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2019 FIELD GUIDE

# WELCOME TO YMCA WANAKITA

Dear Campers,

YMCA Wanakita is about making new friends, renewing old friendships, taking on new challenges, appreciating nature and outdoor life, and making memories that last a lifetime.

For those of you who may be joining us for the very first time, welcome to the Wanakita family; 66 years strong! If you're a returning camper, we look forward to seeing you back at your "home away from home!"

All four seasons are beautiful here on the shores of Koshlong Lake. Please be sure to visit pages 16-19 for fall, winter and spring programs.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!



See you at Camp,  
Andy Gruppe, *General Manager*

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## OUR STAFF

At YMCA Wanakita we believe that camp is more than just the land and the lake, it is the people. This belief is reflected in our experienced, dedicated, and talented team of full time directors.

Andy Gruppe - *General Manager*  
Cam Green - *Program Manager*  
Mike Thaler - *Kids Camp Director*  
Tara Worthy - *Kids Camp Assistant Director*  
Jen Woodward - *Interim Family Camp Director*  
Sarah Bell - *Family Camp Director (Parental leave)*  
Jeff McConkey - *Outdoor Centre Director*  
Dan Crawford - *Director of Administration*  
Ann Creighton - *Outdoor Centre Program Coordinator*  
Ron Tenthorey - *Director of Food Services*

Each season our directors are supported by a staff team made up of outdoor specialists, teachers, university, college, and secondary school students. All staff are selected based on their experience, expertise and commitment to the care, well-being and development of our campers. All staff hold current Standard First Aid and CPR C, and come prepared with a number of other certifications including National Lifeguard Service (NLS), Wilderness First Aid, and various instructor levels.

To provide all campers with a safe, quality camping experience, we provide all staff with extensive training prior to each season.



## LOCATION AND FEATURES

YMCA Wanakita boasts a beautiful 1,000 acre site, situated on the shores of Koshlong Lake in the Haliburton Highlands.

*Features include:*

- 25 km of trails for hiking, biking, and skiing
- More than 3 km of river and lake shoreline
- Two full service dining halls
- A large variety of comfortable, rustic cabins with bunk beds (many winterized)
- A variety of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and equipment

For information on accessibility please contact our office.

# SUMMER OVERNIGHT KIDS CAMP PROGRAMS

YMCA Wanakita offers an excellent and varied summer camp program. A unique balance between individual and group camp activities provides an opportunity for each camper to participate in virtually all age-appropriate programs. Our balanced program also creates an atmosphere where both technical and social skills are fostered, providing a safe place for campers to take risks and grow. We believe that participating in any of our programs provides the potential for success that will stay with each camper well beyond their time at camp.

## Personal Choice Activities (PCAs)

YMCA Wanakita provides a wide range of activities where campers are able to develop their technical skills under the instruction of our trained and experienced staff. While campers will have the opportunity to experience many of these areas with their cabin groups, they choose preferred areas of interest for their daily Personal Choice Activities (PCAs).

### ACOUSTIC GUITAR (FOR INTERMEDIATES AND UP)

Learn how to play basic chords or move to the next level. Campers will have the opportunity to perform for other campers and staff.

### AIR ADVENTURE & INITIATIVES

Based on the “challenge by choice” model, campers can participate in challenging and cooperative activities. Activities include team building, high ropes, low ropes, the climbing wall, and much more.

### ARCHERY

Learn to shoot to varying distances and find out who the real Robin Hoods are! Participants are awarded Wanakita levels as they learn beginner and more advanced techniques.

### ARTS & CRAFTS

From nature crafts to screen printing, typical activities include sketching, beading, tie dyeing, mural painting, collages, and much more!

### CANOEING

Campers learn about boating safety, tandem and solo paddling skills, and play skill-enhancing and fun games.

### COURT/FIELD SPORTS

Ultimate frisbee, basketball, volleyball and soccer are some examples of the programs available. Campers will learn the rules of play and basic skills, while developing positive attitudes towards competition, health, and personal challenge.

### DANCE

Campers learn new steps and styles of dance while working towards performing at our weekly arts presentation. The dance styles vary depending on the age, interests, and abilities of each PCA group.

### KAYAKING

Earn YMCA Wanakita’s own awards, from levels I to III. Flatwater skills are emphasized. Advanced paddlers can progress to learning whitewater theory and techniques on the flatwater.



### MOUNTAIN BIKING (SENIORS ONLY)

Safety and proper riding technique will be taught and then practiced on YMCA Wanakita’s 25km trail system. A great way to explore and discover the great outdoors.

### PADDLE MAKING (12 YEARS AND UP)

Selecting from a variety of pre-shaped tulipwood templates, campers will learn to shape, sand, and finish a paddle that is truly unique to them. Please note that there is an additional cost of \$35 for the paddle blank.

### SAILING

*(Counts as 2 PCA choices for one week)*

Experienced instructors teach basic sailing skills, knots, and tips on how to read the wind on our fleet of Hobie Wave catamarans and PICOs. Campers will have a chance to earn Wanakita sailing awards based on the practical skills they learn during their week of PCAs.

### SWIMMING

Our qualified staff instruct campers in YMCA Canada Swim Program levels from Learn-to-Swim to Star 7. Campers will also have an opportunity to participate in a variety of water based activities, including the water trampoline.

### THEATRE ARTS

Campers come away from this program with a sense of accomplishment and increased self-confidence while developing and performing plays, singing, and learning a number of drama games.

### WILDERNESS & ENVIRONMENTAL PURSUITS (WEP)

Campers will gain an appreciation and knowledge of our natural world and their place in it. The focus will be on YMCA Wanakita’s amazing wetland area and 1000 acres of flora and fauna. This program also includes an extensive outdoor living program including outdoor cooking and firebuilding, minimum impact camping, navigation skills, weather forecasting, knots and other camping skills.

### ADVANCED WILDERNESS SKILLS (SENIORS ONLY)

In addition to the WEP program, Senior Campers further refine their outdoor living skills in areas such as advanced fire-lighting techniques, knots and other practical knowledge that can be used for tripping and wilderness survival.

### BOARDSAILING (12 YEARS AND UP)

*(Counts as 2 PCA choices for one week)*

Our hybrid Stand Up/Windsurf boards give campers a well rounded experience. Participants can become comfortable balancing on the stand up paddle board and then grab a sail to develop their windsurfing skills. Campers will learn safety tips, basic maneuvering skills and how to read the wind during their week of PCAs.

#### How many PCAs do you choose?

Choose two PCAs per week of camp unless you fall into the following:

- Campers choosing Sailing or Boardsailing, do not choose a second PCA.
- Trad campers choose two PCAs per 2 week session.
- Trippers do not choose PCAs.



*"We just love the whole YMCA Wanakita experience!"*

# WHAT CAMPER SECTION AM I?

Camper Section	Camper Age by Dec. 31*	
 <b>Junior</b>	7	
	8	
	9	
 <b>Intermediate</b>	10	
	11	
	12	
 <b>Senior Traditional 7-8</b>	13-14	
	<b>Senior Specialty 7-8</b>	13-14
	<b>Senior Trippers 7-8</b>	13-15
	<b>First Year SC</b>	15
	<b>Second Year SC</b>	16

\* Camper age by Dec. 31 of the year attending camp.

## Junior/Intermediate Campers



Junior and Intermediate campers can choose to attend YMCA Wanakita's Summer Overnight Camp for one or two weeks.

### One Week Kita Juniors & Intermediates

The Kita program is YMCA Wanakita's one-week camp program providing a unique and supportive atmosphere with experienced counsellors chosen specifically to create a fun, inclusive and welcoming environment. During their stay campers will participate in personal choice activities (PCAs) each morning, an overnight camp-out and a variety of camp activities. Given the shorter stay at camp it may not be possible to experience all that Wanakita has to offer in one visit. The Kita program is a wonderful introduction to camp.

### Two Week Juniors and Intermediates

Junior and Intermediate sections (JI) are a fantastic way to engage with the best that Wanakita has to offer. JI campers participate in a variety of activities that are fun, engaging, and instructive. Monday through Friday, campers spend the morning attending their preselected Personal Choice Activities (PCAs). Campers can choose from any of the age appropriate PCAs and try to earn Wanakita levels or focus on experiential participation. Campers also get a chance to challenge themselves on a trip tailored to their level of experience, exploring Koshlong Lake. Intermediates will be out for two nights, learning and developing a number of outdoor skills and Juniors will have a one night introduction to overnight camping. Our JIs also participate in Theme Days, friendly camp-wide games in the middle of each session.

## Senior Campers



### Senior Traditional

The Senior Traditional Program has remained one of our most popular programs for over 60 years. With nine days at camp and five days on trip, "Trad" campers get the best of both worlds while enjoying the full extent of YMCA Wanakita's diverse programming. The five-day canoe trip in the Canadian wilderness provides each cabin group with a meaningful challenge to work toward. The sense of purpose and adventure fostered in this program will help any camper gain self-confidence and build lasting friendships.

#### Senior Trad First Year (13 by end of year attending camp)

The Senior Trad First Year trip offers an exciting trip for first time and experienced campers alike as a grand welcome to the Trad program. Routes are selected to provide time to hone skills while taking in the beauty of rocky shorelines and sharing campfires under the stars.

#### Senior Trad Second Year (14 by end of year attending camp)

This five day trip is the flagship experience of our Senior Traditional program. With a little more age and experience, these campers are ready to venture out in smaller cabin groups to meet new challenges and enjoy the beauty of one of Ontario's iconic wilderness parks.

### Senior Specialty

Senior Specialty campers spend two weeks at YMCA Wanakita refining skills and strengthening friendships. These campers also participate in a three-day, two-night overnight on Koshlong Lake where they can learn about camping basics, and bond with their cabin mates around the campfire. Spending the full two weeks at camp allows Senior Specialty campers to pursue more time-intensive skills such as paddle making and advanced wilderness skills.

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



## Senior Trippers



YMCA Wanakita has witnessed many campers grow into strong leaders through their experiences in the wilderness. Completing a canoe trip teaches campers that they are capable of more than they thought possible as they experience the rewards of their own hard work and determination.

### Senior Trippers

This specialized tripping program is a step up from the Senior Traditional trip with more paddling, portaging and back-country exploration. It begins in camp with two days of packing, preparation and fun before heading out for 10 days of trekking and canoeing deep into a provincial park to places other trips don't go. Supported by staff uniquely suited to this experience, trippers learn and grow throughout the trip. Back at camp for the final two days, trippers debrief and participate in YMCA Wanakita's closing traditions.

*"My life at Wanakita gave me the best start in the world."*



## Student Counsellor Leadership Program (SCs)



YMCA Wanakita's Student Counsellor Leadership Program provides two years of quality leadership development. Potential participants must be motivated, mature, and have a desire to learn. *Participation in First Year SCs prior to Second Year SCs is recommended.*

### First Year SCs

Participants must have completed Grade 9 before participating in this program. This program focuses on technical skill development, with an introduction to group leadership skills. First year SC's will face the challenge of a six-day canoe trip, and the opportunity to earn nationally recognized certifications in lifesaving, first aid, and canoeing. Participants also refine their skills in YMCA Wanakita's other activity areas such as archery, sailing, kayaking, and outdoor living skills. Group cooperation, self-discipline and personal initiative are keys to a successful and fulfilling experience.

Included in the price of registration, First Year SCs receive a quality Salus Personal Floatation Device (PFD) with the YMCA Wanakita logo which can be worn for years to come!

### Second Year SCs and SC Trippers

Participants must have completed Grade 10 before participating in this program. Our Second Year program focuses on camp and community leadership skills, group dynamics, understanding the counselling role, teaching skills, camp philosophy and program objectives. All participants will do a cabin placement where they will learn about camper care and get first-hand experience. They will gain some first hand experience and be encouraged to develop skills that they could carry on at camp or in their community.

**New for 2019** is the Second Year Student Counsellor – Tripper (SC2T) program. Focussing on many of the skills that have brought success to the SC2 program, the SC2T program adds an extended wilderness canoe trip as a 10-14 day "floating classroom." (Trip length to be confirmed). The SC2T program aims to help shape the next generation of trip leaders.



# SUMMER DAY CAMP *Grades SK-7*

## Day Campers

YMCA Wanakita Day Camp is available for those who reside or are visiting/cottaging in the Haliburton/Minden area. Day campers participate in both land and water based programs and have the opportunity to participate in a one night overnight experience each week. During each one-week session campers take part in group activities, as well as special theme programs. All activities emphasize fun, challenge, adventure, creativity, imagination, and cooperation. We deliver age appropriate programs to ensure that activities provided suit the needs and abilities of our youngest and oldest campers.

Day Campers' activities include kayaking, canoeing, fun sumba, crafts, slip and slide, campfire, swamping, sports and games, swimming, water trampoline, low ropes, archery and more.

## A Typical Day at Wanakita Day Camp

8:30 - 9:00	Camper Arrival
9:00 - 9:10	Flag Raising
9:15 - 11:15	Group Planned Activities
11:30 - 12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 3:30	Group Planned Activities
3:30 - 4:00	Buddy Swim
4:00 - 4:30	Campers Depart

*"It makes me so happy to see my kids relishing every moment at camp – they eat it up!"*



## Bus Transportation

Starting in Haliburton at the hockey arena, a chartered bus will travel down County Road 21 to Minden before looping back via South Lake Road and County Road 21.

If transport is chosen on your registration, please indicate what stop(s) you would like. The exact stops will be confirmed in your confirmation letter.

## OTHER TRANSPORT

For those choosing alternative transportation arrangements (i.e. boat, car), we ask that you drop-off campers between 8:45 and 8:55 am and pick them up at 4:30 pm.

## Lunches

YMCA Wanakita provides a nutritious lunch service for all day campers. Our Food Services department will provide the same lunch that has been prepared for our overnight campers. Some menu examples include:

- Fresh pita sandwiches and soup
- Fajitas with all the fixings
- Burgers

Our Food Service department can accommodate most special diets. Please make sure that you detail dietary requests on your registration.

Campers are welcome to bring a snack, but please no peanut or nut products.



# SUMMER FAMILY CAMP



## Bring the whole family

YMCA Wanakita's unique Family Camp program has set the standard for family camps throughout the province. More than just a great family vacation, YMCA Wanakita Family Camp is where you can develop and strengthen relationships with family and friends while building meaningful memories together.

YMCA Wanakita offers nine weeks of Family Camp program in the summer. Families arrive midday on Sunday and depart midday the following Saturday.

## Program

Designed with all members of the family in mind. Each day is filled with activities and opportunities for family members to play independently and together. Our staff are well trained in age-appropriate programming, ensuring that campers of all ages enjoy their time at YMCA Wanakita. All programs are optional, giving families the opportunity to choose whether they would like to participate in programs or relax on the beach.

## Facilities

Family Camp operates on Wanakita East separate from the Kids Overnight and Day Camp. (Week 9, the final week of the summer, Family Camp takes over the entire camp!) Each family occupies their own rustic wood cabin outfitted with single and bunk beds, shelving units, and electricity. Cabins are located moments away from centralized bathrooms with showers. Family campers share meals together in our community dining hall, where YMCA Wanakita prides itself on healthy and delicious food. Our Food Services department is able to accommodate most dietary needs. Family Campers enjoy an outstanding sandy waterfront with docks for various waterfront activities, fields, courts, and wooded areas for all land based programs, buildings for indoor activities, and access to fire pits and various other communal outdoor spaces.



## Activities include:

- Sailing
- Windsurfing
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Arts & crafts
- High and low ropes
- Environmental and wilderness activities
- Overnight canoe trip on Koshlong Lake
- Yoga
- Dance
- Performing arts
- Music
- Kids' Corner (3-5 year olds)
- Sports
- Archery
- And many more!

*"Family Camp was hands down the best family vacation we've had to date."*

## Registration

Families returning to YMCA Wanakita's Summer Family Camp from the previous summer have the opportunity to pre-book throughout the month of October.

**General registration for new families is available on November 15th.** Please see page 21 for registration details. We encourage you to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Upon registration, further information regarding what to bring, policies on pets, alcohol, smoking, program themes, etc., will be sent to you.

Visit [ymcawanakita.ca](http://ymcawanakita.ca) to register.

**For more opportunities to get together with family or friends year round, see the the Outdoor Centre programs starting on page 16.**

# BUILDING STRONG KIDS

Here growth is measured in days, not years.

"It's my daughter's favourite thing to do all year. She starts the count down to go to camp the day she gets home from camp!"

"My kids return from camp every year exhausted but in the happiest state that they are all year. They hug more. They connect more. They appreciate more."

"It was very healthy to be off social media!"

We love the sense of community and belonging they get, along with the independence they gain. Camp teaches resilience and amazing life skills. We love overnight camp! Oh, and we LOVE YMCA Wanakita!

"It teaches you about yourself, your friends and the world around you. I definitely want to go back."

*"My first time camper came home saying he wanted to go for two weeks and had all his PCAs picked."*

Every child deserves a camp experience!

We believe so strongly that every child deserves a camp experience. That's why we are asking you to please consider making a gift to YMCA Strong Kids.

*"There's an energy, an excitement, a joy and a love that is hard to consistently find elsewhere. I think it is critical for all kids to experience this kind of environment."*

Your gift will make the difference to a child who longs to go to camp.

To make your gift, simply click on the "Donate Today" button at [YMCAWanakita.ca](http://YMCAWanakita.ca).

Please reach out to Natalie Charette at 905.317.4946 or [natalie.charette@ymcahbb.ca](mailto:natalie.charette@ymcahbb.ca) with any questions you may have.

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# OUTDOOR CENTRE (YEAR-ROUND CAMP)



## Year-Round Camp at YMCA Wanakita

Camping at YMCA Wanakita is a year-round experience and each season has something new to offer. Throughout the fall, winter and spring, YMCA Wanakita offers a variety of programs for schools, universities, colleges, businesses, adults, families and special interest groups of all ages. Whether venturing to camp for one, two, or even five days, our staff take pride in ensuring that all individual and group goals are met.

### Custom Designed Programs

Custom designed programs are planned and delivered cooperatively between group leaders attending the program and YMCA Wanakita's exceptional Outdoor Centre staff.

Whether you are a school, business or club, the activities, schedules, goals and objectives are created to meet the needs of each group. Spring activity options include: canoeing, kayaking, low and high ropes, outdoor pursuits, hiking, group team building, archery, campfire and much more! Winter activity options also include: cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, tubing/tobogganing, and skating on the lake.

Our Outdoor Centre group rates are offered in 24 hour billing periods. Prices are all inclusive (meals, equipment, instruction, lodging). Please contact us for rates.

### Program Participant Goals

- To be motivated by the YMCA values of Belonging, Caring, Respect, Honesty and Responsibility, while participating in all aspects of programming.
- Developing self-reliance and responsibility, leadership potential and placing a high value on having a positive attitude.
- To be socially cooperative by relating positively to others; understanding interdependence and friendships; group building and cooperative living.
- To develop positive attitudes towards health, fitness, the importance of active lifestyles, and learning new skills that carry forward through life.
- To understand the work of the natural world, our impact on it, and our place in it.



*"Kids come back with skills we simply cannot provide in a regular school setting. The confidence and leadership skills that are gained are lifelong and life-changing!"*

## Year-Round Getaway Programs

There is nothing like escaping to Wanakita for a weekend to recharge the batteries of life. Join some friends or family to experience the beauty of YMCA Wanakita during the fall, winter, or spring. Our Outdoor Centre provides a number of opportunities to choose from.

### For Adults

#### WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKENDS

Reconnect with friends, enjoy the outdoors, eat healthy, delicious meals and be physically active at this wellness-themed weekend retreat. Try something new and revisit traditional camp activities such as paddling, ropes courses and interpretive nature walks. Fitness classes and activities designed to enhance well-being in spirit, mind and body round out these popular fall and winter weekends.

#### VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKENDS

If YMCA Wanakita has impacted you or your family, consider giving back to our community by volunteering for one of our work weekends. All must be ready and able to work, eat lots of food and have a wheelbarrow full of fun. Help keep your camp the best it can be.



### For Families

Family members can choose to participate together or independently and as much or as little as they like. Family camp is a great way to reconnect and strengthen family bonds.

#### MOTHER/DAUGHTER WEEKEND

A great chance for multiple generations to come together and enjoy a weekend retreat in the great outdoors of the Haliburton Highlands. Enjoy the warmth of a new spring while being active on the waters of Koshlong Lake or exploring our extensive trail system. Mother/Daughter weekend provides an ideal mix of activity, adventure, and relaxation.

#### FAMILY DAY WEEKEND

Join us at YMCA Wanakita for a weekend away with the family. Our Outdoor Centre staff provide a variety of age appropriate programs, allowing family members to either participate together or independently. A great way to refresh and strengthen your family.

#### NEW YEAR'S FAMILY CAMP

This four-day winter extravaganza is our most popular Outdoor Centre family program. Activities focus on participating and enjoying Haliburton's winter wonderland. Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and broomball are some of the ways that your family can experience our site in the winter. A highlight of New Year's Family Camp is celebrating the big night on Greenland time, allowing the youngsters to celebrate Greenland New Years with a fantastic New Years carnival and party.

#### MARCH BREAK FAMILY CAMP

Similar to our New Year's program, our March Break family camp offers a week long program for families to play together at YMCA Wanakita. If the weather cooperates, the maple sap will be running and campers will also get to learn about maple syrup production.

#### SPRING FAMILY CAMP

Experience camp with any or all members of your family! This is an opportunity to try camp for the first time or return to a place you love. Spring programs include canoeing, kayaking, high and low ropes, hiking and nature programs, drumming, outdoor cooking, campfires, crafts and more!



# PREPARING FOR CAMP

## Food Service

An integral part of YMCA Wanakita's commitment to healthy living is to serve delicious and nutritious food. Meals and snacks are planned by our full time Food Services team. We give special attention to special diets, age of participants, program content and length of stay.

## Health & Wellness

Feeling safe and comfortable in your surroundings is essential for a meaningful camp or outdoor centre experience. We do everything possible to ensure that this occurs. We emphasize that wellness is about taking care of yourself while looking out for others. Staff are certified and trained in administering first aid in all seasons and conditions. YMCA Wanakita is located only 10 kilometres away from the Haliburton Hospital, open 24 hours a day for any serious illness or injury. During our summer months, we have certified medical professionals (nurses and/or doctor) on site 24 hours a day to meet the needs of campers at Overnight Kids Camp.

## Transportation

### FOR SUMMER OVERNIGHT CAMPERS ONLY

There are a few ways to get to and from YMCA Wanakita. Please indicate your method of transportation on the registration form.

**BY CAR** When dropping campers/SCs off on the first day, please arrive at camp between 12:15pm and 1:15pm. When picking up your camper/SC, please arrive between 10:15am and 10:30am.

**BY BUS** You can choose from three stops, either in Hamilton, Burlington, or North Toronto.

**BY AIR** When arranging flights, please ensure that arrival and departures are scheduled for the day the camp session begins and ends, between 11am and 4pm. Staff will pick up, drop off and care for campers at Toronto International Airport. Please contact us to confirm details. Note: staff cannot pass security so are unable to wait with departing children. Travel time between the airport and YMCA Wanakita is 3 hours. If your camper requires an airline chaperone, this must be arranged and paid for in advance by the family.

**Note:** We require that all transportation arrangements be confirmed two weeks prior to your child's arrival.

## Tuck Shop

Wanakita operates a year-round store for campers that sells a variety of items: YMCA Wanakita custom clothing, souvenirs, snacks, and staples such as sunscreen, batteries, and stamps. Please keep this in mind when planning for your experience.

Each spring we offer an Online Tuck Shop. Registered campers can pre-order items, including some items that may only be available by pre-ordering. Online Tuck items are available upon arrival at camp.

## Laundry

Campers attending our Summer Overnight Camp for two weeks or more may pre-pay for laundry service upon registration. Laundry will be washed, dried, folded and returned within a 24-hour period. Please select laundry on your registration form. Laundry service must be purchased at least one month before camp. (Laundry service is not offered to Trippers or Trad campers as they are on trips when service is available.)

## Registration

**Registration for all 2019 summer and Outdoor Centre "Getaway" programs begins on November 15th.** Register online or print a downloadable registration form for all Summer Camp and Outdoor Centre Get-A-Way programs at [YMCAWanakita.ca](http://YMCAWanakita.ca). Campers returning from the previous year may pre-register in October. This now includes Day Campers.

Many of our programs sell out quickly so you are encouraged to register early. Details such as packing lists will follow closer to your camp date.

Please call our office if you are interested in booking your group for any Outdoor Centre custom designed or independent programs.

## Cancellation

Each season's programs have specific refund and cancellation policies related to dates of the program. In general, YMCA Wanakita applies a small administrative fee to all cancellations. Most deposits and full payments are not refundable after a set date. Please read your program information carefully. Participants will not receive a refund if they arrive late, leave early (including for homesickness), or for those asked to leave due to inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour. In the case of major illness, injury or a family emergency, refunds will be given less an administrative fee and days spent at camp.



*"The kids love, love, love it and insist on coming back year after year. Who could say no?"*

## Strawberry Social

Our annual June Strawberry Social provides an excellent opportunity for campers and friends from all seasons to visit YMCA Wanakita and meet the summer staff team. The waterfront will be open for swimming, canoeing, and kayaking. Guests will have a chance to try the trails, archery, ropes course, basketball and much more. A special YMCA Wanakita buffet dinner with dessert treats and strawberry delights will be served throughout the afternoon. Please refer to our website for dates and prices.



PREPARING FOR CAMP

## Financial Assistance

At YMCA Wanakita we believe that everyone deserves to experience camp, regardless of their financial status. If your current financial circumstances make it difficult for you to register for any of YMCA Wanakita's programs, you may be eligible for financial assistance.

Please contact our office for more information or visit our website to access the forms and application instructions. All inquiries are private and confidential.



# YMCA WANAKITA 2019 DATES AND RATES

## Summer Overnight Camp & Leadership Development

SESSION	2019 DATES	PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
<b>One Week Programs</b>		
A1	June 30 - July 6	Kita - J, I
A2	July 7 - July 13	Kita - J, I
B1	July 14 - July 20	Kita - J, I
B2	July 21 - July 27	Kita - J, I
C1	July 28 - Aug. 3	Kita - J, I
C2	Aug. 4 - Aug. 10	Kita - J, I
D1	Aug. 11 - Aug. 17	Kita - J, I
D2	Aug. 18 - Aug. 24	Kita - J, I
<b>Two Week Programs</b>		
A	June 30 - July 13	J, I, SS, ST, Trippers
B	July 14 - July 27	J, I, SS, ST, Trippers
C	July 28 - Aug. 10	J, I, SS, ST, Trippers
D	Aug. 11 - Aug. 24	J, I, SS, ST, Trippers
<b>Four Week Programs</b>		
AB	June 30 - July 27	SC (1st & 2nd Year)
CD	July 28 - Aug 24	SC (1st & 2nd Year)

\*J=Junior ; I=Intermediate; SS=Senior Specialty; ST=Senior Traditional; SC=Student Counsellor

PROGRAM	FEE
Kita - J, I	\$940
Two Week - J, I	\$1610
Two Week - SS, ST	\$1720
Trippers	\$1720
1st & 2nd Year SC	\$3070
Laundry	\$23
Transportation (1-way)	\$67
Transportation (round trip)	\$134

\*Please note that all fees are subject to 13% HST



## Summer Day Camp

SESSION	2019 DATES
Week 1	July 1 - July 5
Week 2	July 8 - July 12
Week 3	July 15 - July 19
Week 4	July 22 - July 26
Week 5	July 29 - August 2
Week 6	Aug. 5 - Aug. 9
Week 7	Aug. 12 - Aug. 16
Week 8	Aug. 19 - Aug. 23

\* We will be open for the Civic Holiday

TRANSPORTATION	FEE
Day Camp	\$230
Transportation (1-way)	\$35
Transportation (round trip)	\$70

\*Note all transportation fees are subject to 13% HST

## Summer Family Camp

SESSION	2019 DATES
Week 1	June 30 - July 6
Week 2	July 7 - July 13
Week 3	July 14 - July 20
Week 4	July 21 - July 27
Week 5	July 28 - Aug. 3
Week 6	Aug. 4 - Aug. 10
Week 7	Aug. 11 - Aug. 17
Week 8	Aug. 18 - Aug. 24
Week 9 West	Aug. 25 - Aug. 31
Week 9 East	Aug. 25 - Aug. 31

AGE AT CAMP	FEE
Adult (17+ years)	\$630
Youth (10-16 years)	\$460
Child (3-9 years)	\$430
Under 3 years	FREE

\*Note all fees are subject to 13% HST



*"I made lifelong friends at Wanakita – it's a special bond."*



## Specialized Programs

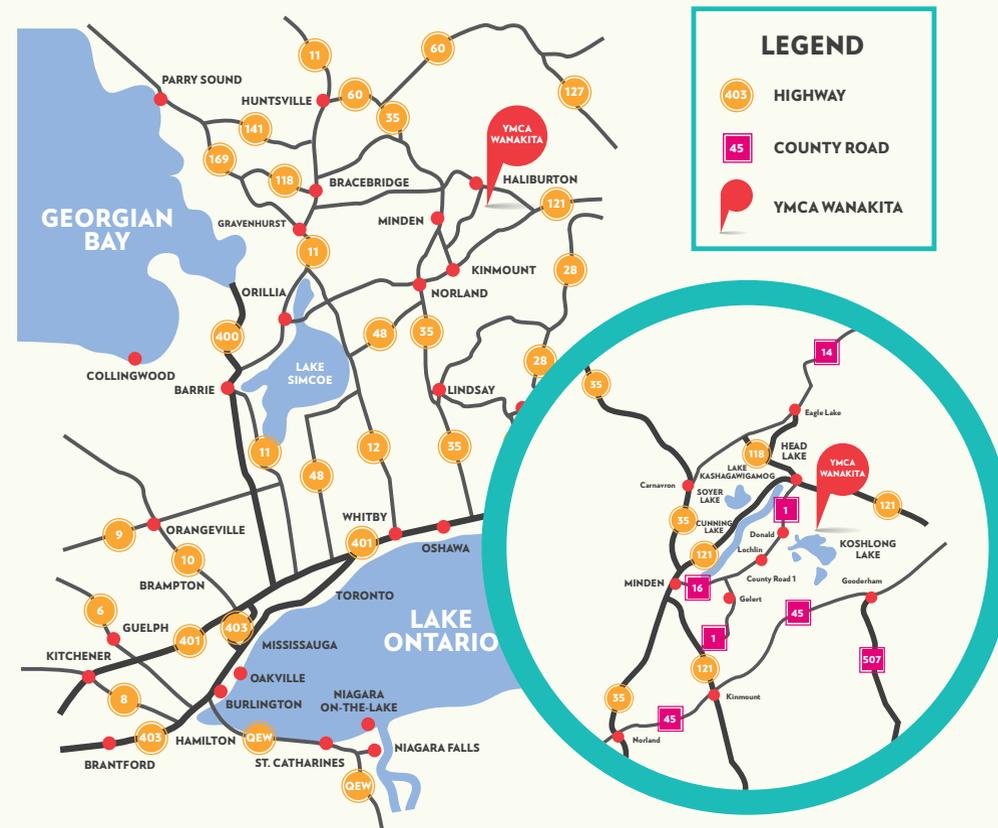
PROGRAM	2019 DATES
New Years Family Camp	Dec. 31 (2018) - Jan 3
Winter Women's Weekend	Jan. 25 - Jan. 27
Family Day Weekend	Feb. 15 - Feb. 18
March Break Family Camp	March 10 - March 14
Spring Work Weekend	April 26 - April 28
Mother/Daughter Weekend	May 10 - May 12
Spring Family Weekend	June 14 - June 16
Fall Women's Weekend	Sept. 20 - Sept. 22
Fall Work Weekend	Oct. 25 - Oct. 27

PROGRAM	COST
Spring Family Weekend Adult (17+)	\$210
Youth (10-16)	\$154
Child (3-9)	\$144
Fall Women's Weekend	\$235
October Work Weekend	FREE

PROGRAM	COST
New Years Family Camp Adult (17+)	\$315
Youth (10-16)	\$230
Child (3-9)	\$215
Winter Women's Weekend	\$235
Family Day Family Camp Adult (17+)	\$315
Youth (10-16)	\$230
Child (3-9)	\$215
March Break Family Camp Adult (17+)	\$420
Youth (10-16)	\$307
Child (3-9)	\$287
Spring Work Weekend	FREE
Mother/Daughter Weekend Adult (17+)	\$210
Youth (10-16)	\$154
Child (3-9)	\$144

\* Note all fees are subject to 13% HST. Children under 3 are free.

## MAP



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## Our Mission

The YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford is a charitable organization helping people achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body through participation and service to the community.

## Our Vision

Creating healthy communities in which individuals and families have opportunities to reach their potential.

## Partners in Camping

YMCA Wanakita proudly partners with a number of exceptional organizations. We are accredited by the Ontario Camps Association, and abide by a number of additional standards as a YMCA camp.

*We also work with organizations such as Hemophilia Ontario, REACH, and AMICI to make YMCA Wanakita possible for all children and youth.*

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## OUR PATH TO LEADERSHIP

### WHAT ANIMAL ARE YOU?



**Eagle** Rising above the material to see the big picture.



**Owl** A deep connection with wisdom and intuitive knowledge.



**Fox** A teacher providing guidance - swiftly finding your way around obstacles.



**Bear** Symbolizes inner strength, courage and leadership.



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