

Frequently Asked Questions City Camp



FAQ: City Camp

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Who can attend?

- **City Camp is open to children ages 5-12** (*Children who are 5 must turn 6 by December 2026. Children who are 12 must not turn 13 in 2026.*)
 - o Living with or beyond cancer or a blood disorder
 - o Siblings
 - o Bereaved siblings
- Experienced campers 11-12 will be enrolled as Camper Helpers!

My Child is 11-12, what is the Camper Helper role?

- To help ensure our programming remains engaging, safe, and age appropriate for all campers, we are trialling a Camp Helper role this year for older campers (ages 11-12).
- **As Camp Helpers they will have the opportunity to:**
 - Buddy with younger or new campers
 - Support volunteers with simple set-up or activity tasks
- This gives older campers a meaningful way to stay involved in camp.
- *Please note: we will consider each child's support needs and readiness on a case by case basis to ensure the Camp Helper role is an appropriate fit.*

What kind of activities will my child participate in?

- City Camp strives to be an inclusive space for children with varying needs and abilities.
- Children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of group and individual activities.
- Some examples include arts and crafts, active games, workshops, learning labs, music, theater, outdoor play, and more.

Where does City Camp happen?

- We partner with the Surrey District School Board and use the school facilities for our Camps.

When does City Camp take place?

- We run two versions of City Camp. Spring Break Camp happens during the school break in March and Summer Camp one runs every year in July.

Why City Camp?

- WCK City Camp is the only day camp in British Columbia where kids and siblings of kids with cancer and blood disorders can join in on epic water gun fights, creative games and all the magic of summer camp while still being able to sleep in their own bed at night.
- Hosted in close proximity to Surrey Memorial Hospital, kids can attend medical appointments and never miss out on the camp experience.

What does City Camp cost?

- City Camp is offered at **no cost** to families, thanks to the generosity of West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation supporters and donors.

What about food?

- WCK will provide snacks for all City Camp participants.
- Please indicate your child's allergies or dietary restrictions on the camp application.
- WCK does not provide lunches for participants and **asks that you pack your child a nut-free lunch each day.**
- WCK will provide a pizza lunch each Friday.

Are there any field trips?

- City Camp will not be holding field trips as part of the program.
- We will bring adventure to our participants and enjoy the fantastic facilities that have been so generously provided through our partnerships with the Surrey School District.

What are the hours for Camp?

- Regular Camp Programming: 10AM - 3PM
- Extended Hours: 8:30AM - 4:30PM



Does my child need to attend all days of camp, or can they attend part of a week?

- We want the WCK City Camp to be a source of support for your family. Please attend on days that work for you and you can always drop by on short notice if registered. **Children can arrive and leave any time during program hours.** Just let us know if you can!

What if my child does not want to participate?

- City Camp is designed to empower children with a variety of interests and preferences and to spend these special days of summer in a fun and engaging way.
- A number of activities will be available if your child wants to explore another way to spend their time.
- We have a large team of staff and volunteers to support those who need some space in our dedicated chill room too!

What should my child bring with them? Are there items not to bring?

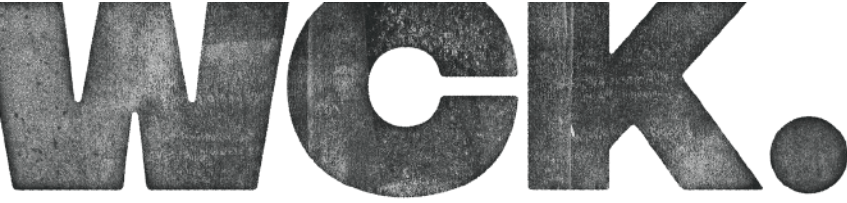
- A nut-free lunch each day
- Water bottle
- Sun-safe items (i.e. sunscreen, hat, sunglasses)
- Sweater/hoodie
- A change of clothes
- Clothes for the weather (i.e. rain jacket/gear, boots)
- Wear sturdy footwear for playing!
- We kindly ask parents to label their children's items and to keep valuables and technologies at home for safekeeping.

What kind of activities will my child participate in?

- City Camp strives to create a safe and inclusive space for children with varying needs and abilities.
- Children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of group and individual activities.
- Some examples include woodworking, arts and crafts, active games, workshops, learning labs, music, theatre, mindfulness mat time, outdoor play, and more.

What if my child has limited strength or mobility?

- We understand that children may experience bouts of low energy or have limited mobility.
- We have caring, qualified staff and volunteers on site to support your child to participate in a way that is best for them.



- Our programming has inclusion at the heart of it and where necessary staff will facilitate adaptive programming for your child.
- Your child is welcome to take a break from the program at any time.
- City Camp will always have a designated chill area where children can read, rest, have a snack, or listen to some music. Our team will find ways to meet your child's needs at that moment.

Who will take care of my child's medical needs?

- We will have two registered nurses on-site at all times.
- These medical team members will provide on-site medical care for medication administration, assistance with toileting, feeding tubes or other feeding needs, and, of course, any and all basic first aid needs.
- It's really important you give us detailed information on your child's medical needs in your application so that our medical team can assess the support they need properly.

What happens in the event of a medical emergency?

- If any participant has a medical emergency, an ambulance will be called and they will be taken to the nearest appropriate emergency department.
- We will call you to update you on the emergency with all details.
- The WCK medical staff will call ahead to the Oncology/Hematology team at the receiving hospital to ensure they are aware of the circumstances.

Children must always be dropped off and picked up by an authorized adult and checked in by WCK nursing staff.

- To ensure the safety of everyone, children must always be signed in and out of WCK City Camp. Children will only be allowed to be picked up by the adults indicated on their registration forms.

What does supervision look like?

- Children in our care will always be supervised. There will be a 1:5 adult-to-child ratio.
- Supervision is not just being in the same room as your child, it is engaging, playing, communicating, and working towards helping your child build positive relationships with the children attending City Camp.
- WCK City Camp has a check-in/check-out process to ensure the safety of all participants.



Will there be photographs/videos taken of my child?

- We take photos throughout the day to capture the numerous moments of growth, joy, and fun at City Camp.
- If you prefer that we not use your child's photo on WCK social media or promotional material, there is an option to opt-out on the camper application form. If you choose to opt out we can provide you with copies of pictures and videos of your child so that they can share with you the beautiful stories of how they spend their day at City Camp.
- ***We will always respect a child's choice if they choose not to be on camera.***

What if my child does not want me to leave at drop-off (or I feel nervous leaving my child)?

- Stay. Have a cup of tea. Chat with our volunteers. Help us chop vegetables for snack time.
- We create an environment where you are welcome to come and stay or come and go, whatever feels best for you and your family.

Want to chat more?

- If you have a question that we haven't answered, we are happy to chat.
- Contact Chez at connections@wckfoundation.ca