



## **A Day at Camp Forward**

Day Camp at Camp Forward is a fun and exciting time for kids to take part in fun activities, make new friends, and enjoy their summer. Daily activities include crafts or STEM activities, field games, time on the playground, and Bible activities. Twice a week campers will get to take part in a “Fireside” where our staff will take part in skits, and lead campers through fun camp songs. Friday Fun Day is always camper’s favourite day. Each Friday we spend time playing water games, have a special guest or special programming, and bring in bouncy castles. We also have a variety of different themes for each week. Past summers we have had Christmas in July, Under the Sea, and Disney! Our staff are dedicated to making Camp Forward a wonderful experience for your child! We also offer some support for campers with special needs.

## **Weeks of Camp (Kindergarten and Elementary Camp)**

Week 1 – July 6 to 10

Week 2 – July 13 to 17

Week 3 – July 20 to 24

Week 4 – July 27 to 31

Week 5 – August 4 to 7 (4 day week, no camp on August 3 due to Civic Day)

Week 6 – August 10 to 14

Week 7 – August 17 to 21

\$150/week for 5 day weeks and \$140/week for a 4 day week.

You may register with a deposit of \$10/week plus \$5 each for before/after care if you register before May 15 and pay the balance as you are able before May 24. If you register after May 15, the full balance will be due the day of registration.

Scholarships may be available upon request. To apply for a scholarship, please complete an [application](#). Please note that applications for scholarships will open on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

## **Types of Camp**

Camp Forward offers 2 kids camps at our Cambridge location with a bus from our Kitchener location.

1. Kindergarten Camp: Campers in Junior and Senior Kindergarten in the 2025-2026 school year. Kindergarten Camp will be divided into groups. Each group will participate in the same program. If you are registering with a friend or a sibling and they would like to be together, please ensure you select the same group for them. Please note that it is not guaranteed as the groups are subject to change.
2. Elementary Camp: Campers in Grades 1-5 in the 2025-2026 school year. Elementary Camp will be divided into groups. Each group will participate in the same program. If you are registering with a friend or a sibling and they would like to be together, please ensure you select the same group for them. Please note that it is not guaranteed as the groups are subject to change.

## **Location of Camp**

### Cambridge Campers

Camp hours are 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Before Care is offered from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM for an additional \$20/week (\$16/week for 4-day weeks) and After Care is offered from 3:30 PM-5:00PM for an additional \$25/week (\$20/week for 4-day weeks). You may register for Before Care only, After Care only or both Before and After Care.

### Kitchener Campers

Kitchener campers will be bused from our Kitchener site (600 Doon Village Rd.) to our Cambridge site for camp every day. **Ensure you choose this option during registration.**

Drop off at the Kitchener site from 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM and pick up between 4:15 PM and 4:30 PM. This bus costs \$5/week/child. The bus will leave from Kitchener at 8:45 AM.

## **Support for Camper with Special Needs**

In previous summers we offered an Adaptive Camp. Unfortunately, due to various reasons we cannot offer this format this summer but still strive to create an inclusive camp environment, and provide additional volunteer/staff support, for campers with a variety of special needs to participate in camp this summer. You will see questions on the registration form to help us know your camper and their needs better and give our staff an opportunity to reach out. We do have staff designated to work with campers with special needs beginning in February to allow ample time before camp begins to get to know your child and develop a plan that works to support your child in our camp environment.

Please note, to give your camper the best chance for success, we do require to meet with the camper ahead of time, ask you some questions, and talk with your child's teacher and/or other support people. Our goal and hope is to create a plan before camp that can be adjusted as needed during camp.

As an additional option for parents/guardians of campers with special needs, you may choose to provide your own support person for your camper(s) and, in that case, your camper(s) with special needs can come for a discounted rate. If you are interested in doing this, please email Laura at [laurat@forwardchurch.ca](mailto:laurat@forwardchurch.ca) We do require a clear vulnerable sector police check and references for the support person.

Our goal and hope is to include campers with special needs in as much of the mainstream program as possible. Campers with special needs will be placed into a camp group, with other campers, based on their current grade in school. For example, a child in SK would be registered and participate with campers in the Kindergarten Camp.

Most of our support for campers with special needs will come from volunteers, primarily youth, with oversight from counselor's and coordinators hired to work with kids with special needs, as well as additional support from Camp Directors and children's ministry staff as required.

In general, we can support children who can participate in a mainstream camp setting for most of the day, remain within designated areas, have minimal or no toileting support needs, and do not exhibit aggressive behaviours.

For any further questions, or to discuss further before registering, please contact Laura [laurat@forwardchurch.ca](mailto:laurat@forwardchurch.ca) or 519-621-6566 ext. 113.