



Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Extend – A- Camp

March Break: March 10, 2025 – March 14, 2025

Welcome to Extend-A-Camp! We are thrilled to have your child join us for an exciting, active, and engaging camp experience. Whether it's their first time at camp or they're returning for another adventure, we are dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive, and memorable environment for all campers. Please read the attached information carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Meet Your Camp Director

Hi, I'm Aydin Munawar, and I'll be the Extend - A Camp Director for March Break. I'm passionate about pursuing a career in the medical field and will graduate high school in 2026. With over 1,000 hours under my belt, I've had the privilege of working with kids for four years at various camps. Outside of camp, I love running and biking to stay active. I'm excited for a fun and enriching experience with all of you!

Hours

Extend-A-Camp hours of operation are daily 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Pick up and drop off will be in East Salon of the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex - 1867 Valley Farm Rd, Pickering. Please be sure to pick up and drop off your child within these hours, otherwise **a late charge (\$20) will be applied to any campers picked up after 6:00pm.**

*For safety reasons, any alternate pick-up person you designate will be required to show **photo ID** to camp staff before your child is released into their care. Please make sure they are aware of this protocol and that your child is picked up **on time.***

Camper Pick up Protocol: Important!

For the safety of your child, we ask that you advise us who will be picking your camper up from Extend-A-Camp each night. On the first day of camp, we will ask you for a list of individuals who have your permission to pick up your child. The list of guardians you provide will be the **only** individuals we will allow your child to go home with. If an individual arrives at Extend-A-Camp claiming that they are responsible for taking your child home and they are not listed, and you have not notified us otherwise, **the camper**

will not leave Extend-A-Camp until we have your authorization. In the event that this occurs, we will attempt to contact you in order to obtain your permission.

Absenteeism / Safe Arrivals

If you know in advance that your child will be absent or late, please email us at camps@pickering.ca. If a camper is absent without prior notification, we will attempt to contact the parents.

Snacks

It is recommended that parents pack an extra snack for the afternoon portion of Extend-A-Camp, as campers tend to be hungry after a full day at camp. Any snack that is a baked good (crackers, cookies, muffins, etc.) and in any container other than its original package, must be accompanied by a note indicating all ingredients. Fruits and vegetables are always a safe and healthy snack!

Allergy Notice:

Please be sensitive to any food allergies that may be brought to your attention (i.e. tree nut allergies that can be life threatening). For this reason, please do not pack tree nuts, tree nut products, or any products containing traces of nuts in your child's lunch for camp. If staff are unsure of snacks (i.e. granola bars), Campers will be asked not to eat them at camp. Fruit is always a healthy and allergy safe snack! Please feel free to send a copy of the ingredients of any items we may be unsure of (i.e. cookies). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

- **Water Bottle:** Please pack a **reusable water bottle**. There are water fill stations available at camp to keep your child hydrated throughout the day, as they may be outside.

Movie Time at Extend-A-Camp

Friday, March 14, 2025: Campers will have the opportunity to watch a movie and have a snack of popcorn and juice. Please advise us of any allergies your camper may have. The movie for this session will be Disney and Pixar's Finding Dory

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly via email at camps@pickering.ca

Looking forward to enjoying a fantastic week together!

Aydin Munawar, Extend-a-Camp Director