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## Welcome!

Dear parents (and campers),

We are so delighted to have your child(ren) join us this July for St. Tim's Summer Camp! Over the past few weeks, the Leadership Team has been busy preparing for the camp and all the activities that the campers will participate in. Our jampacked schedule for this summer consists of: fun (both in and outdoors), creating lasting friendships and memories, and getting to know God and His love for us!

We have created this guide to help answer many of the questions that you may have for us in the days leading up to the camp. If you still have questions after reading through this guide, please do not hesitate to contact myself at (416) 414-7337 OR send an email to lsjlee@timothypc.com!

All of the counsellors (myself included) are looking forward to meeting your child(ren) and spending an amazing summer

together!

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Lauren Lee Camp Director



## Pastor's Corner

Dear parents (and campers),

We are absolutely thrilled to have your children join us this summer for the St. Tim's Summer Camp! We are all eager and looking forward to an amazing time of meeting new friends, building relationships, and creating unforgettable experiences and memories!

We have prepared an arsenal of exciting activities and events for the children to enjoy! More importantly, the children will learn and experience God's love. Throughout each day, we want our campers to know that they are loved by God and that they feel loved and cared for.

We are all so happy that you could be a part of our Summer Camp this year. We look forward to meeting you all and to the wonderful time we will spend together!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Pastor James Park St. Tim's Kids Church





## **About Us**

We have been preparing extensively to bounce back from the pandemic with an amazing summer camp experience for children in JK all the way to Grade 9! Our camp was designed not only to provide a phenomenal experience for the children, but to also equip them with skills to love others and lead the next generation. We offer countless opportunities for children to make friends, have fun, and nurture their faith!

At St. Tim's Summer Camp, we strive to create an environment that fosters:

- Love and affirmation;
- A safe space; and
- A welcoming and nurturing community

Your child(ren)'s care and safety is our number one priority. This is why "Leading With Care", a policy from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, guides every decision we make. Read on to learn more about what it means and how we plan to lead with care.











#### **Pastor James Park**

Hello! I am the Kids' Church Pastor at St. Tim's. I am currently in the M.Div program at Knox College. Prior to that, I majored in music and I love playing the violin. I am very excited to help the children nurture their faith this summer!



Sarah Choe

Hi I'm Sarah! I just graduated from McMaster university this year. I love baking, music, knitting, and watching sitcoms. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone better and having tons of fun in the sun!



Lauren Lee

Hi, my name's Lauren and I'm the Camp Director of St. Tim's Summer Camp. I have a keen interest in community-based work and supporting youth and children. I'm looking forward to meeting all the campers and enjoying a joy-filled summer all together!



**Paul Jang** 

Hey I'm Paul! I'm going into my 5th year at Western University in Computer Science. I enjoy playing games and listening to music. This summer, I'm looking forward to having a blast at camp!



**Dayie Chung** 

Hello! My name is Dayie, and I majored in music at UofT. I enjoy working with others in the community. I like to listen to music and play the piano too. I am looking forward to interacting with all the campers!



Kaitlin Lee

Hello, I'm Kaitlin and I just finished my 3rd year at Western University. A few things I like are art, music, and having fun! I hope to make many good memories with the campers and counsellors in July.



Mee Sung Park

Hi, I'm Mee Sung. I graduated from OCAD this past year in graphic design. I recently got into film photography as a hobby and enjoy taking photos. I'm really excited to get to know everyone and have a fun summer!



**Matthew Lee** 

Hi I'm Matthew, I'm going into my 4th year at Western University in Kinesiology. I like working out, playing frisbee, and playing video games. I am very excited for the summer camp!



Joel Kim

Greetings, my name is Joel! I'm going into my 2nd year at UofT, studying Health and Disease. I really like music and video games. One thing I look forward to is seeing everyone have fun!



**Caitlin Chung** 

Hi, I'm Caitlin and I'm going to be a high school senior next year. I enjoy reading, going on walks, and listening to Treasure. I'm so excited to have an awesome summer with all the kids and counsellors this year!



**Charley Ngo** 

Hello, I'm Charley and I'll be a high school senior next year. I like playing games, listening to music, and eating good food. I am very excited to help lead summer camp this year and have lots of fun!



**Braeden Kim** 

Hello! My name is Braeden Kim. I'm going into my senior year of high school this fall. I am a competitive boxer and I like listening to music. I am looking forward to interacting with the kids!



Jaiden Ngo

Hi, I'm Jaiden and I'll be going into Grade 10 next year. I like Taylor Swift, video games and music. I'm excited to get to know all the kids and I hope that summer camp will be lots of fun for them!



**Liam Johnstone** 

Hi, I'm Liam. I'm going into grade 10 next year. I like biking and playing with my dogs. I'm really excited to be a new counsellor and to get closer to all the kids this summer!



Joan Kim

Hi, my name is Joan. I'll be a high school sophomore in the fall. I enjoy drawing and reading during my free time. I hope this summer camp will be filled with excitement!



# We Lead with Care

'Leading with Care' is a policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada which states that all persons, and in particular all children, youth and vulnerable adults, who participate in the denomination's programs/ministries and/or use the denomination's facilities will be cared for with Christian compassion and will be safe.

All of our counsellors and leaders have gone through extensive training in order to prevent, recognize, and address any areas of physical, emotional, and mental harm or abuse.

We have put policies and systems in place in order to keep everyone safe at all times. These include having at least two counsellors present with a group at all times, using a buddy system for bathroom breaks, and having a 1:1 or 1:2 counsellor to camper ratio during field trips for those in Kids and Kinder Camp, and a max 1:6 ratio for Youth Camp.

All of our leaders have committed to exemplifying safe behaviour as well as immediately and calmly addressing any dangerous behaviour in order to create a safe space for everyone.

We do this to ensure that the children will be in a safe and supportive environment where they can grow and learn while having fun!





# Health and Emergencies



Safety is our <u>number one</u> priority.

The Leadership Team (James Park, Lauren Lee, Sarah Choe, Paul Jang and Kaitlin Lee) has been certified in Standard First Aid & CPR/AED level C. Additionally, all of our counsellors have been trained in basic first aid. Should there be an emergency, the Leadership Team and counsellors will handle situations with the knowledge they have learned to the best of their ability, and parents or emergency contacts will be notified promptly.

In our proactivity to ensure every child's safety, each Monday we will start the morning off by practicing fire and lockdown drills.

If your child has any health conditions and/or carries medication, please make sure to notify Lauren Lee or James Park.

Additionally, we ask that your child has their medication with them during camp should we ever need to administer it.

The camp will not administer over-the-counter medications (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, Gravol, etc.) unless in an emergency, and will only administer prescription medications if needed.



## Drop-off ( )

Drop-off begins between 8:30am and 9am. Please drop your camper off at the Main Entrance of the Sanctuary (narthex). A counsellor will be at the registration desk inside to greet campers/parents/guardians. We ask that you sign the camper in during drop-off before leaving.

If your child is not feeling well, please do not bring them to camp.



## Pick-up

Pick-up begins between 4pm and 4:30pm. A counsellor will be at the registration desk inside to greet parents/guardians. The camper will be brought to the Main Entrance to meet you once they have been signed out.

## **Absences**



Campers safe arrival and departure is our priority. When your child is going to be absent from camp, you must notify us by telephone or by email. Please leave a detailed message with your child's full name, date of absence, reason for the absence and the expected date of return to camp. Sick children must stay home.

## Lunch & Snacks



St. Tim's Summer Camp will be providing the following meals for the campers each day:

- Morning snack
- Lunch
- Afternoon snack

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. St. Tim's will be providing nutritious, balanced meals to provide the campers with the energy they need throughout the day!

We are mindful of all our campers' allergies and have devised a Snack and Lunch Schedule accordingly. St. Tim's is a NUT FREE facility and will not be providing any snacks or lunch menus that have nuts.

\*If your camper has any specific dietary needs or allergies that were not previously communicated, please reach out to Lauren Lee at Isjlee@timothypc.com.

There is a strict NO sharing of food, snacks, water bottles, and utensils between campers and counsellors.

# How to Prepare for Camp

We understand that the first day of camp can be overwhelming for your child. Here are some tips on how to help prepare them for this big day!

If your child is worried that they do not know anyone, reassure them that there will be other kids just like them excited to make new friends! If they are ever sad or uncomfortable they should let a counsellor know. Counsellors will be their friend and ally their goal is to make your child's camp experience as great as possible!

## What to bring?



- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle
- Running shoes
- Extra clothing
- Camp T-shirt on Thursdays
- Extra masks (in a Ziplock bag)

### **Water Play**

- Bathing suit (and Floaties if needed)
- Change of clothes
- Towel
- Goggles
- Water shoes or flip flops



Please label all of your child's belongings!

St. Tim's is not responsible for lost or stolen items.





### **COVID-19 Policy**

As we learn to live with COVID-19, St. Tim's continues to consult the changing regulations and follow new updates and recommendations from healthcare professionals.

### **Mask Policy**



As provincial mask mandates have been lifted, St. Tim's Summer Camp has made the decision to make masks <u>optional</u> throughout the camp.

If you would prefer for your child(ren) to wear their mask throughout the camp, please provide 2 clean non-surgical masks in a labelled ziploc bag for necessary changes (i.e. in case the masks fall on the ground or get dirty).

### **Daily Health Screening**

Please keep your child(ren) home if they are sick or showing any symptoms of Covid-19. If they have come into close contact with someone who has or has been exposed to Covid-19, we ask that you keep your child(ren) at home and monitor for symptoms.

Hand sanitizer will be placed at all entrances for campers.

# Preparing for the Summer

July is a very hot month! We encourage our campers to bring their own reusable water bottle and to have extra clothes for water play. We will have a water station for children to refill their water bottles throughout the day.

Please note that afternoon activities will typically take place outdoors. Please ensure your child(ren) are dressed accordingly.

### Sunscreen



We ask that you apply sunscreen on your child(ren) prior to their arrival at St. Tim's Summer Camp. Please provide a bottle of labeled sunscreen, to be kept at the church so that it can be re-applied later in the day.



We will be going on a special field trip every Thursday! Campers will receive a camp t-shirt at the beginning of the week - they are required to wear the t-shirt on all field trip days. In the case of inclement weather, field trip dates will be subject to change. All details regarding changes will be communicated via email.

### Woodbine Beach (July 7)

Drop-off: Kipling Station Passenger Pick-Up between 8:30am to 9am Pick-up: at church between 4pm to 4:30pm (as per usual)

\*We will be taking public transit to and from the beach.

#### Toronto Zoo (July 14)

Drop-off: at church between 8:30am to 9am (as per usual) Pick-up: at church between 4pm to 4:30pm (as per usual)

\*We will be taking a school bus to and from the zoo.

### Friday Final Performance (July 15)

The campers will be showcasing everything that they learned during the week through a final performance of the musical "Godspell". Youth campers will be performing a praise song.

Performance begins at: 4pm

We encourage you to take the day off or leave work early to join us for the performance and light refreshments following the event. The program will end at approximately 6pm.

### Toronto Islands (July 21)

Drop-off: Kipling Station Passenger Pick-Up between 8:30am to 9am Pick-up: at church between 4:00pm to 4:30pm (as per usual)

\*We will be taking public transit to and from Toronto Islands.

#### Pool Party (July 22)

Josh Kim and Grace Cho (parents of two of our campers Nolan and Jordan) have graciously opened their house for a backyard pool party to finish off Adventure Week.

Drop-off: at church between 8:30am to 9am (as per usual) Pick-up: at church between 4pm to 4:30pm (as per usual)

\*We will be taking a school bus to and from the Kim's.

#### Koreatown (July 28)

Drop-off: Kipling Station Passenger Pick-Up between 8:30am to 9am Pick-up: at church between 4pm to 4:30pm (as per usual)

\*We will be taking public transit to and from Koreatown.

# Programs & Activities

We keep our campers very busy throughout the day with a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities.

<u>Every Tuesday:</u> We will be heading to West Deane Park after lunch to participate in outdoor activities.

\*Pick-up will be at church by 4pm-4:30pm (as per usual)

<u>Every Wednesday</u>: We will be heading to West Deane Outdoor Pool to swim.

\*Pick-up will be at church by 4pm-4:30pm (as per usual)

<u>Every Thursday:</u> We will be going on a special field trip each week.

\*Please refer to the Field Trip section of this guide for more details.

\*\*In the case of inclement weather, field trip dates will be subject to change. All details regarding changes will be communicated via email.

On the following page, you can find a sample monthly and weekly schedule of all the activities and programs happening at the camp.

### ST. TIM'S SUMMER CAMP

SAMPLE SCHEDULE



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30			DROP-OFF		
9:00	Bible Story	Bible Story	Bible Story		Bible Story
9:30	Music & Dance	Music & Dance	Music & Dance	)	Music & Dance
10:00	Object Lesson	Object Lesson	Object Lesson		Object Lesson
10:30			SNACKS		
11:00	Àrts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	Weekly	Arts & Grafts
11:30	Sports & Games	Sports & Games	Sports & Games	Theme Field Trip	Sports & Game
12:00			LUNCH		
1:00 to 4:00	Outdoor Activities	Park Time	Swimming		Outdoor Activities

## Contact Us

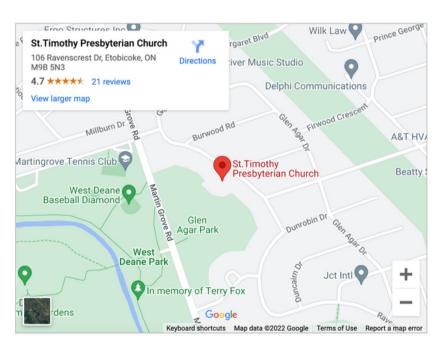
### **Day Camp Hours**

Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm

Drop-off: 8:30am to 9am Pick-up: 4pm to 4:30pm

### Location

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church 106 Ravenscrest Dr, Etobicoke ON, M9B 5N3



For any questions or concerns, please contact Lauren Lee at (416) 414-7337 OR Isjlee@timothypc.com.

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