



FortWhyte Alive
HUMAN. NATURE.



Nature Day Camp

Parent Guide

PLEASE NOTE: *In 2020, FortWhyte's Interpretive Centre will be undergoing exciting renovations as we work towards building a more sustainable future! This means that the Interpretive Centre and its exhibits will not be part of our Day Camp programming for the Spring and Summer 2020 season.*

Not to worry, we have made alternative arrangements to house our campers and ensure they have the same great experience. Afterall, our remaining 660 acres of prairies, forests, lakes and wetlands are not under construction!

SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION

Our online registration system is powered by CampBrain, a leading provider of online camp services, who use the highest level of internet security commercially available.

Our system allows you to register all your children at one time without entering the same information multiple times, and lets you pay once with a single shopping cart. You can save unfinished forms to complete later. In addition, you can instantly see what camp sessions are currently available (full sessions will be greyed out). You can expect that a new registration will take about 10 minutes to complete.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only parents or legal guardians are allowed to register campers. Parents/guardians may not register children from families other than their own using our online registration process. If you register a child from another family, neither registration will be accepted. If a family registers a child other than their own, the registration will be invalid until that child's parent/guardian provides FortWhyte Alive with contact information and signed waiver forms. Each family will be assessed a \$25 administrative fee.



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DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES

DROPPING OFF

- Camp drop off is between 8 and 9 am
- Camp programming begins at 9 am (While waiting, campers participate in low organized games, songs, crafts and activities led by camp counsellors.)

PICKING UP

- Campers may be picked up between 4 and 5 pm
- Camp programming ends at 4 pm (While waiting, campers participate in low organized games, songs, crafts and activities led by camp counsellors.)

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP LOCATIONS

Spring Camp	Temporary Education Centre (1961 McCreary Road) *	Eco Quest	Outdoor Adventure Site (2505 McGillivray Boulevard) **
Kinder Camp	Temporary Education Centre (1961 McCreary Road) *	Fox Bay	Outdoor Adventure Site (2505 McGillivray Boulevard) **
Rabbit Rangers	Temporary Education Centre (1961 McCreary Road) *	Farm Day Camp	FortWhyte Farms (1961 McCreary Road) ***



* Please park in our overflow or main parking lot and proceed to the Temporary Education Centre, located in our overflow parking lot across from the Prairie Dog Town for drop off and pick up.

** If your Eco Quest or Fox Bay camper has siblings in Kinder or Rabbit Rangers, and you would prefer to drop-off/pick-up all of your children from the Temporary Education Centre at 1961 McCreary Rd through our walkover program, please fill in the online form during registration (drop of: no later than 8:45 am, pick-up: between 4:30-5:00 pm).

*** FortWhyte Farms is the first building on your left after turning off McCreary Road - keep an eye out for the red roof!



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LUNCHES

IMPORTANT NOTE: To better align with our sustainability goals, FortWhyte summer camp will no longer include a Friday hot dog lunch. Please join us in our sustainability efforts by packing garbage-less lunches for your campers for all 5 days of camp!

GARBAGELESS LUNCHES AND SNACKS

Environmental education is the primary mandate of FortWhyte Alive. During their week-long adventures, children are introduced to nature and the various ways they, as individuals, can make small but important contributions to the future well-being of our planet. One such way is through reducing the amount of garbage used in packaging lunches and snacks. Here are some pointers to help you prepare garbageless lunches and snacks:

- **REDUCE:** Avoid over-packaged items such as cheese and cracker snacks, individually packaged yogurts and puddings, or pre-packaged, 'deli' lunches.
- **REUSE:** With the many sizes and shapes available, you can pack just about anything in a reusable container. Repurposed yogurt or sour cream containers are also great for replacing plastic wrap! Thermoses are excellent for hot or cold lunches. Use reusable nylon or cloth lunch bags to carry food.
- **RECYCLE:** FortWhyte has collection bins for aluminum cans, glass and plastic. There is also an active compost program for organic food wastes such as fruit or vegetable peels, or sandwich crusts.

NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS POLICY

For the safety of all our campers, NUTS, PEANUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM DAY CAMP PROGRAMS. Please be sure to read all product ingredient labels very carefully.

SUMMER CAMP LUNCH PROGRAM

Want to skip the hassle of packing a lunch every day? Sign up for our camp lunch program with the Buffalo Stone cafe at the time of your registration. We will supply your child(ren) with a healthy lunch and 2 snacks per day (Mon - Fri). Stay tuned for updates to our 2020 camp lunch menu!

WHAT TO PACK FOR CAMP

CLOTHES & BELONGINGS

- Be sure to label all your child's belongings as FortWhyte Alive will not be responsible for lost or missing articles.
- Please send your child in clothes that are practical for crafts and outdoor play.
- For security reasons, we are unable to allow campers' belongings to remain at FortWhyte overnight.

WHAT TO BRING

- Hat, sunscreen, non-aerosol insect repellent
- 1 (one) garbage-less lunch (nut and peanut-free) that does not require a microwave
- 2 (two) garbage-less snacks (nut and peanut-free)



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- A change of clothes
- Reusable water bottle
- Rainwear and rubber boots or extra footwear
- Long pants and closed-toe shoes for forest games
- Warm gear (Spring/Winter)
- Swimwear, swim shoes, towel (all summer camps except Kinder Camp)
- Please refrain from bringing valuables and electronics

Note that a large part of the camp experience takes place outside. Please send your child with the appropriate outerwear for the weather.

CAMP POLICIES

CAMP ABSENCES

If your child must be away from camp for any unexpected reason such as an illness, please call (204) 989-8355 x 201 to be directed to Camp Staff.

If your child must be away due to a planned reason such as an appointment, please inform your child's camp leader ahead of time and provide a written note.

No refunds will be issued for missed days unless accompanied by a doctor's note, less a 10% administration fee.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations made 10 or more days in advance of session start date will be fully refunded, less a 10% administration fee.

Cancellations made 10 or fewer days in advance of session start date will be issued a credit (less a 10% administration fee). The credit can be used for another FortWhyte Alive camp session and is valid for one year. Credits can be transferred between immediate family members in the household.

REGISTRATION TRANSFERS

Registration transfers requested 10 or more days in advance of session start date will be granted if there is room.

Registration transfers requested 10 or fewer days in advance will be granted if there is room, less a 10% administration fee.



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TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION

Your tax receipt is your Statement of Account which is available through your CampBrain account. We also email these statements prior to January 31st of the following calendar year, however you may access and print this information by logging into your account at your convenience.

FORTWHYTE ALIVE PRIVACY POLICY

In accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, names, addresses, or other personal information collected by FortWhyte Alive will only be used for internal purposes such as informational mailings, membership renewals and other communications, and will not be shared with any third party. You have the right to request that your name and other information not be used for any internal FortWhyte Alive marketing purposes. If your information changes or if you no longer wish to receive communication from us, please let us know by calling (204) 989-8355 or by emailing info@fortwhyte.org.