



Marygrove Camp - Acceptance of Application for 2011

If your child/children has/have been accepted to attend Camp Please read the following information carefully:

Very Important Information:

Children Requiring Special Accommodations:

We cannot accommodate children with severe medical conditions including acute asthma, difficult behavioural issues or severe allergies including allergies to peanuts, peanut products and bee stings. The Society reserves the right to determine whether a child's condition or concern is something with which the camp is able to manage. Accordingly, and in the best interests of your child, do not withhold important medical information.

Health Record - Dark Tan Card and General Health Information:

Please bring this card with you to the bus, or directly to the camp on departure day. Please read and complete both sides of the card. If your child is bringing medicine to camp, please ensure that the medication is labeled with your child's name and that the dosage is clearly indicated on the label. Medicine brought by the child will only be dispensed according to the specific directions on the label.

Over the counter medications including, but not limited to Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl or allergy medication containing antihistamines or cold preparations containing decongestants may be provided to a camper by the First Aid Attendant in instances where the camper develops a heavy cold, fever, headache or an allergic reaction. If you do not wish your child to receive any camp issued medicines, please note this on the child's Health Record.

Behaviour:

Campers are to follow the same type of guidelines regarding acceptable language and behaviour as expected at school. Campers who constantly use foul language, intimidate, threaten, damage property or compromise the enjoyment of others will most definitely jeopardize their return to Marygrove, and may even be sent home during the session. In accordance with the law, Campers are not permitted to smoke at Marygrove. Cigarettes and lighters will be confiscated and parents/guardians will be notified.

No Visitors, Calls or Cell Phones on Site:

Please be advised that we have a strict policy of no visitors or personal phone calls to campers. Emergency calls will be accepted by the Camp Director, the phone number is 705 549-8951. If your child is having undo difficulty adjusting to camp, we will contact you to discuss the situation. Visitors will not be permitted on the camp grounds as it can be disruptive to the program and upsetting to the children. In addition, many children are under protective custody. If you have concerns about your child, please call the Camp Director.

Campers are not permitted the use of cell phones while at camp. If your child arrives at camp with a cell phone, it will be held in safe keeping by the Camp Director. Campers who use cell phones while at camp, may jeopardize their stay.

Mail to camp often takes a week from the Toronto area. Please take this into account when sending mail to your child - and please only good news!! Mail will be returned if it arrives after your child has left, providing there is proper return information. Camp mailing address:

Child's name, Marygrove Camp, 1301 Champlain Road, R.R. #2, Penetang, Ont. L9M 1R2

Getting to and from Marygrove Camp:

Toronto Area Campers traveling by bus - don't forget your health record - the Tan card!

Campers traveling to Marygrove from the Toronto area by bus are picked up and dropped off at **Our Lady of Assumption Church**, 2565 Bathurst Street (north of Eglinton Avenue)

NOTE: NEW TIME FOR REGISTRATION

Registration Time - 8:45 am - over 130 children register, please allow time

****Departure Time - 9:30 am Return Time - 12:00 noon**

****At the time of departure, you must register the name of the person who will be picking your child up at the end of the session**

No parking in lot at back of church - Please use the parking lot at the side of the church.

Traveling by Public Transit - Take the Bloor Subway to Bathurst Street, Take any #7 Bathurst bus north to Roselawn (2 stops past Eglinton). Walk north 1 block.

Barrie Area Campers traveling by bus - don't forget your health record - the green card!

Campers traveling to Marygrove from the Barrie area by bus are picked up and dropped off at **St. John Vianney Church**, 13 Baldwin Lane (Essa Rd and Innisfil St).

****Departure Time - 10:30 am Return Time - 11:00 am**

****At the time of departure, you must register the name of the person who will be picking your child up at the end of the session**

Parking - back lot only please!

Campers arriving by private car - don't forget your health record - the tan card!

Arrival - Please arrive at Marygrove between 11:30 am and 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 29.

Leaving - Please pick up your child by 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 6.

Directions: Hwy 400 north to highway 93 to Penetang. Turn left at Robert Street (4th light), turn right at Champlain Road and follow for 10 kilometers to the Marygrove Camp gates, on the right hand side, #1301.

Session/ Theme	Day and Date for 2011
1 Canada Day	Wednesday June 29 – Wednesday July 6
2 Olympic Day	Friday July 8 – Friday July 15
3 Hawaiian Day	Monday July 18 – Monday July 25
4 Christmas Day	Wednesday July 27 - Wednesday August 3
5 Valentine's Day	Friday August 5 – Friday August 12
6 Halloween Day	Monday August 15 – Monday August 22
7 Fall Fair	Wednesday August 24 – Wednesday August 31

Camper Information:

Photography and Public Relations:

From time to time, photographs of the children participating in camp activities may be taken. In addition, photographs and names of campers attending Marygrove may be featured in the Toronto Star or other publications promoting camps. Unless you specifically notify the camp in writing, special permission will not be sought for the use of your child's photo or name in relation to activities associated with Marygrove Camp.

Head Lice:

Regrettably, head lice are a common occurrence at most camps including Marygrove. Despite your and our best efforts to eliminate it, it may still appear. We check campers on their first day and do our best to stay on top of this issue. However, your child should be checked for lice upon their return and treated accordingly. Marygrove Camp does not send children home during sessions if it is discovered they have head lice, we will do our best to contain it. Marygrove will not be held responsible for the contracting or spread of head lice - this is a problem that reaches far beyond the camp!

Shower/Clean Up Facilities:

Campers have limited access to "public pool" type showers once or twice during their stay. In addition, campers have unlimited access to hand washing sinks for general clean-up and they swim at least once per day. Campers who require more frequent showering, or require access to a bathtub, should have a note from their parent requesting the extra shower/tub time. Remember this is a camp - campers will get dirty, and so will their clothes - its part of the experience!

What to bring and what not to bring:

It really does help to have your child's name in their belongings - we do our best to help the campers keep track of their belongings, this job is made easier with names!

Packing check list:

Swimming suit(s)	Towels	Washcloth and soap	Sun hat and sunscreen
T - shirts	Long sleeved shirts	Shorts	Pants
Jacket	Rain jacket	Pyjamas	Underwear
Socks	Shoes	Water shoes/flip flops	Toothbrush & paste
Brush or Comb	Sanitary protection	Dirty laundry bag	Pillow case
Sleeping Bag or sheets	Medicine - labeled		

No valuables, cell phones, knives or money. Do not send expensive clothing - it's a camp!

If your child leaves something behind it will be kept at the Society's Head Office for a maximum of 10 days. If you find something in your child's bag upon her return, that is not hers, please consider returning it to the Society, it may be another child's prized possession.

Facilities:

We have cabins with bunk beds, except for our youngest campers who have single beds. The washroom cabin is located immediately behind the camper cabins, the youngest campers have washrooms in their buildings. The First Aid Cabin has single beds for those feeling under the weather or who simply need a little extra rest. We also have a dining hall, kitchen, games room, rec hall, craft cabin, art room, shower and washroom cabin and a lovely chapel on site.

A day at Marygrove Camp - Daily Schedule

The following outlines the basic daily schedule that the campers follow. The counsellors and program staff strive to make each day a little different and an unique experience for your child taking into account the wide variety of backgrounds, skills and interests that each child has.

8:00 am	Wake up
8:30 am	Flagpole, O Canada, Morning Prayer Breakfast
9:30 am	Cabin Clean up
10:00 - 12:00	Activities
12:15	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Quiet Activities
2:00 - 5:00	Activities
5:30	Supper
6:15 - 7:15	Free Time - camper choice of supervised activities
7:30 - 8:30	Flagpole Evening Activity
8:30	Snack Bedtime - quiet activities Senior campers - night activity continues

Campers attend Mass on Saturday evening

Daytime activities include a selection of the following (dependent on the weather and camper interest): swimming, canoeing, crafts, drama, dancing, sports, cooperative games and specialized programming. The park and basketball court are always big favourites! Each session has a special theme day - Canada Day, Olympic Day, Hawaiian Day, Christmas Day, Valentine's Day, Halloween and Fall Fair. Crafts and activities are geared towards the special day.

Night Activities include camp productions by campers and staff, camp wide games, campfires, scavenger hunts, beach activities and closing ceremonies.

Senior campers participate in after hours campfires, sports activities, star gazing and flashlight tag.

Meals: We serve three home cooked meals a day including lasagna, spaghetti, chicken, ham, salads, soups, macaroni and cheese, grilled cheese, sloppy joes, french toast and pancakes.

"I always remember my time at Marygrove and think of it often. I loved the swimming and games and chance to be outside. Camp is about meeting new friends and deciding not everyone is going to be a friend, late nights, early mornings, mosquito bites, sandy feet and having fun. It's a break from your life that everyone should have because you learn a lot about yourself when you are in a new environment - and what an environment it is!"
Theresa Quintal, former Marygrove Camper