

# Camp Guide

## Summer 2026



**Registration begins:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

For information about Camp Kidaca, visit:  
[hamilton.ca/CampKidaca](https://hamilton.ca/CampKidaca)





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## The supies are coming!

Free drop-in recreation programs for kids at neighbourhood parks across the city.

[hamilton.ca/Supie](https://hamilton.ca/Supie)



# Why choose us?

With a commitment to the highest quality, let the City of Hamilton Summer Recreation Programs be your first choice for summer!

## Accreditations



**ONTARIO CAMPS ASSOCIATION (OCA)**  
The OCA logo identifies to campers, their families and staff that we meet industry standards – only accredited camps are able to use the OCA logo on literature and on their signs.  
**For more information, parents can visit: [ontariocampsassociation.ca](https://ontariocampsassociation.ca)**



**HIGH FIVE®**  
The City of Hamilton Recreation Division is a HIGH FIVE® Accredited Organization and as such serves as the benchmark for excellence in children's recreation and sport programming, focused on healthy child development and offering the highest recognized levels of quality and safety.  
**For more information, parents can visit: [highfive.org/parent](https://highfive.org/parent)**





Staff

Your children are in good hands with Kidaca staff. Each of our camps is under the direction of a full-time staff who has a passion for developing and implementing recreation programs for children and youth. In addition, each group of children will have a dedicated Counsellor who:

- is a university, college, or high school student
- is certified in standard first aid with CPR-level C and is trained to administer Epi-Pens
- has been trained in the HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Child Development
- has specialized training in programming, emergency procedures, group dynamics, and positive behaviour management

Our leaders are energetic and dedicated to providing participants with a fun, safe, and memorable experience this summer!

Behavioural expectations

All children and youth attending recreation programs are expected to behave in a manner which ensures their own safety and the safety of other participants, staff, and volunteers in the program. Staff will be responsible to communicate behavioural expectations, encourage appropriate behaviours and to use group management techniques to create an environment which prevents behaviours from happening.

When responding to behaviours, staff will follow steps in the Behaviour Management Protocol. Parents/Guardians are required to sign off that they understand the Behaviour Management Protocol, and will comply with expectations set for children and youth in programs.



Trips

Camp Kidaca (6-12yrs) include a weekly trip in their fee. Trips will be planned based on their proximity to Hamilton, level of accessibility and the ability to accommodate large camp groups.

Examples of previous trip locations are:

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Binbrook Conservation     | Royal Botanical Gardens |
| Brantford Twin Valley Zoo | Wild Water Works        |
| Crawford Lake             |                         |

Trip schedules will be confirmed and released on [hamilton.ca/campkidaca](https://hamilton.ca/campkidaca)





# Program Overview

Monday - Friday | Hours: 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

## Camp Kidaca 4 - 5 Years

**FEE: \$169.35 / week \$178.75 / week** (non-resident)

Our most popular day camp program geared to 4 and 5 year olds. This program is designed to introduce campers to a full-day camp experience. Preschool campers will participate in age appropriate activities, with a focus on outdoor play, building friendships, gross motor skill development, circle time, stories, crafts and outdoor water play. Participants must be able to use the washroom independently and be at least 4 years old at start date of program.

## Camp Kidaca 6 - 12 Years

**FEE: \$212.18 / week (includes camper t-shirt fee) \$221.58 / week** (non-resident)

Our most popular day camp program! Campers will participate in a variety of age appropriate activities, including swimming, active and cooperative games, crafts, creative time and camp challenges. Camp Kidaca includes a trip by school bus to a local destination. Fee includes t-shirt for camper to wear on trip.

## Camp Kidaca 12 - 15 Years

**FEE: \$216.21 / week \$225.61 / week** (non-resident)

City of Hamilton is excited to offer an enhanced youth camp- with themes and guests every week! Each day will include themed activities, projects and adventures; plus swimming, physical games, art, leadership activities, video games, chill time and more.

## Support Program 4 - 15 Years

**( up to 2 weeks ) \***

The Support Program is available for campers living with disabilities or those who require additional support in order to integrate and participate in Camp Kidaca and Youth programs. Inclusion Counsellors encourage participation, while maintaining safety and care in a fun and stimulating environment! The 2 week limit only applies to City-provided inclusion counsellors. Campers can sign up for unlimited weeks with their own support worker. Public Health requirements will be in place depending on regulations at the start of the program. Participants will be informed via email of any requirements prior to the program start.

## Teen Connections 13 - 21 Years

**FEE: \$192.78 / week \$202.18 / week** (non-resident) **( up to 2 weeks ) \*\***

Teen Connections is a summer recreation and socialization program for participants living with disabilities or those who require additional supports or reduced ratios in order to integrate and participate. Ratios range from 1:1 to 1:3. This camp will be delivered by dedicated program staff who supervise weekly activities and assist with age-appropriate games, walking trips, sports, hobbies, social activities and swimming. Ratios range from 1:1 to 1:3.

**Please note:** There is no longer a Tween Connections program for Summer. We have openend up to ages 13-21yrs of age in our Teen Connections programs. There will be one program at Westmount Recreation Centre and one program at Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre.

**\*\* See Support Program page 10 for how to register**





# How to Register

Registration begins on  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

## Steps to Register;

- 1
- Select the barcodes for camp locations and dates you would like to register for ( pgs 11-13 )
- 2
- Register using the following options:

## Online Registration

**BEFORE REGISTRATION DATE:**  
visit [hamilton.ca/campkidaca](https://hamilton.ca/campkidaca) to login and review/create your account in preparation for camp registration.

**EXISTING USERS:**

- Log in and review your contact information
- Ensure all family members are displayed under your account

**NEW USERS:**

- Log in and create a new account for you and your family

**ON REGISTRATION DAY:**

- Search for each barcode and add to your basket
- Complete payment online and check your account registrations for confirmation

Visit [hamilton.ca/recvideos](https://hamilton.ca/recvideos) to watch online tutorials and familiarize yourself with the website prior to registration day!

Questions? Call 905-546-3747 or email [recreation@hamilton.ca](mailto:recreation@hamilton.ca)

## Wait List

You have the option of adding a participant to a waitlist for any program that is full at the time of registration. When a space becomes available, waitlisted customers will be contacted via email and have 24 hours to confirm enrollment and provide payment. After 24 hours has lapsed, the offer is cancelled, and we will continue down the waitlist. Ensure your email is current and added to all family members accounts.

## Refund Policy

A refund will be issued if notification is received 14 days prior to the beginning of the program. After that time and up to the start of program there will be a withdrawal fee charged. After the program has started programs become non-refundable.

Information on refunds can be found at [www.hamilton.ca/recrefunds](https://www.hamilton.ca/recrefunds)



# Camp Subsidy Options

We believe that all residents of Hamilton should have an opportunity to experience the physical, social and emotional benefits that are provided by recreation activities, regardless of financial situation. The following subsidy options are available for Camp Kidaca!

## Recreation Assistance Program

You MUST be a current Recreation Assistance Client at the time of registration to be eligible for a discount. The program is open to families living below the Low-Income Measure (LIM).

Visit [hamilton.ca/RAP](https://hamilton.ca/RAP) for more information on:  
How to apply, LIM levels, acceptable documentation and to download the application form.

Forms should be sent to the Recreation Assistance Program office **before January 29, 2026** in order to allow time for processing. Forms submitted later will still be processed, but funds may not be available before the Summer Camp registration date.

### Assistance available for approved families;

- You may register your children for up to 15 days (per year), with up to 65% discount
- You may register your children for additional weeks at full price and use your **RAP program** funds to pay a portion of the cost (subject to a 10% co-pay)

### How do I use Recreation Assistance Program funds to register?

Current approved families can register online.

### For more information:

**Phone:** 905-546-2424 ext.4569    **Website:** [hamilton.ca/RAP](https://hamilton.ca/RAP)

**Email:** [rap@hamilton.ca](mailto:rap@hamilton.ca)

## Childcare Subsidy

Financial Support may be available to eligible families who live in Hamilton and need assistance with child care costs for children 0-12 years.  
For information regarding Child Care Fee Subsidy, eligibility and to complete an application, please visit: [hamilton.ca/affordablechildcare](https://hamilton.ca/affordablechildcare) or call 905 546 4870.

### Existing Child Care Fee Subsidy Families

Existing Clients: Please contact your Subsidy Eligibility worker for more information prior to **January 30, 2026**. Authorization through your Subsidy Eligibility worker must be received in advance of registration and then you will be notified of your next steps.

### For more information:

**EAST:** 905-546-2424 ext. 5008

**MOUNTAIN:** 905-546-2424 ext. 5127

**WEST:** 905-546-2424 ext. 5128

**Email:** [childcare@hamilton.ca](mailto:childcare@hamilton.ca)



# Support & Adapted

The Support Program is available for campers who require additional support in order to integrate and participate in Camp Kidaca programs. Summer Inclusion Facilitators encourage participation, while maintaining safety and care in a fun and stimulating environment!

## Camp Kidaca Support Program Options:

1. **City supplied Inclusion Facilitators are available and provided at no additional cost for families!** Registration process detailed below. **Due to high demand;** registration is limited to a maximum of two weeks per participant.
2. **You may provide your own support person.**  
Camp Kidaca welcomes support persons who assist participants living with a disability or those that require assistance to participate in recreational programs. Support persons are hired or chosen by the participant to provide assistance throughout the camp day. **The support person is responsible to ensure the participant follows behavioural guidelines.** There are no fees charged for support persons (registration in the Camp Kidaca program is required).

## How to Request:

| Step One   | Step Two  | Step Three   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Receive information email from the inclusion team and review all instructions on how to submit a summer support request/registration package.</b> If you are not on our current email list – please contact us. | <b>Place your child/youth on the Summer Support Waitlist online.</b> The waitlist determines the order in which registrations are received and processed. Waitlist information will be sent in the information email. | <b>Submit Paperwork:</b> All forms MUST be completed and returned before <b>January 26, 2026.</b><br>- Support Registration Form<br>- Camper Information Form (If camper requires epi-pen an additional form will be required)<br>- Overview of Behaviour Management Procedure<br><br><b>Confirmation:</b> Confirmation of Summer Support Staff will occur prior to camp registration. The inclusion team will send you a confirmation email when a support person has been confirmed, and you will be required to place a credit on your account by <b>February 10, 2026.</b> |

### Spaces are limited.

Once you have completed all the above steps the inclusion team will process your registration.

**Caregivers can request daily program hours of**  
**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,**  
**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or**  
**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**For more information please visit** [hamilton.ca/inclusionrec](https://hamilton.ca/inclusionrec)  
**OR** contact us by phone at 905-546-2424 ext. 6475 or by email at [accessiblerec@hamilton.ca](mailto:accessiblerec@hamilton.ca)

# Summer Camps

**Registration with barcodes**  
requires all 8 digits to be entered into  
Keyword search of Filter section.

## Ancaster Rotary Centre

| Summer Camps               | Jun-Jul<br>29 - 3* | Jul<br>6 -10 | Jul<br>13 - 17 | Jul<br>20 - 24 | Jul<br>27 - 31 | Aug<br>4 - 7* | Aug<br>10 -14 | Aug<br>17 -21 | Aug<br>24 -28 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Camp Kidaca Lite (4-5 yrs) | 00042808           | 00042810     | 00042811       | 00042814       | 00042815       | 00042817      | 00042820      | 00042822      | 00042824      |
| Camp Kidaca (6-12 yrs)     | 00042790           | 00042792     | 00042795       | 00042797       | 00042799       | 00042801      | 00042804      | 00042805      | 00042806      |

## Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre

| Summer Camps                   | Jun-Jul<br>29 - 3*   | Jul<br>6 -10 | Jul<br>13 - 17 | Jul<br>20 - 24 | Jul<br>27 - 31 | Aug<br>4 - 7* | Aug<br>10 -14 | Aug<br>17 -21 | Aug<br>24 -28 |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Camp Kidaca Lite (4-5 yrs)     | 00042860   | 00042862     | 00042864       | 00042866       | 00042868       | 00042871      | 00042874      | 00042877      | 00042879      |
| Camp Kidaca (6-12 yrs)         | 00042831   | 00042835     | 00042839       | 00042841       | 00042844       | 00042847      | 00042849      | 00042851      | 00042853      |
| Teen Connections (13 - 21 yrs) | Please email <a href="mailto:accessiblerec@hamilton.ca">accessiblerec@hamilton.ca</a> or call 905-546-2424 ext. 6475 |              |                |                |                |               |               |               |               |

## Huntington Park Recreation Centre

| Summer Camps               | Jun-Jul<br>29 - 3* | Jul<br>6 -10 | Jul<br>13 - 17 | Jul<br>20 - 24 | Jul<br>27 - 31 | Aug<br>4 - 7* | Aug<br>10 -14 | Aug<br>17 -21 | Aug<br>24 -28 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Camp Kidaca Lite (4-5 yrs) | 00042771           | 00042774     | 00042775       | 00042776       | 00042778       | 00042780      | 00042781      | 00042784      | 00042785      |
| Camp Kidaca (6-12 yrs)     | 00042703           | 00042704     | 00042706       | 00042707       | 00042708       | 00042710      | 00042711      | 00042712      | 00042713      |



# Summer Camps

## Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre

| Summer Camps               | Jun-Jul 29 - 3* | Jul 6 -10 | Jul 13 - 17 | Jul 20 - 24 | Jul 27 - 31 | Aug 4 - 7* | Aug 10 -14 | Aug 17 -21 | Aug 24 -28 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Camp Kidaca Lite (4-5 yrs) | 00042848        | 00042850  | 00042852    | 00042854    | 00042855    | 00042857   | 00042859   | 00042861   | 00042856   |
| Camp Kidaca (6-12 yrs)     | 00042832        | 00042833  | 00042834    | 00042837    | 00042838    | 00042840   | 00042842   | 00042843   | 00042846   |

\*\* 4 day camp week due to Canada Day and Civic Holiday

## Valley Park Community Centre

| Summer Camps               | Jun-Jul 29 - 3* | Jul 6 -10 | Jul 13 - 17 | Jul 20 - 24 | Jul 27 - 31 | Aug 4 - 7* | Aug 10 -14 | Aug 17 -21 | Aug 24 -28 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Camp Kidaca Lite (4-5 yrs) | 00042789        | 00042791  | 00042793    | 00042794    | 00042796    | 00042789   | 00042800   | 00042802   | 00042803   |
| Camp Kidaca (6-12 yrs)     | 00042772        | 00042773  | 00042777    | 00042779    | 00042782    | 00042783   | 00042786   | 00042787   | 00042788   |

## Westmount Recreation Centre

| Summer Camps                   | Jun-Jul 29 - 3*  | Jul 6 -10 | Jul 13 - 17 | Jul 20 - 24 | Jul 27 - 31 | Aug 4 - 7* | Aug 10 -14 | Aug 17 -21 | Aug 24 -28 |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Camp Kidaca (6-12 yrs)         | 00042807   | 00042809  | 00042812    | 00042813    | 00042816    | 00042818   | 00042821   | 00042823   | 00042825   |
| Teen Connections (13 - 21 yrs) | Please email <a href="mailto:accessiblerec@hamilton.ca">accessiblerec@hamilton.ca</a> or call 905-546-2424 ext. 6475 |           |             |             |             |            |            |            |            |

## Winona Community Centre

| Summer Camps               | Jun-Jul 29 - 3* | Jul 6 -10 | Jul 13 - 17 | Jul 20 - 24 | Jul 27 - 31 | Aug 4 - 7* | Aug 10 -14 | Aug 17 -21 | Aug 24 -28 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Camp Kidaca Lite (4-5 yrs) | 00042880        | 00042881  | 00042882    | 00042883    | 00042884    | 00042885   | 00042886   | 00042887   | 00042888   |
| Camp Kidaca (6-12 yrs)     | 00042863        | 00042865  | 00042867    | 00042869    | 00042870    | 00042875   | 00042876   | 00042878   | 00042872   |

\*4 day camp week due to Canada Day and Civic Holiday

# Youth Camps (12-15 yrs)

### Youth camp looks different this year!

We’re excited to launch our first-ever YouthREC Summer—packed with exciting events, leadership programs, and engaging experiences running all summer long.

Check back often and visit [hamilton.ca/youthrec](https://hamilton.ca/youthrec) for updates and details.

## Various Locations

| Summer Camps             | Jun-Jul 29 - 3*                              | Jul 6 -10   | Jul 13 - 17                  | Jul 20 - 24                  | Aug 10 -14                   | Aug 17 -21                   |
|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Camp Kidaca (12 -15 yrs) | Employment 411 (registration info to follow) | Leader in Training (LIT) (registration info to follow)I | 00042826<br>Central Memorial | 00042827<br>Central Memorial | 00042829<br>Central Memorial | 00042830<br>Central Memorial |

\*4 day week due to Canada Day and Civic Holiday



# Camp Locations

**Ancaster Rotary Centre**  
385 Jerseyville Road West, Ancaster

**Valley Park Community Centre**  
970 Paramount Dr, Stoney Creek

**Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre**  
876 Cannon Street East, Hamilton

**Westmount Recreation Centre**  
35 Lynbrook Drive, Hamilton

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre**  
60 Albright Road, Hamilton

**Winona Community Centre**  
255 Winona Rd, Winona

**Huntington Park Recreation Centre**  
87 Brentwood Drive, Hamilton

## Youth Camps

**Central Memorial Recreation Centre**  
93 West Avenue S, Hamilton

## Questions?

Email: [recreation@hamilton.ca](mailto:recreation@hamilton.ca) or call 905 546-3747  
All camp locations offer the Support Program please  
see page 10 for more information.

**For more info visit:**  
[hamilton.ca/campkidaca](http://hamilton.ca/campkidaca)

