

Dear Campers and Families,

We are pleased to welcome you to an unforgettable camp full of discovery, excitement, new experiences, friends and fun!

Location

Winter Camp takes place at the **Nature Interpretive Centre**, RBG Arboretum, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas. For safety reasons, the north side of the road near the Nature Centre is posted as a No Parking zone, marked by traffic cones. We ask that you drive slowly, respect the No Parking postings, and park in the designated areas.

Daily Schedule

Camp starts at 9 a.m. so please arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Pick up time is between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. Extended Care is available from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per child per day.

Each day at drop-off, please sign in and out with your counselors, or indicate if any other adults may be picking up in your place. Please let your camp counselors know of any special concerns or needs regarding your child.

What to Bring

Each day your child will be involved in a variety of fun and educational activities. To ensure that your child's camp experience is the best, please follow these recommendations:

- To ensure a healthier environment please pack a **litterless, nut-free lunch** and two snacks from home. Extra drinks or water bottles are encouraged.
- The NIC is a nut-aware facility. Please ensure that lunches and snacks are **free of nuts, nut products and traces of nuts**. Snacks that "may contain traces of nuts or nut products" are not permitted. Food that does not comply with our policy will be replaced with a healthy alternative.
- We are outside in all sorts of weather— please send your child with **weather-appropriate clothing** including hats, mitts and snow pants.
- Please pack a pair of **indoor shoes and an extra change of clothing**.
- Camp is a time to make friends, learn, and explore all of the wonders of our natural world. To facilitate this, please make sure electronic toys, music devices, video games, trading cards and toys in general stay at home.
- Please ensure that everything brought to camp is **labeled** with your child's name.

Signing In and Out

In order to maintain a safe environment, Royal Botanical Gardens' Discovery Day Camps have a policy for signing out campers. This policy will ensure that all campers have a fun and safe experience while guaranteeing that they are being signed out by an authorized adult. Please ensure that all parties expecting to pick up a camper know of this policy. The policy states:

"Anyone picking up a camper (other than the person who dropped off and signed the camper into the program) must show photo identification, and must be listed on the child's registration as either: a) a Primary Caregiver; b) an individual authorized for pick-up; or c) an individual listed as an Emergency Contact. The individual must be over the age of 18 years. Any changes to these names on your initial registration must be noted in writing by letter or email addressed to the Assistant Manager, Customer Programs and must be accompanied by a Primary Caregiver's signature."

We look forward to seeing your family at Royal Botanical Gardens' Discovery Camp. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns please send us an email at programs@rbg.ca or visit our website at www.rbg.ca.
