

St. Tim's Summer Camp

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Guide to Summer Camp



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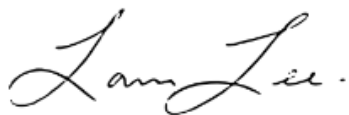
Welcome!

Dear parents (and campers),

We are so delighted to have your child(ren) join us this July for St. Tim's Summer Camp! The Summer Camp Team has been busy preparing for the camp and all the activities that the campers will participate in. Our jam-packed 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@timothyipc.com!

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



Lauren Lee

Lauren Lee
Camp Director



Pastor's Corner

Dear parents and campers,

We are so excited that you will be joining us this year for the St. Tim's Summer Camp! We will have a wonderful time of learning more about God, creating unforgettable memories and friendships, and having a blast!

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 beloved children of God and that they feel loved and cared for. Our goal is that the campers will learn that they are loved by God and called to share God's love with others!

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!



Pastor James Park
St. Tim's Kids Church



About Us

We have been preparing extensively for an amazing jam-packed summer camp experience for children in SK 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.



Meet the Counsellors



Pastor James Park

Hello! I am the Kids' Church Pastor at St. Tim's. I have completed 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!



Lauren Lee

Hi, I'm Lauren! I'll be studying at UofT OISE this fall for the MA-CSE program. I love community-based work, supporting children and youth, and hanging out with friends. I'm looking forward to meeting all the campers and sharing another joy-filled summer together!



Kaitlin Lee

Hello, my name is Kaitlin and I'll be studying Interactive Media this fall. I enjoy visual arts, music, and having fun! I look forward to sharing a wonderful summer with everyone at camp!



Matthew Lee

Hi I'm Matthew, I'm going into my 5th year at Western University in Kinesiology. I like working out, playing frisbee, and playing video games. I am very excited for the summer camp!

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Joel Kim

Hi, I'm Joel and starting next year I'll be a 3rd year Life Science student at UofT. Some things that I enjoy in my free time are playing video games and watching anime. One thing I hope for this summer is to can make great memories and have fun during the camp!



Kayla Rho

Hi, I'm Kayla and I'm going into my third year of university this year at UofT. I enjoy drawing and playing video games. I'm looking forward to creating meaningful bonds with both kids and fellow interns.



Caitlin Chung

Hi, I'm Caitlin and I'm going into my first year at TMU next year! Other than napping, my favourite hobbies include playing the guitar, reading, and watching movies. I'm super excited to meet all the campers and counsellors this summer and have a really blessed time altogether :)



Gene Song

Hi, I'm Gene and I'm heading into my 1st year of Rotman Commerce at UofT. I love to listen to music (especially Kanye), watch movies (my favourite is Puss in Boots: The Last Wish), and hang out with friends. I'm very excited to be apart of VBS and to make this the best summer ever!

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Charley Ngo

Hi, I'm Charley! I'm going into my 1st year at McMaster University this September. I like crocheting, drawing and listening to music. I am very excited to have fun with all the kids this summer!



Braeden Kim

Hi my name is Braeden. I'm going to school to become a future electrical technician. My hobbies are boxing and playing video games. I am looking forward to the water activities we have planned for this summer!



Stephanie Taylor

Hi, I'm Stephanie. I will be going into Grade 12 next year. I like pop music and watching movies. I'm excited to get to know the kids better and have a lot of fun with everyone!



Nicole Chung

Hi, I'm Nicole and I'm going to be in Grade 11 next year! I love noodles, shopping, listening to music, going on walks, and photography. I'm excited to get to know everyone and create new memories this summer!

Meet the Counsellors



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!



Taylor Yoon

Hi, I'm Taylor and I'll be going into Grade 10 next year. I love to play volleyball! I'm very excited to work as a counsellor this year and I hope to have a fun summer with all the kids!



Paul Jang

Hi I'm Paul. I will be graduating from Western University this summer. I am looking forward to having lots of fun!





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 maximum 1:3 counsellor to camper ratio during field trips for those in Kids Camp, and a maximum 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 number one priority.

The Leadership Team (James Park, Lauren Lee, 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 week 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 8:55am. Please drop your camper off at the Main Entrance (Kids Church entrance). 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 send them to camp.



Pick-up

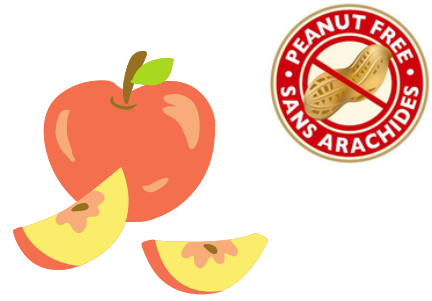
Pick-up is between 4pm and 4:30pm. Counsellors will be at the registration desk inside the Main Entrance (Kids Church entrance) to greet parents/guardians. The camper will be brought to the Main Entrance to meet you once they have been signed out.

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 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 lsjlee@timothyperc.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?

Every Day

- 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 optional 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.

Programs & Activities

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

Every Tuesday: We will be heading to West Deane Outdoor Pool to swim.

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

Every Thursday: 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.



We will be going on a special field trip every Thursday (minus Week 1)! 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.

Week 1

Downey's Farm (July 5)
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 farm.



Week 2

Centre Island (July 13)

Drop-off: Kipling Station

Passenger Pick-Up between
8:30am to 9am

Pick-up: Kipling Station

Passenger Pick-Up between
4pm to 4:30pm

*We will be taking public transit
to and from Centre Island.



Journey Final Performance (Friday July 14)

The campers will be showcasing
everything that they learned
during the past two week
through a final performance!
They will be performing dances,
a skit, and more!

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.

Week 3

High Park (July 20)

Drop-off: Kipling Station
Passenger Pick-Up between
8:30am to 9am
Pick-up: Kipling Station
Passenger Pick-Up between
4pm to 4:30pm

*We will be taking public transit
to and from High Park.



Youth Camp Final Performance (Friday July 21)

The youth campers will be showcasing everything that they learned during the past two week through a final performance!

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.

*This is event is for YOUTH CAMP campers and family only.

Week 4

Pool Party (July 27)

Josh Kim and Grace Cho (parents of campers Nolan and Jordan) have graciously opened their house for a backyard pool party.

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.



Go Beyond Final Performance (Friday July 28)

The campers will be showcasing everything that they learned during the past two week through a final performance! Campers will sing, dance, and share their talents!

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.

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 CAMP START SWIMMING	5 DOWNEY'S FARM	6	7 PARK DAY	8
		JOURNEY WEEK 1				
9	10 PARK DAY	11 SWIMMING	12 CENTRE ISLAND	13	14 KIDS CAMP FINAL PERFORMANCE	15
		JOURNEY WEEK 2				
16	17 PARK DAY	18 SWIMMING	19 HIGH PARK	20	21 YOUTH CAMP FINAL PERFORMANCE	22
		GOING BEYOND WEEK 3				
23	24 PARK DAY	25 SWIMMING	26 POOL PARTY	27	28 CAMP END KIDS CAMP FINAL PERFORMANCE	
		GOING BEYOND WEEK 4				

St. Tim's Summer Camp Sample Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45	DROP-OFF				
9:00	Bible Story	Bible Story	Bible Story		Bible Story
9:30	Music & Dance	Music & Dance	Music & Dance		Music & Dance
10:00	Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts		Arts & Crafts
10:30	SNACKS				
11:00	Cultural Activities & Games	Cultural Activities & Games	Cultural Activities & Games	Weekly Theme Field Trip	Cultural Activities & Games
11:30					
12:00	LUNCH				
1:00					
2:00	Park Time	Swimming	Outdoor Activities		Outdoor Activities
3:00					
3:30	PICK-UP				

Contact Us

Day Camp Hours

Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm

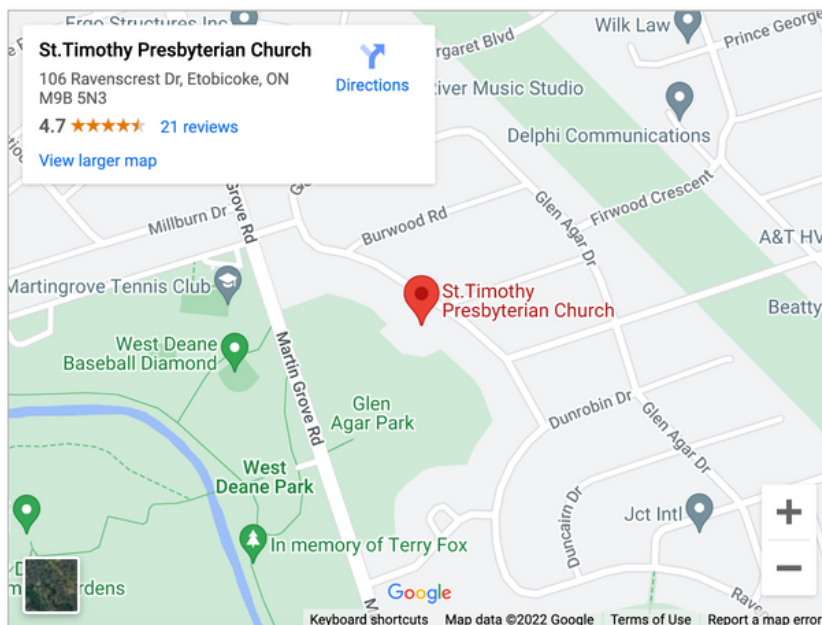
Drop-off: 8:30am to 8:55am

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 lsjlee@timothypc.com.

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