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Virtual Summer Camp

General Program Overview



Dear Campers & Families...

Our virtual, co-ed summer programs are operated by Scouts Canada and are open for ALL children in the communities we serve across the country! Although we are unable to explore the wonders of the wilderness on our properties together this season, our primary goal remains the same -- delivering fun, adventure, learning new skills, & creating memories with every camper who joins us for this *inaugural* online experience!

We are striving to make our digital programming model as flexible as possible, respecting that families have very unique schedules this summer. Our online Summer Camp program will be catered to youth aged 8-16. Daily sessions will be delivered **LIVE** by our incredible Summer Staff across the country. These sessions will contain a variety of diverse activities, with a continued emphasis on outdoor education & experiential learning.

In staying true to Scouts Canada's mission "to help develop well-rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world," our activities will be designed to engage participants socially, physically, and intellectually!

Session Preparation

Registrants will receive an activity description of the session they've registered for with a list of suggested supplies via email one week prior to the session's date. Our Summer Staff are very aware of the reality families are facing today & will be striving to create a program that requires minimum supplies, with common household supplies being utilized as much as possible. They will also be providing some alternative substitutes for materials, should a family not have access to a particular supply.



Program Options

Cub & Scout Aged Youth (8-13)

Programming will be developed using our weekly themes as a framework. Participants will be placed into groups according to age. Daily **one-hour** sessions may include activities catered towards Scouts Canada's Outdoor Adventure Skills, such as First Aid, Scoutcraft, or Trail Safety. Our activities are designed with the Canadian Path model in mind, emphasizing the importance of youth-led opportunities and the "Plan-Do-Review" approach to hands-on, intentional learning. We also aim to develop activities that incorporate elements of EnvironMentality, STEM, & Personal Achievement Badges (PAB). **There will be two unique activities offered each day, twice a day!** (Please ensure that you do not register for the same activity twice in a day!)

Counsellor-in-Training (CIT)

We are also pleased to offer a virtual CIT program, designed to build on participants' existing skill-sets and prepare them for future professional opportunities. This **certificate program** provides adolescents (aged 14-16) with an opportunity to work on resume development, interview preparation and mock experience, as well as exploration into varying leadership styles, equity, accessibility & inclusion, and communication strategies through comprehensive workshops. All participants will gain hands-on experience developing their own program plan for youth with the support of our Summer Staff team, leaving CITs with an impressive takeaway for their future work portfolios. This opportunity will run as a **one-week experience** with live sessions and activities to keep youth busy in between. There will be **two virtual sessions per day** (@ 10:00AM & 1:00PM EST or PST).



Weekly Themes

Week 1 (July 6-10): *Survivor: Camp All-Stars*

Grab your torches & buffs -- it's a showdown of *Survivor*'s bests! Jeff Probst has tasked us with taking our contestants' Outdoor Adventure Skills to the next level. Will you be able to brave the ever-changing conditions? Put your skills to the test in our most extreme food competitions and immunity challenges as you work with your tribe to avoid tribal council!

Week 2 (July 13-17): *An Online Prehistoric Adventure!*

2020 has been quite the year for everyone - one we'll never soon forget. It's time to take a hop into a virtual time machine to explore "The Land Before Time!" Hop on-board as we dig into the past & share in the fun with new friends, near & far!

Week 3 (July 20-24): *A Scouts STEM Extravaganza!*

Calling all creators & collaborators -- this is your time to shine! From coding quests & building challenges, to hands-on experiments & so much more, our STEM Extravaganza will be sure to satisfy your camper's sense of wonder!

Week 4 (July 27-31): *GAMETIME! (Camp Edition)*

Hey campers, *Let's Make A Deal!* *Guess Who's* in for a week of *Trouble*? We'll give you a *Clue*...a camper like you! Join us for a week of your favourite game; if you miss this one, you'll be *Sorry!* (We'll do without the *Family Feuds*.)

Week 5 (August 4-7*): *Out of this World: A Scouts Space Odyssey*

3, 2, 1... BLAST OFF! We've recruited our finest Scouts Canada Astronauts to join us on an adventure to the moon. Determination, teamwork, and proper equipment will be necessary to complete a mission such as this. What will we find along the way? To find out, you'll have to join us as we break out of Earth's atmosphere and leave gravity behind!

Week 6 (August 10-14): *Camp Goes Disney+*

"Dooo Dooo -- Do Do Do Doo Dooo -- Do Do Do Dooooo!" From Storm Troopers to Disney Princesses, there is always something new to discover! With 7000 TV episodes and 500 films to inspire us, it's time to login, grab your popcorn, & enjoy the entertainment we create together. In the words of *High School Musical*: "We're all in this together!"

Week 7 (August 17-21): *Exploring Earth*

From the safety of our homes, this week is all about celebrating this beautiful planet has to offer. From the deepest oceans to the tallest mountains, we're going to have a blast [virtually] adventuring across the planet we call "home!"

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join the fun!**

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Scouts Canada strives to provide the highest level of safety and enjoyment to all participants and staff during its camps & programs. We have developed a Behaviour & Safety Policy document to support this mission and make programs and camp enjoyable & memorable for everyone.



Security Guidelines

All live sessions will be conducted using *Microsoft Teams*. This platform has been selected due to its stability in performance, ease of use, and multiple features that make meeting the needs of our diverse youth easier in an online environment.

As with all online environments, security and privacy are our top concern. Video Conferencing opportunities, regardless of platform, require active measures to be taken in order to ensure a positive experience for everyone, especially when working with children.

In order to monitor the security of our participants and to promote a positive camp-like environment for everyone, we will be taking the following measures in all of our virtual sessions:

1. All Summer Staff have provided an up-to-date clean Police Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening. Each employee has been interviewed for suitability, completed Respect in Sport training, as well as participated in other relevant orientation, training, & onboarding.
2. All meeting links will only be shared with the instructors & registrants. Our meeting links are never posted publicly in any way.
3. We have enabled the “waiting room” feature so that all persons wishing to join the class must be first approved by one of our instructors. All participants are instructed that their display name must align with either the youth’s full listed upon registration OR the parent/guardian’s name listed upon registration. Prior to allowing a person to enter the call, our instructors will confirm that the display name matches with individuals registered on our attendance list for the class. **Those who do not have display names listed in our registration list will not be permitted to join the session.**
4. Instructors can control who is able to use their microphone, video, or to share their screen.
5. Our virtual sessions will never be recorded or shared.
6. All registrants agree to our *Online Security Guidelines and Behaviour & Safety Policies* upon registration. All registrants are provided with a copy of our *Digital Citizenship Guide* in order to clearly understand how to behave appropriately in a virtual camp setting.
7. The chat feature will be actively monitored by our Camp Staff to ensure youth are only posting “camp appropriate” dialogue.
8. Any participant who behaves in a way that is not in alignment with our policies or our Digital Citizenship Guide may be removed from the session depending on the severity of the behaviour.

Contact Us

If your camper has any special care requirements that our staff should be aware of, please notify our team in advance of the virtual session to discuss effective strategies & necessary accommodations. If you have any other questions or concerns about your registration, please contact our Booking Coordinator (danica.hubley@scouts.ca). For all other inquiries related to our Virtual Summer Camp programs, please connect with our team of Camp Directors (summercamp@scouts.ca).



Digital Citizenship Guidelines

Similar to our traditional Summer Programs, all staff, families, & campers alike are expected to be respectful to everyone involved in our Virtual Summer Camp. To maximize everyone's online experience, we have developed preparing for/participating in our live sessions:

Preparation

- Youth should be set-up in a quiet space with minimal distractions.
- The device should be fully charged or have easy access to an outlet (if required).
- **Headphones are recommended to reduce any echo/feedback coming through the microphone.**

Using Audio & Video

- Families opting to enable the video function during a session must be aware of their surroundings. All participants will be able to see/hear everything in the background.
- When speaking, all youth will strive to talk at an appropriate volume so everyone can be heard!

Participation

- All activities will be designed to be collaborative & engaging. All participants are required to demonstrate respect & kindness towards staff & peers.
- When a Camp Counsellor is providing instructions or suggestions, please do not interrupt them over the microphone. Instead, use the chat feature to share your ideas or question!
- The chat is intended to be a safe, social space when staff & participants can collaborate & problem solve together. Youth should use the chat to contribute to on-topic, meaningful dialogue during the session.

