



Camper Handbook

2025

Transportation

Drop-off and pickup: Please meet in front of the City Park Courthouse (5 Court Street). Drop-off is at **8:45-8:55 AM** and pickup at **4:45 PM**. The bus leaves campus at 8:55 AM and departs from Elbow Lake at 3:55 PM.



Several other stops are available along our bus route:

- Shannon's Corners Park (2400 Perth Road) in Glenburnie (drop-off: 9:15 AM approx., pickup: 4:20 – 4:35 PM approx.)
- Campbells Fuels (3810 Perth Rd) in Inverary (drop-off: 9:23 AM approx., pickup: 4:10 – 4:25 PM approx.)
- North Shore Road at North Shore Crescent in Perth Road Village (drop-off: 9:20 – 9:30 AM approx., pickup: 4:05 – 4:10 PM approx.)
- North Shore Road at Hewlett-Packard Lane in Perth Road Village (drop-off: 9:33 AM approx., pickup: 4:06 PM approx.)

Alternatively, you can provide camper transportation directly to Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre (1500 Hewlett-Packard Dr, Perth Road Village). If the gate is closed, wait for the bus and follow it in. (drop-off: 9:45 AM approx., pickup 3:45 PM approx.)

Campers must be picked up by 5pm latest. A \$15 late pick-up fee will be charged for every 15 minutes staff have to stay with campers after 5pm.



Parents, guardians and caregivers must show photo I.D. when signing out their camper daily to ensure campers are released to the appropriate caregiver. Please email the Camp Director with any updates on pickup authorization.

Before-Care

Before-care is facilitated by ScienceQuest at Beamish-Munro Hall (45 Union Street West) and costs \$25.00 per child per week. Drop-off is between 8:00 and 8:45am. Visit the Add-Ons section when you register for camp to sign up.

Packing List



Item	Notes
Lunch and two snacks	No peanuts or tree nuts
Water bottle	Non-breakable, reusable plastic bottles at least half a litre (two cups) in size are recommended
Sunscreen	Waterproof products with an SPF of at least 30 are recommended
Wide-brimmed hat	Baseball caps don't protect the neck or ears and aren't recommended.
Shoes	Sneakers and socks are recommended, sturdy sandals with straps are acceptable. Additional Water shoes are optional.
Weather-appropriate clothing	Pants, long-sleeved sun shirts, and sunglasses are optional but recommended (for protection against sun and bug bites). Rain gear and warm clothing as needed.
Swimsuit and towel	If campers have a lifejacket they prefer, feel free to send it. Otherwise, lifejackets will be provided.
Emergency medications	If applicable (e.g. EpiPen, rescue inhaler). If possible, bring two – one will be kept on the camper's person and one with staff.
Change of Clothes	An extra set of clothes in case anything gets dirty or wet.
Bug Spray	Bug spray that contains icaridin or DEET is recommended to help protect campers from ticks.

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Sunglasses
- Water goggles
- Water shoes
- Cards
- Books

TECHNOLOGY USE

Campers will not be permitted to use technology while attending camp. Phones must stay in bags. In the event that campers need to be contacted please use the following numbers: (613) 533-6383 or (613) 353-7968. EAC is not responsible for any lost or damaged devices.

Camper Rules



Listen to your counsellors!

Participate in all activities

Stay within designated camp boundaries and within sight of a counsellor.

If you hear ANY whistle blast – look to your counsellor for instructions.

Keep your hands to yourself and be kind to others!

DRINK WATER!

Follow waterfront rules, and listen to your lifeguards.

Do regular tick checks.

Leave our wildlife wild!

If you get lost, STAY PUT AND MAKE NOISE!

Camper Code of Conduct

- I agree to comply with all safety precautions and rules while at Eco-Adventure Camp.
- I will listen to my counsellor and the instructions they give for each activity, and will ask if I need clarification of any of these instructions.
- I will approach all activities in a mature manner and promise to try each activity.
- I will treat fellow campers and counselors with respect at all times.

Swim Test



All campers and Leaders in Training must successfully complete the swim test to be permitted to swim without a lifejacket or PFD within the designated swim area. All campers are encouraged to attempt the test during the first swim period of the session. Unsuccessful participants are welcome to reattempt the test during the next swim period. **Campers can choose to not take the test and wear a PFD during swimming times if they choose.**

EAC swim test includes:

- 50 m distance swim (The distance swim is normally three lengths between one the edge of the roped-in swim area to the other side of the swim area.)
- Tread water for one minute
- Put a lifejacket or PFD on while treading water (optional)
- Climb onto the raft and roll into the water
- Swim back to shore

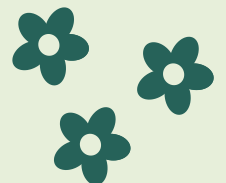
Putting a lifejacket on while treading water is recommended but optional (campers will not fail the test if they cannot complete it).



Ticks

The biodiversity at Elbow Lake includes the black-legged deer tick. These ticks can carry Lyme disease. We recommend long pants tucked into socks to protect against bites. You will also want to pack a bug repellent effective against ticks to spray on campers pants and shoes. We recommend one containing “picaridin,” a common brand is called PiACTIVE, but others are also available at local stores.

Cancellation Policy



No refunds will be given for cancellations received later than one week before the start of a session. This includes “no-shows” or campers who attend only part of a session for any reason, including illness. Requests received with more than one week’s notice will be refunded, minus the \$50.00 non-refundable deposit per camper per session.

Cancellations for Family Night cabin bookings will not be refunded with less than one week’s notice. Otherwise, they will be refunded in full (\$75.00+HST).

Health & Safety



Our EAC staff are all certified in Standard First Aid and CPR - C

All major and minor incidents are treated, recorded and reported to parents/guardians at the end of the day via an incident report and/or phone call.

Hand washing: Campers will be required to wash or sanitize their hands when they arrive each day, as needed throughout the day, and before each snack or meal.

Screening: Parents are recommended to complete a health screening of their child each morning before arriving to camp. The screening tool can be found here.

<https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>



Illness: Campers cannot attend camp if have ANY of the following symptoms: Fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, decrease/loss of smell and taste, sore throat, headache, extreme tiredness, runny nose, nasal congestion, muscle aches/joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, pink eye.

Please note that for any of these symptoms, students are not able to attend camp until:

- symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (vomiting and diarrhea require 48 hours) and,
- they do not have a fever and
- they do not develop any additional symptoms

Use the Screening Tool above to help define those timelines and conditions.

Family Night



Come to Family Night on Thursdays to experience Elbow Lake for yourself and participate in free educational activities in the evening!

Cabins are available to rent overnight for \$75+HST – visit the Add-Ons section when you register for camp to make a reservation for the Family Night during the weeks of camp you registered for.

A week before you attend, participants will be sent an information packet with a packing list and a user's guide to Elbow Lake (more information about the cabins and the facility can also be found at ElbowLakeCentre.ca).

Cabins can be rented for any Family Night in the summer, it does not need to be the week your camper is attending camp. To register for a different week, visit the Elbow Lake Public Events Page for more information.

Family Night Check-In and Check-Out

Check-in: Between 3:30 – 4:00 PM at Elbow Lake on the Thursday evening.

Let us know in advance if you would prefer to pick up your child at their normal location on Thursday afternoon.

Check-out: 9:30 AM at Elbow Lake on the Friday morning.

Before-care services are not available at Elbow Lake. Your camper must be supervised Friday morning until the bus arrives with our counsellors.

Service Agreement

We are committed to providing each camper and their family with a quality summer camp experience. It must be understood that camp is part of a community made up of parents, campers, and staff and there are requirements asked of each of these parties. These requirements must be met in order to maintain the safety and satisfaction of everyone involved.

Those who wish to put their needs above the needs and safety of others within our community are not welcome. Verbal abuse, operating a vehicle in an unsafe manner while on camp property, requesting exemptions to camp rules, making demands that are outside of our advertised services, and general behaviour that prevents us from serving others within our community cannot be permitted to occur.

We are eager to hear from you if you feel that we are not living up to the services that we have agreed to provide. We will make every effort to correct mistakes that are made. However, this process cannot jeopardize the safety of others. We reserve the right to terminate our services and future services at any time.



Contact

If you need to get a hold of camp staff while your child is at camp, please call:

Becky Vincent, Outreach & Teaching Coordinator 613-533-6383
ecoadventurecamp@queensu.ca

Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre 613-353-7968