



Schoolhouse Playcare Centres of Durham  
**SUMMER CAMP GUIDE 2026**

# SUMMER FUN & PLAY:

At Schoolhouse Playcare Centres of Durham, we believe in the power of experiential, play-based learning in the natural environment. We know that encouraging children to be active, get messy, discover their talents and connect with the outdoors creates lifelong positive outcomes. These experiences help children develop lasting friendships, create meaningful memories and learn valuable life skills that help strengthen confidence and build character.

**These early experiences help to develop self-assured leaders of tomorrow.**

At SPC, we also know that choice and flexibility is important for busy working families. We believe that in order to meet the diverse needs of our families, we need to offer a mix of programming options so every child can succeed. This summer, we have three camp locations to explore, each offering a unique program experience. Whatever you choose, we are confident your child will have loads of FUN!

We can't wait to see some familiar faces & make new friends this summer!

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Schoolhouse Playcare Centres of Durham



## Summer Packing List

- **Hat & sunscreen** - Stay protected from the heat & sun
- **Water bottle** - Refill throughout the day for hydration
- **Healthy lunch** - Help reduce waste with reusable containers
- **Healthy snacks x2** - Keep up your energy for a fun, busy camp day
- **Bug spray** - Keep those pesky pests at bay
- **Running shoes** - Stay comfortable & active all day long
- **Water/creek shoes** - Stay comfy & safe as you splash away
- **Weather-appropriate clothing** - Label with your name to prevent lost items

## Withdrawal Policy

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# The SPC Way!

## **Mission**

To provide best in class, responsive, inclusive programs and services for children and families

## **Vision**

Children will have a strong foundation to meet their full potential

## **Values**

**Belonging** - We acknowledge and value the individual perspectives, thoughts, beliefs, and ideas of others and create spaces for everyone to belong

**Collaboration** – We foster meaningful partnerships and collaborations to meet the diverse needs of the communities we serve

**Innovation** – We proactively seek unique ways to create and adapt to change, to inspire the healthy growth and development of others

## **Etiquette Statement**

Schoolhouse Playcare Centres of Durham is a shared experience for everyone to enjoy. The experience our children, families, and childcare professionals is enhanced when everyone commits to always treating one another with respect and dignity.

We reserve the right to suspend, or withdraw childcare services, for any of the following behaviours from families:

- Any sexual, cultural and/or racial abuse, slurs and/or harassment;
- Any action or language that is disrespectful, profane, or offensive to another's comfort or well-being;
- Any physical assault, threats of assault or use of intimidation;
- Any abuse of the facility and/or the equipment;
- Any inappropriate behaviour not conducive to a values-based family environment

## **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement**

At Schoolhouse Playcare Centres of Durham we respect the rich diversity of our families, our employees, placement students, volunteers, and partners. We recognize that these individuals represent all dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to, gender, religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure, age education, physical and cognitive ability, and socio-economic status. Everyone brings with them a unique set of perspectives, thoughts, beliefs, and ideas. This diversity continuously challenges us to reflect on our practices and strive to do better. We fundamentally believe that all individuals should feel welcome in our spaces and should always be treated equitably. The experiences of families, employees, placement students, volunteers and partners will be free from discrimination.

# SPC SPORTS CAMP

## FUNdamentals to High Fives! (6-12 yrs)

If your camper LOVES sports, this is the camp for them! Camps at **Captain Michael VandenBos PS** (3121 Country Lane, Whitby, ON) combine FUN summer day camp activities and theme days with lots of time for active games and sports!

### Multi-Sport Camp (6-8 yrs\*)

Your active sport enthusiast will love this FUN introductory sport program. Campers will be introduced to a variety of sports throughout the week with a focus on fair play, teamwork, and early skill development. In addition to sport programming, campers will participate in active games, creative experiences, and theme days. Campers will visit the neighbourhood park and splashpad every week.

*\*Must be 6 years old before the program starts*

### Sport Development Camp (9-12 yrs\*)

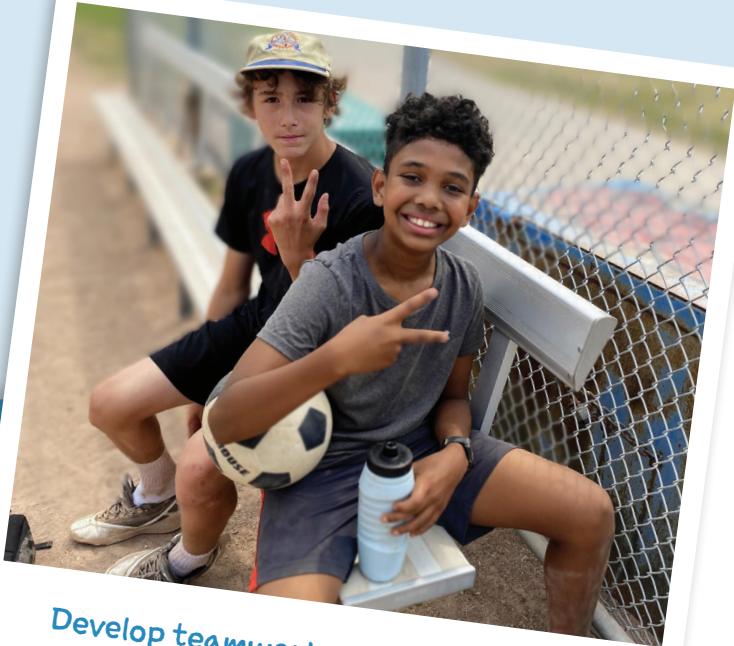
Does your child have a passion for sport? Campers in this program will focus on developing their skills further in the three core sports of basketball, soccer and baseball while building on their teamwork and leadership skills. In addition to sport programming, campers will participate in variety of active games, and theme days. Campers will swim at the Whitby Civic Recreation Centre every week. Campers must follow all pool admission guidelines and rules, and must pass a swim test to swim in the deep end. Swimming will be offered based on pool capacity and schedules.

*\*Must be 9 years old before the start of the program*





Be active, have FUN, & learn new skills!



Develop teamwork & sportsmanship!

**Drop-off at 9:00 am, pick-up at 4:00 pm** (extended care available at an additional cost)

	Week 1*	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6*	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
	Jun 29-Jul 3	Jul 6-10	Jul 13-17	Jul 20-24	Jul 27-31	Aug 3-7	Aug 10-14	Aug 17-21	Aug 24-28
Multi-Sport (6-8 yrs)	\$280	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$280	\$350	\$350	\$350
Sport Dev. (9-12 yrs)	\$288	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$288	\$360	\$360	\$360
Extended Care (AM or PM)	\$24	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$24	\$30	\$30	\$30
Extended Care (Both)	\$48	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$48	\$60	\$60	\$60

\*All programs will be closed on July 1st (Canada Day) & August 3rd (Civic Holiday)

Cost includes bus transportation

Extended care hours start at 7:00 am & end at 6:00 pm

Bus Route 1 - Pickering, Ajax and Whitby			
Bus Stop	Morning Pick-Up	Evening Drop-Off	Extended Care
Altona Forest PS	8:05 am	5:00 pm	Available
Lincoln Alexander PS	8:25 am	4:35 pm	Available
Ormiston PS	8:50 am	4:10 pm	Available
CMV PS	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Available

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Before care operates from 7:00 am until the bus departs

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# SPC OUTDOOR CAMP

Creek rocks to campfire sparks (5-12 yrs)

## Lil' Explorers Camp (5 yrs\*)

This program is perfect for the outdoor enthusiast who is 5 years old and ready for a new challenge! Campers will be fully immersed in the outdoor environment and will explore the forest & creek, participate in fun games, and create natural art masterpieces. Get ready to sing by the campfire and make delicious campfire treats! (This is a long day and could include a bus ride. Campers should be able to function through a busy day without a rest period.)

*\*Must be 5 years old before the start of the program*

## Outdoor Explorers Camp (6-8 yrs\*)

Campers will connect with nature, get messy, develop friendships, and make memories to last a lifetime! Campers will explore the forest & creek, participate in active games, the low ropes course and natural art masterpieces. They will also be introduced to camp skills like campfire building & cooking, and shelter building.

*\*Must be 6 years old before the start of the program*

## Outdoor Leadership Camp (9-12 yrs\*)

Campers will explore the forest & creek, participate in team development & leadership experiences, and create natural art masterpieces. They will further develop their camp skills like campfire building & cooking, and shelter building, and have the opportunity to mountain bike and test their archery skills.

*\*Must be 9 years old before the start of the program*



Outdoor camps based at **Claremont Nature Centre** (4290 Westney Rd. N, Goodwood, ON) combine the fun & safe SPC experience with the excitement & adventure of traditional camp activities! S'mores, anyone?



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	Jun 29-Jul 3	Jul 6-10	Jul 13-17	Jul 20-24	Jul 27-31	Aug 3-7	Aug 10-14	Aug 17-21	Aug 24-28
Lil' Explorers (5 yrs)	\$280	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$280	\$350	\$350	\$350
Explorers (6-8 yrs)	\$280	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$280	\$350	\$350	\$350
Leadership (9-12 yrs)	\$288	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$360	\$288	\$360	\$360	\$360
Extended Care (AM or PM)	\$24	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$24	\$30	\$30	\$30
Extended Care (Both)	\$48	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$48	\$60	\$60	\$60

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Cost includes bus transportation

Extended care (only available at bus stop locations) start at 7:00 am & end at 6:00 pm

Bus Route 1 - Pickering, Ajax and Claremont			
Bus Stop	Morning Pick-Up	Evening Drop-Off	Extended Care
Roland Michener PS	8:00 am	5:15 pm	Available
Highbush PS	8:20 am	4:55 pm	Available
Claremont PS	8:50 am	4:25 pm	Available
Claremont Nature Centre	9:00 am	4:00 pm	N/A

Bus Route 2 - Ajax and Whitby			
Bus Stop	Morning Pick-Up	Evening Drop-Off	Extended Care
John Dryden PS	8:15 am	5:00 pm	Available
Glen Dhu PS	8:25 am	4:50 pm	Available
SPC Mulberry Meadows	8:40 am	4:30 pm	Available
Claremont Nature Centre	9:00 am	4:00 pm	N/A

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# SPC CREATIVE CAMP

Igniting creativity through play (5-10 yrs)

## Creators Camp (5-7 yrs\*) & Innovators Camp (8-10 yrs\*\*)

Campers will create beautiful art masterpieces, test their culinary skills and participate in a variety of STEM inspired programming. Campers will also visit the neighbourhood park/splashpad (Audley Rec Centre or Lynde Creek Park) and embark on an exciting out trip each week. Each week will also include a pizza or hotdog lunch!

\*Must be 5 years old before the start of the program

\*\*Must be 8 years old before the start of the program

Creators Trip Schedule	
Week 1	NEBS Funworld Bowling
Week 2	Flying Squirrel
Week 3	Oshawa Zoo
Week 4	Cedar Park
Week 5	Pickering Museum Village
Week 6	Lakeview Park
Week 7	NEBS Funworld Bowling
Week 8	Flying Squirrel
Week 9	Oshawa Zoo
Week 10	Lakeview Park

Innovators Trip Schedule	
Week 1	NEBS Funworld Bowling
Week 2	Flying Squirrel
Week 3	Putting Edge
Week 4	Cedar Park
Week 5	Claremont Nature Centre
Week 6	Lakeview Park
Week 7	NEBS Funworld Bowling
Week 8	Flying Squirrel
Week 9	Putting Edge
Week 10	Lakeview Park



Do you have a child who loves to discover, create and innovate? This program at **SPC Mulberry Meadows** (99 Barnham St, Ajax, ON) offers campers an opportunity to discover their passions, develop new skills, and unleash their creativity through hands-on projects and collaborative challenges.

	Week 1*	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6*	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
	Jun 29-Jul 3	Jul 6-10	Jul 13-17	Jul 20-24	Jul 27-31	Aug 3-7	Aug 10-14	Aug 17-21	Aug 24-28	Aug 31-Sep 4
Creators (5-10 yrs)	\$300	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$300	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375
Innovators (8-10 yrs)	\$300	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$300	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375
Extended Care (AM or PM)	\$24	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$24	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Extended Care (Both)	\$48	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$48	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60

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Cost includes bus transportation

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For week 10, extended care is ONLY available at SPC Mulberry Meadows.

Bus Route - Ajax and Whitby			
Bus Stop	Morning Pick-Up	Evening Drop-Off	Extended Care
Ormiston PS	8:25 am	4:40 pm	Available
Cadarackque PS	8:50 am	4:15 pm	Available
SPC Mulberry Meadows	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Available

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*Please note all trips are tentatively scheduled and may change based on availability. Any changes to trips will be communicated to registered families as soon as possible. All withdrawals must follow our withdrawal policy as outlined on the following page.*

# HOW TO REGISTER

## New SPC Camp Families

If you've never enrolled in SPC childcare or summer programs before, welcome!

Please complete the full registration package and the applicable enrolment form. Once complete, please upload your signed registration package to our [secure Sync file server](#) (password: Schoolhouse54).

*Please note - spaces are limited, and are filled on a "first come, first served" basis*

## Returning SPC Families

Welcome back - we can't wait to have a fun-filled summer with your children!

1. Log into your account (<https://max.childcarepro.ca/R03778>) and click on the "Registration" button
2. Click on the check box next to the child you would like to register and then click "Next"  
Note - If child's name is not listed, do not "add child". Contact Christina at c.baker@schoolhouseplaycare.ca
3. Click the "Select location" button that is under that camp program you would like.
4. You are now able to select the week(s) you would like to register, then click "Next"
5. For each week selected:
  - a. select the before or after care service – if this is not needed, do not check that box, click "Next"
  - b. select a bus route from the drop-down menu, or choose "drive direct" if busing is not needed, click "Next"
6. Check off the direct debit box to confirm fees will come out of your account. Then click the "Register" button.
  - a. If you are unsure what account is set up on your profile OR you need to make a change, please contact Jen at [j.sugrim@schoolhouseplaycare.ca](mailto:j.sugrim@schoolhouseplaycare.ca) and Kristina at [k.rogers@schoolhouseplaycare.ca](mailto:k.rogers@schoolhouseplaycare.ca)
7. After clicking the "Register" button, you will get a pop up that says, "Are you sure you would like to complete the registration process?" Click "Yes" or "No"

**Please note:** You will receive a confirmation email, to the email address on file, once you register successfully. If the program is full, your child will automatically be placed on a waitlist, and you will be contacted if a spot becomes available.

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# ADVENTURE AWAITS

Give a child the GIFT of camp!

**Did you know?** Camp experiences offer children the chance to be active, get messy, discover their talents, and connect with nature – creating lifelong positive outcomes. These experiences help children form friendships, develop confidence and resilience, maintain an active lifestyle, and instill leadership values. In fact, many leaders and community developers credit their achievements to the positive experience they had at camp!

We fundamentally believe that all children should have access to life-enhancing programs and that cost should never be a barrier to participate. That's why we introduced the **Adventure Awaits Campaign**, to provide much needed financial support for children/youth to participate in our camping programs.

**How can you help make a meaningful impact? It's easy... make a financial donation!**

Any donation is appreciated and approximately \$350 provides one week of camp for a child in need. [To make your donation today, click here!](#)

Thank you for your consideration! Every GIFT helps.

To learn more about receiving financial assistance, please contact Christina Baker, Supervisor, Camp and Community Development at [c.baker@schoolhouseplaycare.ca](mailto:c.baker@schoolhouseplaycare.ca).



Summer fun the SPC way!

