



# CAMP CHIKOPI

Founded 1920

TRADITIONAL SPORTS & WILDERNESS CAMP

## Quick Facts:

Who – Boys aged 7-17

What - Sports, Wilderness.

Where - Magnetawan, Ontario, Canada.

When - See Enrollment form for session dates and fees.

Why – Adventure, Fitness, Confidence, Independence.

How – Complete and return the Registration Form.

Head of Program: Colette Duenkel.

## Location

Camp Chikopi is located by Ahmic Lake in the green forests of Almaguin Highlands, Ontario. It's 185 miles north of Toronto and 30 miles east of Parry Sound, offering a beautiful natural setting on 400 acres.

## Background and Philosophy

Camp Chikopi is a small, family-owned camp. It began in 1920 by U.S. Olympic Coach Matt Mann II. It's the world's first all Sports Camp and the first Swim Camp. For 104 years, it has upheld traditional values set by Matt and Lea Mann. The camp helps boys grow personally and build strong teamwork skills through sports, fostering qualities like independence, self-confidence, strength, and safe risk-taking.

At Camp Chikopi, we prioritize a tech-free experience. Our focus is on giving your son an extraordinary time in the great outdoors while enjoying various sports. Chikopi is where your child can enhance their fitness, boost self-confidence, and improve communication skills. Boys from all over the world come to join us, creating a diverse and exciting environment. With this mix of boys, there's never a dull moment, and strong friendships are built to last. We offer an experience every boy should have, all in a fun and safe environment.

## Daily Schedule

A day at Camp Chikopi typically goes like this:

- We start with an early-morning fitness activity to get everyone moving.
- Then it's time for a hearty breakfast to fuel up for the day.
- We all pitch in for a cabin cleanup to keep things tidy.
- The main part of the day is dedicated to three classes of sports instruction, where campers learn and play a variety of sports.
- Lunchtime is a chance to refuel and relax.
- We also have a special moment with mail call and a visit to the camp tuck shop.
- In the afternoon, it's time for team practices in activities like sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, and tennis.
- The day continues with exciting team competitions.
- For those looking for something extra, there are elective activities to choose from.
- We all gather for a delicious dinner to refuel.
- The evening is filled with organized activities and, at times, a campfire or special event.
- There's a snack to satisfy those evening munchies.
- Finally, it's bedtime to rest up for another adventurous day ahead.

## Program Offerings

Camp Chikopi is a place where your son can have a blast with over 25 land and water sports. Whether he's just looking for fun in the sun or happens to be a sports prodigy, we've got programs that will make his summer dreams come true!

But that's not all - at Chikopi, boys discover so much more than just sports. It's a life-changing adventure where they build character, loyalty, leadership skills, and make lifelong friends. They'll find a sense of belonging and realize that they're capable of achieving more than they ever thought.

Since our beginning in 1920, we've kept our camper-to-staff ratio at 3:1. With a small and friendly group, your son will know everyone by name in just a few days. Plus, our small classes mean he receives personalized instruction in all of our awesome land and water sports. It's a recipe for an unforgettable and exciting summer!

## Sports

Camp Chikopi is the perfect place for your son, even if he's not the most active kid. Here's why:

We have an awesome team of highly skilled, friendly staff who provide daily sports instruction. We often have visiting Olympic and National coaches on board to make the experience even more special.

Our camp keeps things personal with a small enrollment, which means your son will receive plenty of individual attention in small classes. Plus, we offer optional, free specialized programs in competitive canoeing, swimming, soccer, tennis, sailing, and softball.

We've got a wide variety of land sports like lacrosse, soccer, archery, and more. And when it comes to water sports, we offer everything from swimming to kayaking. These activities not only help improve fitness and stamina but also flexibility.

But here's the best part – participating in these sports helps build self-confidence. So, even if your son isn't the most active right now, Chikopi is where he can discover his inner athlete and become more self-assured while having a ton of fun. It's the perfect summer adventure for kids of all energy levels!

## Swimming

Camp Chikopi is famous worldwide for its approach to swimming, and even if your son is more inclined to relax than exercise, we have something special for him:

At Chikopi, we cater to all swimming levels and abilities. When your son arrives, we assess his skills based on Life Saving Society and Red Cross standards. Even if he's not an aspiring Olympic swimmer, our camp is the ideal place for him to improve his swimming skills and gain greater water confidence.

So, if your son prefers floating on an air mattress to racing in the pool, Chikopi will help him feel at ease in the water. It's not just about competition; it's about enjoying and feeling comfortable in the water. We've got something for everyone, and he's sure to have a great time!

## Triathlon

Chikopi is the perfect place for boys who want to explore the world of triathlon training: Our camp is a great fit for those who are both experienced in triathlon or just getting started. Every day, there are chances to swim, bike, and run. It's a fantastic way to dip your toes into triathlon training while enjoying the beautiful camp surroundings.

So, even if your son is more inclined to take it easy, Chikopi offers a laid-back introduction to triathlon training. It's all about having fun and trying new things at your own pace. Join us, and he might discover a newfound love for active adventures!

## Canoeing

Chikopi is nestled in a breathtaking part of Ontario that's a dream for canoe enthusiasts. The scenery is absolutely stunning, making it the perfect place for canoeing. And guess what? We offer fantastic canoe day trips right on Ahmic Lake. Paddling on the lake is a unique way to experience the beauty of the outdoors. Chikopi has something for everyone, even those who just want to take it easy and soak in the scenic wonders of the region. Join us for a summer of recreation and natural beauty!

## Facilities

Parents, here are some fantastic reasons to consider sending your child to Camp Chikopi:

1. **Safe and Comfortable Accommodations:** Campers stay in cabins assigned by age, with 2 or 3 counselors. We have modern washrooms with flushing toilets and fresh running water, ensuring a comfortable and clean environment.
2. **Nutritionally Balanced Meals:** Camp Chikopi provides nutritious, home-cooked meals that are prepared in a modern kitchen. These meals are enjoyed family-style in the MainHouse. The camp is a nut-free facility and can accommodate most food issues or allergies.
3. **Breathtaking Natural Setting:** The camp is situated on the serene banks of Ahmic Lake, surrounded by lush forests. The natural beauty of the location offers a peaceful and inspiring backdrop for your child's summer adventure.
4. **Wide Range of Activities:** Camp Chikopi offers an extensive list of activities, including playing fields, beaches, soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, beach volleyball, golf driving range, biking and hiking trails, a softball diamond, indoor weight room, indoor badminton and volleyball, and a 50-meter in-lake swimming pool. The camp boasts a variety of boats, an archery range, bocce ball courts, tetherball poles, and a Library and Game Room with an extensive collection of books and games.
5. **Health and Safety:** Camp Chikopi takes health and safety seriously. Facilities, water, and food services are inspected by government health officials each summer and meet all standards.
6. **Positive Social and Outdoor Experience:** Sending your child to Camp Chikopi allows them to build lifelong friendships, develop important life skills, and experience the great outdoors in a safe and supervised environment.
7. **Variety of Activities:** With a wide range of land and water sports, your child can explore their interests and develop new skills while having a great time.

Camp Chikopi offers a well-rounded and enriching summer experience that combines adventure, learning, and fun. It's a place where your child can grow, make lasting memories, and create a strong sense of belonging. Consider giving your child the gift of Camp Chikopi and watch them flourish in this nurturing and inspiring environment.

#### Staff

1. **Exceptional Camper-Staff Ratio:** Chikopi maintains a remarkable 3:1 camper-staff ratio. This means your son receives continuous support and immediate guidance, ensuring his safety and personal growth are top priorities.
2. **Dedicated Staff:** Many of our staff members were once campers at Chikopi, and they are deeply committed to the camp's traditions and values. Their firsthand experience and dedication create a supportive and nurturing environment for your child.
3. **Global Experience:** Camp Chikopi draws campers and counselors from all over the world, providing a unique opportunity for your son to connect with peers from different cultures and backgrounds.
4. **Safety is Paramount:** Our counselors and staff undergo rigorous safety background checks and hold current First Aid, CPR, and Lifeguard certifications. Your child's well-being is our utmost concern.
5. **Talented and Diverse Team:** Our staff members come from various universities worldwide, bringing a diverse range of talents and skills to enrich your son's camp experience.
6. **Tradition of Excellence:** Chikopi has a rich tradition of molding young boys into confident, capable individuals who treasure their camp experiences. Your son will become part of this tradition and carry the values learned here throughout his life.
7. **Personal Growth:** At Chikopi, your son will have the opportunity to build character, leadership skills, and lifelong friendships while engaging in a wide array of sports and outdoor activities. It's an environment that encourages personal growth and independence.

Sending your son to Camp Chikopi is not just a summer adventure; it's an investment in his growth, development, and future. It's a place where he can learn, have fun, and make friends from around the world while enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. Consider the priceless experience and lasting memories that Camp Chikopi can offer your child.

#### Medical Care

At Camp Chikopi, we understand that your child's health and safety are of utmost importance to you, and we share that concern. Here's why you should feel confident sending your son to our camp:

1. **Daily Health and Safety Monitoring:** We prioritize the well-being of each and every camper. Our dedicated staff carefully and continuously monitor personal health and safety on a daily basis. You can trust that your child will be in good hands.
2. **Comprehensive Health Records:** We maintain detailed health files for every camper, ensuring that we are aware of any specific health needs or concerns.
3. **Access to Medical Care:** We provide round-the-clock access to a medical doctor for campers, so any health issues can be promptly addressed. Your child's health is our top priority.
4. **Proximity to Medical Facilities:** Camp Chikopi is strategically located within a short drive of hospital facilities. In the rare event that more extensive medical care is needed, we can quickly and easily reach professional healthcare services.

Rest assured, your child's health, safety, and well-being are our number one concern. We are committed to providing a secure and nurturing environment where your son can thrive and enjoy an unforgettable summer experience. Consider Camp Chikopi as the place where your child can grow, learn, and create cherished memories, all while being cared for by a team dedicated to his safety and happiness.

#### Religious Life

Camp Chikopi is an inclusive and non-denominational environment where your son can embark on a summer adventure that goes beyond sports. Here's why you should consider sending him to our camp:

1. **Universal Values:** Our approach focuses on universal values that are essential for a well-rounded individual. On Sundays, we hold morning vesper, emphasizing the significance of good citizenship, morality, honesty, character, loyalty, and friendship.
2. **Holistic Development:** Chikopi is not just about physical activities; we aim to nurture the heart and mind of each camper. Your son will have the opportunity to learn and grow in a supportive and diverse community.
3. **Inclusive Spirit:** Our non-denominational approach means that children of all backgrounds and beliefs are welcome. It's a place where your son can build character and values that are universally important.
4. **Strong Moral Foundation:** The values we impart at Chikopi are timeless and provide a strong moral foundation that will serve your son well throughout his life.

Sending your son to Camp Chikopi is an investment in his character, integrity, and understanding of the principles that guide a good and fulfilling life. He'll not only enjoy sports and outdoor activities but also carry with him the lasting values that will help him become a responsible and compassionate individual. Consider Camp Chikopi as a place where your son can grow in both body and spirit.

## Enrollment

Consider the unique and enriching experience that awaits your son at Camp Chikopi. Here's why you should send him to our family-run camp:

1. **Small and Personal:** Camp Chikopi is intentionally small, limiting enrollment to just 70 campers. This ensures a personalized and close-knit atmosphere where every camper is known by name.
2. **International Community:** Chikopi is proud of its international flavor, with campers from multiple countries participating each summer. A remarkable 65-75% return rate is a testament to the unique and inclusive environment we provide.
3. **Diversity and Inclusivity:** We celebrate our diversity and inclusivity. With campers from various nationalities, speaking different languages, and bringing their customs and traditions, Chikopi is an opportunity for your son to be immersed in a variety of cultures.
4. **First-Come, First-Served:** Our applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, ensuring a fair and accessible opportunity for all interested campers.

Sending your son to Camp Chikopi means exposing him to a world of perspectives, fostering international friendships, and instilling values of respect and understanding. It's a chance for him to grow, learn, and create lifelong memories in a uniquely diverse and close-knit community. Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity to broaden your child's horizons. Consider Camp Chikopi as the place where he can truly embrace the world.

## Costs

Cost for Camp Chikopi sessions are shown on the enrollment form. A full, itemized account of the Tuck Shop with any refund/balance due is issued mid-September. Various payment plans are available.

## How to get to Camp Chikopi

Transport is available from and to Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) or The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel Lobby. Parents may also drive directly to Camp Chikopi; we are approximately a 3½ hour drive north from Toronto.

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Are you searching for the perfect summer camp experience for your son? Look no further because Camp Chikopi has it all!

If your son enjoys a wide range of sports, relishes the great outdoors, and values the opportunity to forge lifelong friendships, then Camp Chikopi is the place to be.

At Chikopi, your son will not only have the time of his life playing his favorite sports, but he'll also be immersed in a welcoming and diverse community where he'll create bonds that will last a lifetime. We offer a traditional sports camp experience with an added layer of character-building, personal growth, and cultural enrichment.

So, why look any further when everything you're searching for is right here at Camp Chikopi? Give your son the gift of a summer he'll cherish forever. It's a decision he, and you, will be glad you made.

# Camp Chikopi – since 1920 – 105 Summers of Fun