

# St. Tim's SUMMES SUMMES COMP

July 2025 Guide to Summer Camp





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### Welcome!

Dear parents (and campers),

We are so excited to be back for another summer of St. Tim's Summer Camp! The kids and youth camp we hold each summer is a vital and core part of our church's ministry. We plant seeds of faith for the present and future. The core mission of our camp is simple: Love. It is a place where God's love is central. In our training, thinking and interactions, we are always asking and praying how God's love might be present.

We believe this is the greatest gift our kids can receive. Every summer, we see kids and youth come alive as they are affirmed, loved and given space to be themselves. It is our deep joy to witness that. Love is the main ingredient that helps us achieve our motto every year of creating "the best camp ever". Thank you for entrusting your kids to our care. We look forward to a great summer together!

Sincerely,

The Pastors of St. Tim's

Rev. Simon Park Rev. Dave Lee Pastor James Park





### **About Us**

We have been preparing extensively for an amazing jampacked summer camp experience for children in SK all the way to Grade 8! 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 our Team



Rev. Simon Park

Hello! I began serving as a youth and young adult pastor at St. Timothy in 2016. After graduating from seminary at Knox College, I was ordained and joyfully serve as a minister for the English-Speaking Ministry at St. Tim's.



Rev. Dave Lee

Hello~ I'm one of the ministers at St. Tim's and I'm excited to be leading the Youth Camp this summer. I look forward to connecting with our youths and building special memories together over the month of July!



**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'm a teacher for K-6 who graduated from UofT OISE's MA-CSE program. Each year I find myself coming back to this camp because I love creating memories with all the campers. In my free time, I like to hang out with friends, play softball, and make pottery!



**Amy Chung** 

Hi, my name is Amy! I'm returning to summer camp with a Master's of Developmental Psychology. I'm excited to be back and to create meaningful memories with everyone. My camp experience has brought me so much joy and warmth, and I hope I can contribute to the making of lasting and heartfelt memories that campers can look back on for years to come!



Kaitlin Lee

Hello, my name is Kaitlin and I am studying Interactive Media. I am excited to be a camp counsellor for a 4<sup>th</sup> year. This summer camp has become a very precious experience for me in a new way each year. I hope to help the campers grow this sentiment for themselves as well!



**James Chung** 

Hello! My name is James and Im going into the 11th grade. I enjoy playing sports with friends and playing music! Since my start as a counsellor last year, I have been loving the community and having the ability to contribute to the long lasting memories of everyone here at St Tim's Summer Camp!



Jaiden Ngo

Hi, I'm Jaiden and I'll be going to UWaterloo next year for Mechatronics Engineering. 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!



Jungsup Lee

Hi! My name is Jungsup, and this is my first year at St. Timothy Presbyterian Camp. I'm moving up from Grade 11 and I enjoy playing sports, video games and reading books.



Kayla Rho

Hi, I'm Kayla and I'm going into my 4th year of university this year at UofT. I enjoy drawing and playing video games. I'm looking forward to creating meaningful bonds with both the youth and fellow interns.



**Yerin Kim** 

Hi, I'm Yerin, and I'll be going into Grade 10 next year. I like reading, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. I look forward to getting to know everyone and having a fun time together this summer!



Claire Sin

My name is Claire and I'm going into Grade 11 this year. I love working with kids and I'm excited to help out and make this summer fun for everyone.



**Surin Kim** 

Hi, I'm Surin, and I'll be going into Grade 10 next year. I'm excited to get to know everyone at summer camp this year!



Juaquin Galvan

Hi, I'm Juaquin and I'm going into Grade 12. I like bikes and cars, cycling, and playing basketball. I'm very excited to join St. Tim's Summer Camp this year!



**Caitlin Chung** 

Hi, I'm Caitlin and I'm in my 3rd year at TMU! Other than napping and yapping, my favourite hobbies include playing the drums, reading, and watching movies. I'm super excited to meet all the campers and counsellors this summer and have a really blessed time altogether:)



Sarah Choe

Hi! My name is Sarah and I'm going into my 4th year of Pharmacy. I enjoy both cooking and baking as well as reading! I'm looking forward to watching all of our campers grow closer to God and their peers this Summer.



**Gene Song** 

Hi, I'm Gene and I'm in my 3rd 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 a part of VBS and to make this the best summer ever!



**Rachel Chung** 

Hi, I'm Rachel and I'm going to Grade 11. I love shopping, drawing, and hanging out with friends. I'm excited to meet new people and have fun with everyone!



Caleb Ngo

Hello! My name is Caleb and I'm going into 10th grade. I like to play sports and play competitive volleyball. I also like to listen to music a lot. I'm looking forward to meeting all of the kids and having a great time with them!



## 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 1:6 counsellor to camper ratio during field trips for those in Kids Camp & 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 (Rev. Simon Park, Rev. Dave Lee, Pastor James Park, Lauren Lee, Amy Chung, 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 off by practicing fire and lockdown drills.

If your child has any health conditions and/or carries medication, please make sure to notify Rev. Simon Park, Rev. Dave Lee, Pastor James Park, or Lauren Lee. 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-thecounter medications (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, Gravol, etc.) unless in an emergency, and will only administer prescription medications if needed.

## Drop-off (Control of the Control of

Drop-off begins between 8:30am and 8:55am. Please drop your camper off at the Main Entrance (look for the welcome sign). 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 is between 4pm and 4:30pm.
Counsellors will be at the registration desk inside the
Main Entrance (look for the welcome sign) 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 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.

A weekly menu will be sent out each week.

\*If your camper has any specific dietary needs or allergies that were not previously communicated, please reach out at camp@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?

#### **Every Day**

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle
- Empty leak-proof lunch box (NO PlanetBox lunchboxes)
- Running shoes
- Extra clothing
- Camp T-shirt for Field Trips

#### **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.

## 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.

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

Week 1 and 2: we will be swimming on Friday Week 3: we will be swimming on Tuesday \*Pick-up will be at church at 4:30pm.

<u>Every Wednesday:</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.



We will be going on a special field trip <u>every Wednesday</u> (with the exception of Week 1, where we will be going on Thursday)! Campers will receive a camp t-shirt at the beginning of the week - they are <u>required to wear</u> 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

<u>Heart Lake Conservation Park</u> (July 3)

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

Pick-up: at church at 4:30pm

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



#### Week 2

Centre Island (July 9)

Drop-off: Kipling Station Passenger Pick-Up between

8:30am to 8:45am

Pick-up: Kipling Station
Passenger Pick-Up at 4:30pm

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



#### Week 3

Woodbine Beach (July 16)

Drop-off: Kipling Station Passenger Pick-Up between

8:30am to 8:45am

Pick-up: Kipling Station
Passenger Pick-Up at 4:30pm

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



### End-of-Camp Celebration



Camp Performance (Friday July 18)
Every year, campers showcase
everything that they learned over
the three weeks of summer camp in
a final end-of-camp performance!
During this time, campers sing,
dance, act and share their talents!

Performance begins at: 4pm

Join us afterwards for a BBQ and great time of celebration. The program will end at approximately 6pm.

#### ST. TIM'S SUMMER CAMP

SCHEDULE



| Time  | Monday                 | Tuesday                      | Wednesday  | Thursday                 | Friday                     |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8:45  |                        |                              | DROP-OFF   |                          |                            |
| 9:00  | Camp Circle            | Camp Circle                  |            | Camp Circle              | Camp Circle                |
| 9:30  | Park Time              | Praise &<br>Bible Lesson     |            | 9<br>Park Time           | Praise &<br>Bible Lesson   |
| 10:00 |                        | Rotation<br>Activities       |            |                          | Rotation<br>Activities     |
| 10:30 |                        | _                            | SNACKS     |                          |                            |
| 11:00 | Games                  | Programs<br>(Art, Taekwondo, |            | Games                    | Programs<br>(Art, Taekwond |
| 11:30 | &<br>Activities        | Music, Special<br>Activity)  | Field Trip | &<br>Activities          | Music, Specia<br>Activity) |
| 12:00 |                        |                              | LUNCH      |                          |                            |
| 1:00  | Praise & Bible Lesson  |                              |            | Praise &<br>Bible Lesson |                            |
| 2:00  | Rotation<br>Activities | Swimming                     |            | Rotation<br>Activities   | Camp-wide<br>Activities    |
| 3:00  | Programs (             |                              |            | Programs                 |                            |

### 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

#### **Contact Info**

For any questions or concerns, please contact us using one of the following methods:

Email to camp@timothypc.com

#### Call:

Rev. Simon Park at (416) 820-3540 Rev. Dave Lee at (647) 215-9921 Pastor James Park at (431) 777-7827 Lauren Lee at (416) 414-7337

