



Summer Camp Information Package

Pryde Aquatic and Wellness Centre – 600 Tomlinson Drive, Port Elgin

We hope this information is helpful as you prepare for camp. We are excited to meet our campers and look forward to a great summer together!

For information about all Town of Saugeen Shores camps, visit
www.saugeenshores.ca/PrydeAWC

Don't forget to complete your [Camper Information Form](#) prior to attending camp

*Deadline is June 22, 2026 for those who completed their registration prior to June 12, 2026. Immediate completion for those registering after June 12, 2026.

This information package is for the following camps:

- Gull Squad, ages 4-7
- Seagull Summit, ages 8-12
- Aquatic Specialty Camps, age 8-12

Questions or feedback?

Call: 519-832-2627 x704

Email: daycamp@saugeenshores.ca

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General Information

The Town of Saugeen Shores strives to provide a safe, inclusive, welcoming and fun camp environment for children each summer. Our camp staff are certified in Standard First Aid and CPR as well as HIGH FIVE for Principles of Healthy Child Development and have completed a vulnerable sector police reference check. Thank you for choosing the Town of Saugeen Shores summer camps for your camper!

Camp Week Dates

	Gull Squad (4-7y)	Seagull Summit (8-12y)	Aquatic Specialty Camp (8-12y)
Week One Jun 29-30, Jul 2-3	Goo, Gunk, Experiments	Team Challenges	Pool n' Putt
Week Two Jul 6-10	Deep Sea Detectives	Race for the Crown	Sports Crew
Week Three Jul 13-17	Mythical Creatures Academy	Fitness Quest	Water Bugs
Week Four Jul 20-24	Hero Training Camp	Explorers of the World	Sports Crew
Week Five Jul 27-31	Treasure of the Tides	Art Expedition	Water Bugs
Week Six Aug 4-7	Nature Detectives Camp	Secrets of the Sea	Pool n' Putt
Week Seven Aug 10-14	Colour Wars	Earthbound Expedition	
Week Eight Aug 17-21	Heroes of Every Kind	Peak Performance	
Week Nine Aug 24-28	Carnival Countdown	Summit Seekers	

On the Monday before your camp begins, you will receive an email from daycamp@saugeenshores.ca that includes information to help prepare your camper for program the following week. Please read the email carefully and review attached documents that outline activities and reminders.

Tips for First Time Campers

Here are a few tips that may help prepare your participant for camp with us:

- Provide as much detail on the Camper Information Form in the 'Support' section as possible – this information is reviewed by camp staff prior to each week of camp.
- Camp leaders wear staff shirts/sweaters with STAFF on the back. Let your participant know that they can approach a leader anytime they have questions.
- Review the next day's activities with your camper each night.
- Label all your camper's items with their name.
- Provide extra snacks in your camper's lunch (nut-free). Campers are extra busy at camp and often need more than their regular school day snacks.

Daily Schedule for Gull Squad and Seagull Summit Camps

With a variety of programming to choose from, there is something for everyone! Town camps offer a schedule and routine that incorporates crafts, outdoor play, songs, active and quiet games, special guests, water days and more! A theme of the week helps guide our activities and infuses fun, creativity and imagination into activities.

General program schedule is:

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Unstructured free play during sign-in
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. First morning program block
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. Morning snack time
- 10:30-12:00 p.m. Second morning program block
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch break and free play time after lunch
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. First afternoon program block
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. Afternoon snack time
- 2:30-4:00 p.m. Second afternoon program block
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. Unstructured free play during sign-out

Aquatic Specialty camps will have a variable schedule depending on the camp, location, and trip activities. Weekly emails will be sent with camp specific details.

Special Note for Seagull Summit Campers

Seagull Summit Camps will go swimming at the Pryde Aquatic and Wellness Centre each afternoon. This camp may also go on a field trip during the week. Information about these activities will be provided in a Welcome to Camp email sent on the Monday prior to your week of camp. Alternative land programming is available for individuals who choose not to swim.

Swimming for Aquatic Specialty Camps

One of the great things about Aquatic Specialty Camps is the daily swimming lessons! Swimming lessons will start promptly at 9:15am. Campers are to come dressed and ready to swim. Campers are encouraged to wear their swimsuit under their street clothes for a quick change to get into the pool.

Campers will be divided into groups of similar swimming abilities and will work through the Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life levels.

As there is a lot of swimming with our Aquatic Specialty Camps, it is important to pack several swimsuits and towels to ensure campers are prepared for the day.

Pool n' Putt Golf Club Storage

With our Pool n' Putt campers golfing every day, Westlinks has offered to store golf clubs for the week at their facility. Clubs can be dropped off the Sunday afternoon prior to camp start or the morning of the first day of camp. Guardians will be required to retrieve golf clubs at the end of the camp week.

Movie Notice

Near the end of the week, campers may watch a 'G' rated movie during the lunch hour while camp staff have a meeting to receive feedback and important updates. Camp staff remain in the room during the movie and campers who do not wish to watch the movie will have alternative activity options in the same room during the movie.

Nut Allergies

We are a peanut and nut-free camp; however, our facilities are not peanut and nut free. Concessions and vending machines may contain peanuts or nut products and patrons of our facilities may bring in peanuts and nut products. Campers are not able to purchase food from vending machines or concessions during the camp day.

Campers are asked to bring nut-free lunches. Should peanut or nut products be present, camp staff will do their best to ensure they are kept away from campers with nut allergies and that everyone thoroughly washes their hands and disposes of garbage in a separate bag.

Safety at Camp

All campers are required to submit a Camper Information Form and sign off on each waiver prior to attending camp. Please complete the consent form by June 22, 2026. The camp consent form can be found online at www.saugeenshores.ca/prydeawc. All documents will be reviewed by Coordinators prior to each participant's arrival. If you wish to share any information about your camper, please include it on the form. Some of the information you will provide on the Camper Information Form is stated below with the explanation of why we require this information.

Medical Information

If medication is to be administered during program time, you must complete a medical administration form. A Coordinator will send this form to you upon reading the medical information provided in the Camper Information Form if required.

Camp staff can only help administer oral medications and assist with epi-pens. They can not administer any other medications.

Parents/guardians of campers with specific medical needs will receive a phone call prior to the camper's week(s) at camp. Specific details and instructions pertaining to the camper's wellbeing will be discussed with the Coordinator to ensure they have a safe week at camp.

Campers that require access to emergency medical supplies will be required to carry their medical supplies (ie. Epi-pen, inhaler) with them at all times. Wearable carrying cases will be supplied for campers.

Illness

When a camper is not feeling well, please keep them at home and notify the coordinator that they will be absent. If you are unsure if you should send your camper, please do not hesitate to reach out to the coordinator.

Child in Need of Protection

Town of Saugeen Shores staff and volunteers are legally obligated to observe the terms listed in Section 125 of The Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017 (CYFSA) and must report a child in need of protecting.

Safe Arrival, Departure and Late Fees

Upon arrival at camp pick-up location, parents/guardians must report to the sign in desk. Camp staff will be present at the desk during arrival times (8:30-9:00 a.m.) and departure times (4:00-4:30 p.m.).

If you are dropping off or picking up during structured camp programming time, please follow the instructions on the sign in/out table for contacting camp staff. Please notify camp staff in advance if your camper will be absent, arriving late or picked up early, so we can prepare

accordingly. Campers can be picked up from camp anytime between 4:00-4:30 p.m. All campers must be picked up by 4:30 p.m. Valid government issued photo ID that matches a name listed on the authorized pick-up section of the consent form must be shown at pickup.

A late fee of \$15 for every 15 minutes or less past 4:30 p.m. applies when campers are not picked up by 4:30 p.m. Campers who are consistently picked up after 4:30 p.m. may be removed from camp at the discretion of supervisory staff. Please make alternative pickup arrangements if you cannot pick up your camper by 4:30 p.m. If a camper is not picked up by 4:40 p.m., camp staff will begin calling the parents/guardians listed on the consent form. If camp staff are not able to reach the parents/guardians, they will proceed in calling the emergency contacts listed.

Campers aged 10 years of age or older may arrive/depart camp independently if permission is provided on the consent form. As the camper's parent or guardian, you must understand it is your responsibility to ensure your camper(s) arrive to camp each morning, and get home safe each night.

By selecting **Walking, Unsupervised** and/or **Biking, Unsupervised** for one or more of the children in care, guardians release the Town of Saugeen Shores from any responsibility for their care prior to their arrival at camp and once they have been released at the end of the camp day.

Backpack Supplies and Things to Bring

All campers will need:

- Indoor running shoes
- Lunch and two snacks (nut-free)
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen (spray sunscreen is easiest for application)
- Hat
- Extra change of clothes in a plastic bag (for accidents or spills)
- Comfortable clothing appropriate for active play inside and out that could get a little messy and is weather appropriate
- Bathing suit/towel are required each day
- Please leave all toys, money, and electronic devices at home

Inclusivity at Camp

We welcome all campers to Saugeen Shores Summer Camp programming regardless of skill and ability. We pride ourselves on an open and inclusive camp environment. Campers requiring additional assistance within our camp programs are to connect with Community Services Staff prior to registration to discuss fit and needs. Campers who require additional support persons within camp are required to organize their own support as the Town of Saugeen Shores does not offer an internal inclusion program. If you require assistance organizing additional support persons, please see the attached links for more details.

Community Resource Weblinks

[Bruce Grey Child and Family Services](#)

[Community Living – Owen Sound and District](#)

[Bruce County – Human Services](#)

[Special Needs Resource Program - Bruce County](#)

[Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services](#)

[Recreational Respite](#)

Camp Rules

Specific Camp rules and guidelines will be discussed on the first day of camp. There are some specific rules that parents and guardians should review with campers prior to the first day of camp.

1. Keep your hands and feet to yourself
2. Speak nicely and positively to each other
3. Touch only what belongs to you
4. Stay within the activity area
5. Listen to your leaders

Summer Day Camp Camper Information Form

At the Town of Saugeen Shores we take great pride in delivering an outstanding experience for each and every camper. To uphold our commitment to safety and inclusion it is required that the Camper Information Form be completed for each camper prior to the commencement of camp.

Please complete the [Camper Information Form](#) by Monday, June 22, 2026 for review prior to camp commencement. Immediate completion for those registering after June 12, 2026.

The Camper Information Form is how we collect contact information for parents, guardians, and emergency contacts for the campers in our care this summer. It is also a place to record who has permission to drop-off and pick-up your camper from the Town of Saugeen Shores camp programs by indicating a “Yes” or “No” under the Authorized Pick-up section. Please note that Government issued Photo ID will be required for Camper Pick-up. If someone other than the names listed as an Authorized Pick-up try to collect your camper from a Town of Saugeen Shores camp program, leaders will be required to contact a Primary Contact and obtain consent to release the camper.

You will also be asked how your campers will arrive and depart from camp. Campers must be 10 years of age or older in order to arrive or depart from programs unsupervised. These campers must have written permission from the Primary Contact prior to camp start. Campers who are authorized to leave camp unsupervised will not be released until the end of day at 4:00pm. Once the camper has signed themselves out of camp, camp leaders are no longer responsible for said camper.

Under the ‘Support’ section we ask that you help us to make the Day Camp experience the best it can be for all involved by providing some insight into your child’s life by answering questions adapted from Community Living *All Kids Can Play* Project. If your camper has any special requests, friends they would like to be with, crafts they would like to do, or even games that they would like to play, this section is a great place to let us know these details and we will try our best to make the day camp experience memorable for everyone.

And finally, each of the waivers required for camp is included in the ‘Waivers’ section. They are listed below for your information.

Again, please complete the Camper Information Form as requested so our camp team has time to review and connect if we have any questions or if any accommodation needs are to be arranged.

Waivers

Waivers are included in the Camper Information Form and must be completed prior to the first day of camp.

Emergency medical treatment

In the event of an accident or illness involving my child while attending the program, I hereby authorize, if I am not immediately available, the administration of any medical procedure deemed necessary by the child's physician, or any other physician selected by the program staff. I also give my permission for my child to be transported to the physician's office or the hospital Emergency Department with no liability on the driver's part. An ambulance may be called to transport my child to the hospital if required; billing for the ambulance will be forwarded to the main contact specified on the registration form.

Excursions off the property

The child(ren) included in this form may be taken away from the program premises by the staff, by means of any manner of public or private transportation or otherwise, for walks, picnics or outings of any kind and may, from time to time, be scheduled as part of the program.

Routine activities for all camps may include walking to and from the park, walking on trails and around the facility as well as using the green space in and around the facility.

Please note staff do not drive participants for any reason; Aquatic Specialty Camps will travel by bus as indicated in the camp description. Sport Crew will require bikes for transportation on specific days during the week as designated by the camp lead.

Camper Code of Conduct

The Town of Saugeen Shores Aquatic Camps aim to provide a fun, respectful and supportive environment for all involved. Program staff are trained with safety and quality as the top priorities. To maintain a high quality of programming, camp wide rules and expectations are upheld to continue to foster a safe, inclusive and positive camp experience for everyone.

Campers are expected to show up each and every day with a positive attitude ready to participate in all games and activities. Campers are to be kind to one-another, take turns and utilize fair-play practices during both structured and unstructured activity time. Campers are to show respect to their leaders by practicing good listening skills, as well as demonstrate respectful practices with the equipment and facilities by reporting damages and using equipment safely and with a designated purpose. While camp can be a lot of fun, it's essential to remember to keep our hands to ourselves and remember "hands-off" while interacting with others.

Any camper who diminishes the camp experience for peers, leaders or themselves may be removed from programming. Note that mistreatment, inappropriate language, aggressive actions and violent or physical behaviours will not be tolerated.

Consent for snacks and treats

Some leaders may choose to give out food during the week. This may include treats such as freezies, popsicles or ice cream or pre-packaged snacks such as granola bars, apple sauce, fruit snacks, bear paws, popcorn etc. Allergens declared on the consent form will not be served to your camper. A listing of special treat days will be noted within the weekly camper email.

Authorization for publicity

The assigned camper(s) may appear in advertising/publicity arranged by the Town of Saugeen Shores through various media outlets including newspaper, radio, tv, social media, slide presentations and printed or other electronic publications.

Accommodation and support

As the camper's parent or guardian, I understand it is my responsibility to organize our own support as the Town of Saugeen Shores does not offer an internal inclusion program. I acknowledge that I have been informed of the available resources within the community if this need is applicable to the child(ren) within my care.

Arrival/Departure

As the camper's parent or guardian, I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my camper(s) arrive to camp each morning, and get home safe each night.

By selecting **Walking, Unsupervised** and/or **Biking, Unsupervised** for one or more of the children in my care, I release the Town of Saugeen Shores from any responsibility for their care prior to the arrival at camp and once they have been released at the end of the camp day (4:00pm).

Parent/Guardian Participation Consent

As the camper's parent or guardian, I have read and understood the specific program details outlined above and within the Camper Information Package and give permission for participation.

Under the authority to the *Municipality Act, 201, S.O.*, Personal Information, including Personal Health Information, will be collected for the administration of the camp program. As part of the camp program, participants' health information collected will be used to ensure safe and supportive programming for each participant. If you have any questions regarding the collection and handling of this personal information, please contact the Recreation Department at recreation@saugeenshores.ca, 519-832-2627 or 600 Tomlinson Drive, Port Elgin, Ontario, N0H 2C0.

Feedback

We hope your camper has a great time at camp and we welcome your feedback. For any immediate feedback you wish to share, please contact the camp coordinator.

Once camp is over, we would appreciate your time to fill out the evaluation form so we can continue to provide you with the best programs and experience possible.

Thank you for reading this information package. We look forward to having your camper(s) with us this summer!