

# Dreaming of Summer

## Finding the Right Summer Camp for your Child

Camp is a place for children to try new things, learn new skills, develop friendships, and have a lot of FUN. Organizing a successful camp experience for a child with special needs requires a little extra planning and preparation, but camp can be a fun and rich learning environment, so it's worth the effort.

### WHERE TO GET INFORMATION

- ★ **Inclusive Recreation Directory** — <http://wwd.cmha.ca/home-page/our-services/developmentalservices/fso/skic/>
- ★ **KidsAbility Activity Guide** — <http://kidsability.ca/programactivityguides>
- ★ **City of Guelph Community Guide** — <http://guelph.ca/living/recreation/recreation-programs/>
- ★ **Township of Centre Wellington Community Guide** — <http://www.centrewellington.ca/beactive/Pages/Recreation,%20Parks%20and%20Facilities/Community-Guide.aspx>
- ★ **Ontario Camping Association** — <http://www.ontariocampsassociation.ca/>
- ★ **Word of mouth!**

**FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS CALL 1.888.372.2259 TO SPEAK WITH A RECREATION THERAPIST**

### FUNDING RESOURCES

Many camps offer subsidy programs for children with special needs. Be sure to ask your camp if a subsidy available program is available. The following camps are known to offer subsidies for children with special needs:

- YMCA-YWCA of Guelph
- Rainbow Day Camp
- Camp Sunrise
- Camp Brebeuf

#### ADDITIONAL FUNDING

The following organizations also have funding available to help cover the cost of camp registration and/or the cost of a 1:1 support worker:

- **The Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington:** [www.childrensfoundation.org](http://www.childrensfoundation.org) or call 519-826-9551
- **Special Services at Home Funding:** <http://wwd.cmha.ca/our-services/fso/family-information/> or call (519) 824-4015
- **Autism Ontario:** [www.autismontario.com](http://www.autismontario.com)
- **Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy:** [www.ofcp.ca](http://www.ofcp.ca)

### ONE ON ONE SUPPORT

If your child requires a 1:1 support worker, there are a number of options available to you. Be sure to start your search for 1:1 support early, and communicate with the camp if you are sending a support worker with your child.

The following camps provide or will assist you with accessing 1:1 support for campers with special needs:

- City of Guelph
- Rainbow Day Camp
- Camp Sunrise
- Camp Brebeuf
- Township of Centre-Wellington

#### SUPPORTING KIDS IN CAMP

SKIC provides children who have special needs with trained and experienced one to one workers for one week in the summer, so that they may attend specialized and/or integrated community camps. For more information visit: <http://wwd.cmha.ca/home-page/our-services/developmentalservices/fso/skic/>

