scavenger hunts around our beautiful campus, we ensure a fun-filled, safe, and active experience for your child!

Our themed camps include structured recreational programming, based on a weekly theme, that allows our campers to have fun and be kids! Campers will enhance their imagination, learn through movement and play, and be physically active.

## MSVU offers:

- recreational, THEME BASED CAMPS
- for children entering Grades 1-6 in September 2024.
- online registration. It is safe, secure and convenient.
- payment plan options, if needed.
- Inclusion Support. See page 4 for complete details.

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

**Begins March 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

- There are limited spots available each week, based on a first-come, first-served registration process.
- Prior to registration, please visit [MSVU.CA/camps](https://msvu.ca/camps) to carefully review the full registration details and access your online account.
- In-person registrations are available at the Mount Fitness Centre.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact us at 902-457-6420 or [camps@msvu.ca](mailto:camps@msvu.ca).

**REGISTER  
ONLINE**  
[msvu.ca/camps](https://msvu.ca/camps)

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## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### PAY IN FULL

- Pay the total camp fee(s) at the time of registration, including a 10% non-refundable deposit.
- You can add multiple camps to your cart and pay at the end. Each camp must be added individually, but can be processed with one payment.
- Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, AMEX), Debit, Cash
- Please note: debit and cash are only available in-person

### PAYMENT PLANS

- Pay 10% now and the remainder at a later date.
- If the payment plan option is selected, a non-refundable deposit (10% of the total camp fee) is paid upfront and the remainder of the camp fee will be processed one week prior to the start of the camp.
- Each camp registration is done separately. You must add one camp to the cart and complete the payment. Then repeat the process for each additional camp.
- Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, AMEX) only.

## NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

- Each camp registration requires a 10% non-refundable deposit, per week.
- The non-refundable deposit is included in the overall camp fee.

## REFUND POLICY

To cancel your camp registration and receive a refund (minus the NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT - see details above) you must:

- Request to withdraw in writing by emailing [camps@msvu.ca](mailto:camps@msvu.ca)
- Submit request THREE WEEKS prior to the day or week of camp that you are requesting to withdraw from.
- If requesting within the three-week period, a refund will only be issued if a replacement can be found. Exception: Medical reason with supporting documentation.
- Refunds will be processed within 2-3 weeks of initial request.

# 2024 Summer Day Camp

Descriptions, dates and fees

**Looking for inclusion support? Please see page 4 for registration details.**

## SPRING INTO SUMMER

Summer is here and it's time to have fun! Switch from school mode to camp mode! So come to camp these first couple of days and tell us about your year while we take part in camper favourite activities like GaGa Ball, Stormy Seas and some creative crafts.

**Thursday, June 27** **\$45.00**

**Friday, June 28** **\$45.00**

## JUNGLE SAFARI

Embark on a wild adventure with a jungle safari expedition! Roar with excitement as we explore the wilderness by crafting jungle masks, investigating animal tracks, and running from the stampede! Get ready to channel your inner jungle spirit on this week where the thrill of the wild, meets the joy of adventure.

**July 2 - 5** **\$160.00**

*No camp on July 1*

## IMAGINATION STATION

This week is about you and your IMAGINATION, so let's think outside the box! We'll kick off camp with the Ultimate Craft Buffet, and then we'll compete in the Camper Creators Obstacle Course. The potential is endless so let your imagination run wild!

**July 8 - 12** **\$190.00**

## FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

Blast off into the future for a week filled with innovation, creativity, and of course, FUN! Campers will need to put on their thinking caps for this futuristic adventure with activities centred around space, robots, and technology. Come discover what the future holds!

**July 15 - 19** **\$190.00**

## WATER WORKS

Come make a splash with our Water Week to cool down from the hot summer sun! We have water balloons, sprinklers, and water games galore to help beat the heat. Don't miss out, it's going to be a splash-tastic time!

**July 22 - 26** **\$190.00**

## MOUNT OLYMPICS

To celebrate the 2024 Olympics, we're bringing Paris to you with our very own Olympic Games-Mount style! You'll need to channel both your inner athlete and your creative side to reach the podium in our Olympics. **\$190.00**

**July 29 - August 2**

## ANCIENT ADVENTURERS

Turn back the clock and travel back in time to discover the wonders of the ancient world. Will you be able to explore the wonders of the pyramids or decode the ancient scripts of societies that are lost to time? Join us while we unearth the mysteries of the old world! **\$160.00**

**August 6 - 9**

*No camp on August 5*

## CAMP'S GOT TALENT

It's time to unleash your inner star and show off your hidden talents with Camp's Got Talent! Each camper is unique, so shine bright, and show us what you've got. You won't want to miss the annual camp talent show where you can showcase anything from your electric dance moves to awesome art skills!

**August 12 - 16** **\$190.00**

## CAMP CARNIVAL

It's the week we have all been waiting for... our annual Camp Carnival! Join us for classic carnival games, face painting and lots of fun! You won't want to miss the chance to soak a leader and win some awesome carnival prizes.

**August 19 - 23** **\$190.00**

## SUMMER SEND-OFF

Bid farewell to summer in style during the last week of camp! We've saved the best for last, and this week is all about YOU and what YOU want to do. We will be hosting plenty of "camper's choice" activities, as well as some classic camp games and back-to-school themed crafts.

**August 26 - 30** **\$190.00**

# Inclusion Support Information

If you have any questions or concerns, contact us at 902-457-6420 or [camps@msvu.ca](mailto:camps@msvu.ca).

We welcome children of all abilities in our summer camp programs and offer inclusive programming for campers requiring extra support due to a physical, medical, behavioral and/or developmental exceptionality. Campers will receive one-on-one support from an Inclusion Leader who will work directly with the camper, making every effort to include campers in adapted activities, and ensuring their overall safety and happiness while in our care. We do our best to accommodate all participants' needs, but please understand that some needs may be beyond our scope of accommodation.

Please note that by not disclosing the needs of a participant prior to registration, we may be required to withdraw the participant from the program until appropriate supports can be put into place or become available.

## When assessing whether a One-to-One Inclusion Support Person is required, please consider the following:

- Is extra support required at school and/or in the community?
- Is extra help required at home for basic care?
- Is there an existing physical, medical, behavioral and/or developmental disability that could affect the safety and enjoyment of the participant and/or other participants?

## Our Inclusion Staff will:

- Provide 1:1 support during regular camp hours 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Swim trip one day per week with your child. Swim trips take place from Week #3 to Week #8.
- Make accommodations and adaptations specific to your child's needs to ensure they are fully included in our summer day camp program.
- Request daily communication check-ins from your parents.
- Report end of day feedback to parents.

## What support MSVU day camps cannot offer:

MSVU day camp staff are not qualified to carry out procedures such as catheterization, tube feeding or assisted feeding, suctioning, injections, and/or managing aggressive behaviours. In these cases, we require families to make alternative arrangements. Any medications that are required must be taken independently by the children under the supervision of an inclusion staff member. Proof of prescription and written authorization are required.

## REGISTRATION

**Online registration for Inclusion Support begins March 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

- When registering, select camps listed under **Inclusion Support**.
- Inclusion support is available in all of our camps, with limited spots available each week, based on a first-come, first-served registration process.
- Please visit [MSVU.CA/camps](https://msvu.ca/camps) to carefully review the full registration details, and set up/login to your online account.
- In the month of May our Inclusion Coordinator will reach out to all registered families for additional information to help us best accommodate each individual camper's needs.

## DATES & FEES

**Camp descriptions are listed on page 3.**

- Inclusion Support-Spring into Summer  
Thursday, June 27 \$45.00  
Friday, June 28 \$45.00
- Inclusion Support-Jungle Safari  
July 2 - 5 \$160.00
- Inclusion Support-Imagination Station  
July 8 - 12 \$190.00
- Inclusion Support-Forward to the Future  
July 15 - 19 \$190.00
- Inclusion Support-Water Works  
July 22 - 26 \$190.00
- Inclusion Support- Mount Olympics  
July 29 - August 2 \$190.00
- Inclusion Support-Ancient Adventurers  
August 6 - 9 \$160.00
- Inclusion Support- Camp's Got Talent!  
August 12 - 16 \$190.00
- Inclusion Support-Camp Carnival  
August 19 - 23 \$190.00
- Inclusion Support-Summer Send-off  
August 26 - 30 \$190.00

# General Camp Information

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## DAILY OVERVIEW

**We are open 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily!**

- 7:30-9:00 a.m.:
  - Drop-off
  - Supervised free time stations
  - Sunscreen application
- 9:00-9:15 a.m.:
  - Welcome and rules
- 9:15-10:00 a.m.:
  - Small group guided activities
- 10:00-10:30 a.m.:
  - Transitions and snack
- 10:30-11:15 a.m.:
  - Small group guided activities
- 11:15-11:30 a.m.:
  - Transitions
- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.:
  - Lunch\*
- 1:00-1:30 p.m.:
  - Transitions and sunscreen application
- 1:30-3:30 p.m.:
  - Small group guided activities
- 3:30-4:00 p.m.:
  - Transitions and snack
- 4:00-5:30 p.m.:
  - Pick-up
  - Supervised free time stations

\*Our campers are very active throughout the day and will watch a G-rated movie during lunch.

## SWIM TRIP

- Swim trips take place from Week #3 to Week #8.
- Each child will swim once per week.
- We travel on Metro Transit to our swim location.
- There are no additional fees for swim trip.
- If you would like to request a specific trip day for your camper, please inform the staff at drop-off on the Monday of each week.

## DROP-OFF PROCEDURE

- Parents/Guardians are required to escort their child to the Gymnasium, Rosaria Student Centre (main floor).
- Parents/Guardians must check-in their child at the gym entrance. DO NOT drop your child off at the front doors. If another person is picking up your child, please inform staff upon check-in.
- Doors open at 7:30 a.m. with supervised free play until 9:00 a.m. Structured programming will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- **DO NOT LEAVE MEDICATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD.** If your child needs to take medication, please give it to the day camp staff member at the check-in table.
- Please ensure that your camper arrives with outdoor clothing as we will be spending time outdoors, weather permitting.

## PICK-UP PROCEDURE

- **PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED DURING THE SIGN-OUT PROCESS.**
  - For safety reasons day camp staff are required to verify identification before releasing the child to an authorized pick-up person.
- Children must be signed out by a parent/guardian or a person on the authorized pick-up list.
- Structured camp activities will end at 4:00 p.m. Supervised free play continues until 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.
- There is a late fee of \$5 for each additional 15 minutes a child remains after 5:30 p.m.
- If you will be picking up your child during 9-4 p.m. camp time, it is advised that you inquire at the Mount Fitness Centre (902-457-6420), as campers may be in a different room or outside.

# General Camp Information

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## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- SNEAKERS
- SUNSCREEN
- SNACK & LUNCH. All lunches and snacks must be 100% NUT FREE.
- WATER BOTTLE
- COMPLETE CHANGE OF CLOTHES.  
Please label clothes with campers name.
- SWIM SUIT
- TOWEL
- BAG FOR WET CLOTHING



## WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

- FOOD THAT MAY CONTAIN NUTS
- GAMES
- TOYS
- ELECTRONICS
- MONEY

## ALLERGIES & MEDICATIONS

- **DO NOT LEAVE MEDICATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD.**
- Please inform the MSVU Day Camp Staff of all allergies and/or medications.
- If your child needs to take medication, please give it to the day camp staff member upon sign in.
- Medications must be prescribed to the camper by a physician and be in the original packaging. Proof of prescription and written authorization are required.
- Over the counter medications will not be administered.



### ALLERGY ALERT

We will do lunch checks every morning at drop-off.

- All lunches and snacks must be 100% NUT FREE!
- We may add additional food restrictions week to week based on the allergies and severity of allergic reactions of our campers that week.

## DISCIPLINARY CODE

- The MSVU Day Camp Program has established a three-step disciplinary code to assist the staff in dealing with behavioural problems, if and when necessary. These procedures are designed to provide a fun and safe atmosphere for all participants.
  - Step one includes speaking to child and parent/guardian.
  - Step two includes speaking to child and parent/guardian, in addition to disciplinary action of some form that day (i.e. sitting out of a camp activity).
  - Step three includes speaking to child and parent/guardian, disciplinary action, and the possible dismissal of the child from camp if proper behavior is not forthcoming.
- The MSVU Day Camp Program aims to prevent bullying, hitting, swearing and/or name calling within our camp through positive reinforcement and peer reconciliation.
- Should you wish to discuss this policy, please contact the Recreation Coordinator by calling 902-457-6420 prior to an incident.