



Thank you for registering your child for the 2022 Wilderness Archery Summer Camp with Barefoot Bushcraft.

Camp will be held at our location at 1874 Highway 20, in Fonthill Ontario near the Allanburg Bridge.

Wilderness Archery Summer camp will immerse your camper in nature culture and have many amazing adventures and come home with stories that will last a lifetime! Unlike many camps in the Niagara Region we have a focus on outdoor cultural immersion, nature connection, land stewardship, and learning wilderness skills as a way to increase personal development.

Our camps will have your camper learn many bushcraft and outdoor skills each week!:

- Fire building with Ferro rods
- Whittling (carving sticks)
- Archery
- Slingshot
- Shelter Building
- Craft Projects
- Leadership and team building skills
- Soapstone Carving

Throughout the week campers will spend at least one hour per day working on their custom-designed "fort" shelter which will become a sacred space for campers to relax, talk with each other, and discuss the day.

Camp runs Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. "Extended Care" is available from 8am to 5pm for an additional cost of \$10.00/h

Most days will follow a similar schedule which is listed as follows *(subject to change without notice)* :

- 09:00 – **Morning circle:** discuss rules, expectations, and daily activities
- 09:30 – **Games:** slack line, scavenger hunt, etc.
- 10:00 – **Snack Time**



10:15 – **Wandering:** time with counselors exploring nature, catching frogs, gathering sticks, etc.

11:00 – **Fort / Shelter Building time**

12:00 – **Lunch Hour**

13:00 – **Archery / Craft:** groups split in half

14:00 – **Archery / Craft:** Groups split in half

15:00 – 16:00 **Activities & structured free time**

16:00 – **Parent Arrival & Pick Up**

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY (weather dependant)

09:00 – Morning Circle

09:30 – Briefing for the day

10:00 - Snack Time

10:15 – depart our facility and head along Ergerter road*

11:30 – Take the boat across the Welland Canal

12:00 – Lunch & Iced Cream

13:00 – Splash Pad!

14:00 – Head back to camp

15:45 – Arrive back at camp

16:00 - **Parent Arrival & Pick Up**

*There will be a pace vehicle meeting campers at strategic key points along the journey. Those who are unable to bicycle or can no longer bicycle the route will ride in the pace car.

FRIDAY

This year we are going to have Friday a “late night”. The late night will be an interactive family event where campers and their family may attend and participate in the activities which campers were engaged in throughout the week. This night has a slightly different schedule (*subject to change without notice*):

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16:00 – **Parent Arrival &** exploration of property with camper

17:00 – **All camper / Family activity**

17:30 – **Fire starting by campers*** (*assuming fire ban is lifted*)

18:00 – **Hot Dogs** around the campfire*



19:00 – **Family archery / slingshot**

20:00 – **Closing Ceremonies**

20:30 – **End of camp week**

Bugs & Ticks: Due to climate change in recent years, the Niagara Region is now host to a large tick population. Thankfully in July the tick population is not active and tick bites are rare. The property normally quite wet and has a very large population of mosquitoes. In years past many campers have received mosquito bites, even when wearing bug spray. Campers are required to have a form of bug spray sent with them to protect from bites. Mesh bug jackets are also helpful.

First Aid: As much as staff members are careful, it's a fact of life that people get regular minor injuries in a woodland environment. Staff members are trained in first aid and will have small first aid kits on them at all times. There is also a larger first aid kit on the property. Minor injuries are reported to parents at the end of the day and parents will have the opportunity to read and sign-off on injury reports. In the unlikely event of a major injury, parents or guardians will be notified immediately and appropriate actions will be taken.

Weather: Camp runs in all weather. Muddy campers are happy campers. In the event there is a severe lightening storm camp will be cancelled for the day. Parents will be called before camp commences if this happens. If lightening rolls in during the camp day, campers will be gathered in a lightening-safe area and parents will be called. Due to fixed operating costs of camp, staff, etc. there will be no refunds due to lightening storm cancelations. This is because camp and staff costs are fixed.

Water: Campers are required to bring a refillable water bottle to the camp with their name on it. We will provide drinking water for campers to refill their bottles throughout the day. Staff are instructed to ensure campers drink regularly in the warm weather to prevent dehydration

Food: Campers are required to bring any food they may need including lunches and snacks for the day. Friday will have hot dogs provided for supper. Campers with special food requirements may bring their own food instead of hot dogs.



Animals: Barefoot Bushcraft owner Wolf will be keeping his Siberian Husky sled dogs on the property during camp operations. The dogs will be leashed at all times. Campers who do not feel comfortable around dogs will be encouraged to keep their distance. Both dogs are very friendly, well behaved, and love people. The property is a functioning farm and there will be horses, pigs, and other farm animals on the properties. Campers will be kept away from direct contact with the farm animals except under the direct supervision of camp staff and the property owners.

If there are any further questions please e-mail head counselor Wolf at wolf@barefootbushcraft.com or call 1-866-248-1362 x100 to speak with Wolf directly.