

Camp Guide

Summer 2026



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

For information about Camp Kidaca, visit:
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



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



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



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
Brantford Twin Valley Zoo
Crawford Lake

Royal Botanical Gardens
Wild Water Works

Trip schedules will be confirmed and released on 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 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 to watch online tutorials and familiarize yourself with the website prior to registration day!

Questions? Call 905-546-3747 or email 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



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 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
Email: 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 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 **WEST:** 905-546-2424 ext. 5128
MOUNTAIN: 905-546-2424 ext. 5127 **Email:** 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
Receive information email from the inclusion team and review all instructions on how to submit a summer support request/registration package. If you are not on our current email list – please contact us.	Place your child/youth on the Summer Support Waitlist online. The waitlist determines the order in which registrations are received and processed. Waitlist information will be sent in the information email.	Submit Paperwork: All forms MUST be completed and returned before January 26, 2026. - Support Registration Form - Camper Information Form (If camper requires epi-pen an additional form will be required) - Overview of Behaviour Management Procedure Confirmation: 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 February 10, 2026.

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
OR contact us by phone at 905-546-2424 ext. 6475 or by email at 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 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)	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 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)	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 accessiblerec@hamilton.ca or call 905-546-2424 ext. 6475								

Huntington Park 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)	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 accessiblerec@hamilton.ca 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)	00042863	00042865	00042867	00042869	00042870	00042872	00042875	00042876	00042878
Camp Kidaca (6-12 yrs)	00042880	00042881	00042882	00042883	00042884	00042885	00042886	00042887	00042888

*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 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 Central Memorial	00042827 Central Memorial	00042829 Central Memorial	00042830 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 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

