

Camp Kawartha Environment Centre



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Teacher Guide to Planning a Successful Trip

Thank you for choosing the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre (CKEC)! It is our hope that your class will participate in a rewarding Environmental Education experience.

Background

The construction of the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre was a unique partnership between Camp Kawartha, The Gainey Foundation, Trent University, & Fleming College. It is one of the Most Sustainable Buildings in Canada, meant to provide students from kindergarten to grade 4 and grades 9-12, with inspiring environmental programming.

Part of the day will be spent educating students about the unique sustainable features of the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre. We will also provide each visiting student with concrete ideas of how we all can reduce our carbon footprint.

Requirements

To make a successful booking, the following requirements must be met:

- A completed contract is received by Camp Kawartha. Please be sure to carefully review the booking contract including the billing procedures on the back page.
- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is received
- Failure to return this contract and deposit will result in the booking dates being released and made available to other groups. Please confirm all changes in writing.
- Subsidies are available. Please inquire.
- As we depend on your contract to book staff and programming, **please return your contract and deposit within 2 weeks of booking your date.**

Learning

We have over 30 curriculum linked outdoor and environment programs to choose from and even more under development.

Please visit www.campkawartha.ca/naturecentre/programs.htm for more details.

Or e-mail Sherri Owen at sherri@campkawartha.ca for specific program details or additional programming ideas.

Sample Schedule:

9:30 a.m. – Arrival and introduction

10 a.m. – Program One

12 p.m. – Lunch

12:45 – Program Two

2:30 - Departure

Lunch

The centre does not receive garbage or recycling pick-up. We require all students to pack out their garbage. Better yet, encourage the students to bring a litterless lunch that produces no garbage. Please advise students to bring a refillable water bottle.

*** Please note we are a nut free facility, no nuts or products that may contain nuts can be brought to the centre.***

Dress for Success

In cold weather students should dress in layers. When snow is on the ground warm winter boots are a must. Hats and mitts or gloves are required in cold temperatures.

In hot weather students should bring a hat and sunscreen. The best defense against insects is light weight long sleeves and pants, students may bring insect repellent if they choose. Closed toe shoes are required as students will be active in the woods and meadows where the ground can be unpredictable.

All programs include an outdoor component rain or shine; check the weather and be prepared.

Behaviour

CKEC staff members aim to provide engaging and energetic programming and they make every attempt to support students in positive behaviour. However, student behaviour is ultimately the teacher's responsibility. Please communicate ahead of time with the CKEC staff about how they can best interact with the students.

At the center we have the same behaviour expectations as in a classroom. Students who have discussed this ahead of the visit are more cooperative and the overall experience is enhanced.

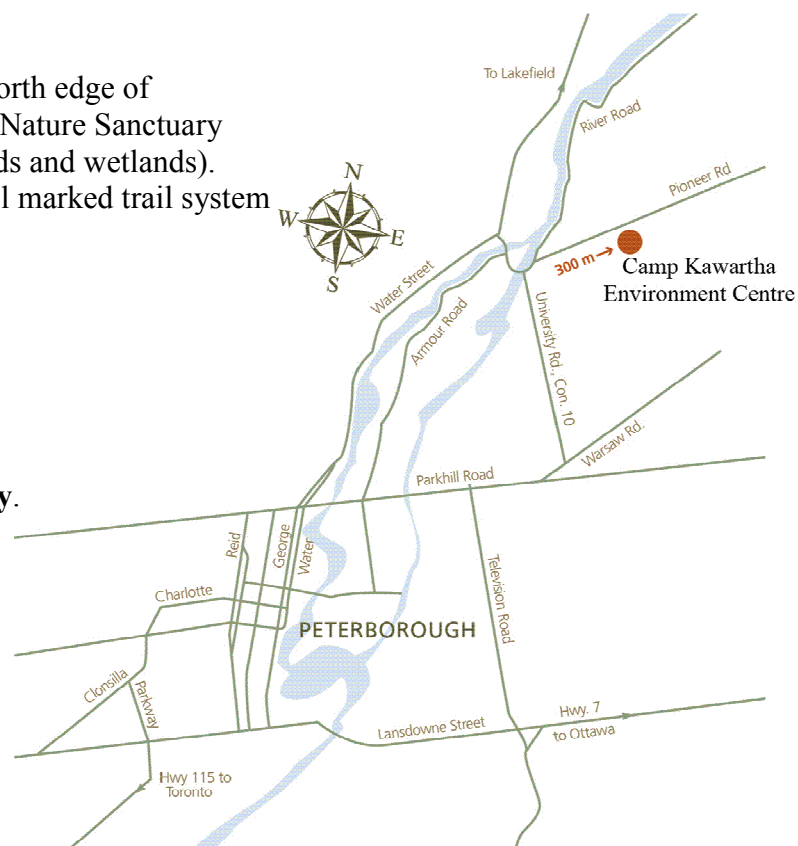
Location

The Centre is located on the north edge of Trent University's designated Nature Sanctuary (over 300 acres of woods, fields and wetlands). There is a comprehensive, well marked trail system throughout the Sanctuary.

Please Note:

**The Environment Centre
Is located at Trent University.**

It is **NOT** located at our main facility on Birchview Road.



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Dear Parent or Guardian

We are pleased that your child will be attending the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre on _____. This Centre is one of the most sustainable buildings in Canada and we hope it will provide an inspiring atmosphere for our nature and environmental programming. Your child's experience will be enhanced if he or she is well prepared for the day.

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Please be sure to inform the classroom teacher of any health concerns or accommodations. The Camp Kawartha Environment Centre staff and programs are adaptable; we want all students to have the best experience possible.

If you have any questions or concerns contact the classroom teacher. Camp Kawartha Environment Centre staff members can be reached through our main camp office at 652-3860. Please visit our website at www.campkawartha.ca to learn more about programs and the building.

Thank-you for your support of nature and environmental education, we look forward to bright futures.

Regards,

Sherri Owen, Education Coordinator