

## **Camper Application Package**

If you are 13-17 years old then this is your unique opportunity to experience the fun, awe and adventure of the wilderness! Winter Outlook can provide you with an introduction to camping and the outdoors through weekend overnight camping trips to Frontenac Provincial Park or the Queen's Biology Station. You will hike, explore, play games, practice your fire and shelter building skills and sleep in tarp shelters, quinzees or tents! During the winter months, we offer local activities such as escape room days, skating and hot chocolate, arts/crafts nights, and many more!

During the summer, we specialize in 7, 9 and 14 day canoe trips to Algonquin Park, involving paddling through lakes and rivers, and portaging through forests. It can be a challenging experience, but it is also a remarkably rewarding one. Our winter season is a great way to get comfortable with camping and wilderness exploring in case you want to apply for our upcoming summer season. For campers who are returning from their summer season and are interested in Fall/Winter Outlook, welcome back! We are excited to go on more adventures with you!

If you would like to go on a camping trip with Camp Outlook this fall or winter, be sure to carefully read and fill out the following:

- □ Camp Outlook Summary Information (2 pages)
- □ Camper Application Form (2 pages)
- □ Camper Tripping Agreement (1 page)
- □ Camper Information Form (4 pages)
- □ Camper Waiver (2 pages)
- □ Letter of Eligibility (1 page)

This package can be emailed to winter@campoutlook.ca, faxed to +1(-613) - 706--2172, or mailed to:

P.O. Box 811, Kingston ON, K7L 4X6.

Applications are always accepted and trips are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 613-544-6444 or email winter@campoutlook.ca.

We can't wait to see you this fall and winter!

Abby Shore & Joanna Semrau Camp Outlook Winter Directors 2021/2022



**To the Guardian:** We realize that right now you may be a little unsure of what Camp Outlook is. Hopefully this page and the entire package will further introduce you to our camp and what we do! Please take your time to read every page included in this application. There is valuable information in all of them, and the more you understand Camp Outlook, the more fun your camper will have!

What is Camp Outlook? Created in 1970 by a Queen's University Medical student, Camp Outlook is a nonprofit organization that believes in the benefits of wilderness adventures for youth. Volunteer staff devote their time to youth between the ages of 13 and 17 by leading weekend camping trips in the Kingston area throughout the fall and winter. During the summer we run 7, 9, and 14 day canoe trips in Algonquin Park.

What is a fall overnight trip like? After arriving at either Frontenac Provincial Park or the Queen's Biology Station, we will hike through the forest to reach our camping spot. We will set up camp and then begin our day of exploration in the woods, hiking and fun games. Campers will also have the chance to learn important camping and wilderness survival skills. At the end of the day, we will cook a tasty meal over a camp stove and roast marshmallows around a warm campfire. On fall overnight trips, we will sleep either in a tent or under a tarp shelter that we will construct! Wilderness camping trips can be physically challenging, but they are also a lot of fun and can be very rewarding. Campers do not need to be in top physical fitness to participate. However, we do ask that you please read the Camper Letter of Eligibility to ensure their ability to participate. Camping trips routinely consist of three or four staff and a maximum of eight campers – at least a 2:1 camper to staff ratio is always maintained. We run separate trips for both boys and girls, with co-ed staff. All staff are trained in first aid, CPR and wilderness skills.

What is a Winter/ Spring day trip like? In the winter and spring we cast away our tents and sleeping bags for single-day adventures around Kingston. Wanted to try rock climbing, visit a sugar bush or feed the local chickadees? This is your opportunity to explore all the adventure that Kingston has to offer. Day trips include hikes to Rock Dunder; cheering for the local Frontenacs at a hockey game, skating in Market Square, a games night at Minotaur and countless other opportunities. There are just so many possibilities to enjoy winter in Kingston!

What is the cost of Camp Outlook? There is no mandatory fee; however, due to our limited budget, we are requesting that parents/guardians/social agencies contribute financially to Camp Outlook, if possible. While we work hard to raise funds through community fundraising, any amount would be greatly appreciated. Donation information is confidential within the administrative staff and will not affect the camper's registration or tripping experience. Charitable tax receipts can be issued upon request.

Fall/Winter Camp Outlook Camper Applicat	tion Form	
Name:	Birth Year:	
Gender:		
Primary Contact for Camper:		
Contact Phone:		
Email:		
Mailing Address (number and street):		
City:		
Would you like to camp with a friend? List t	heir name(s) and we will try to put you together	· if

Have you attended Camp Outlook before?

When?

possible:

Fall Trip Dates: please mark **all** the dates you would like to go on trip: we will select from these! Please expect a call from us the night before your trip in order to confirm attendance. Winter Trip Dates: please mark which activities you would be interested in attending. We will be calling campers a week before the trip to check for availability.

#### Fall Weekend Trips:

Boy/Girl trips (circle one)	Escape room	
Oct. 16th-17th	Skating & hot chocolate	
Oct. 23th-24th	Snowshoeing	
Oct. 30th-31st	Maple Madness (Sugar Shack tour)	
Nov 6th-7 <sup>th</sup>	Winter hikes (Frontenac Park, Parrots	
	Bay, etc)	
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> ; day hike		

\_\_\_\_\_ Nov 13<sup>th</sup>; day hike \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 20<sup>th</sup> ; day hike \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 27<sup>th</sup> ; day hike

For Fall Camping Trips, Drop-off is at 9am Saturday, and Pick-up is 2-3pm Sunday. All Winter trips will be same-day activities. Details regarding drop-off and pick-up will be communicated over the phone a week before the activity day.

Drop-off and pick-up location will be St. James Church at 10 Union St., in Kingston, unless otherwise specified.

Winter Day Trips:

# Questions to be filled out by the camper:

(This will not affect eligibility, it's just a way for us to get to know you a little better!)

Why do you want to camp with us this fall/winter?

What kind of activities do you like?

Tell us something interesting about yourself!

Do you have any experience camping and hiking? If so, please describe.

How do you feel about going on a Camp Outlook trip?

*If filling out by hand, please print clearly* 

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# Camp Outlook Camper Tripping Agreement

### To be read and signed by the camper

In recognition of the realities of backcountry hiking & camping, Camp Outlook's staff and campers will follow the below principles while participating in Camp Outlook programs.

By reading and signing, campers commit to following these rules:

- 1. To behave respectfully towards fellow campers, the staff, and yourself, and be aware that other campers and staff on the trip may have differing views and opinions than your own.
- 2. To take part in an equal sharing of responsibilities and duties.
- 3. To be aware of and work towards creating a "safe place" on trip, free from negativity.
- 4. To be supportive and to ask for support from other campers and the staff in recognition that camping can be physically, emotionally, and mentally challenging.
- 5. To communicate issues or problems with other campers and the staff before they become a more serious issue.
- 6. To understand that there are rules that everyone on the trip must follow at all times to keep yourself and everyone else on the trip safe, to follow these rules, and to respect the staff when they enforce these rules.

I understand that the following things are prohibited at all times at Camp Outlook:

- Any form of violence or harm against others or yourself.
- Any form of sexual contact
- Any form of harassment, discrimination, abuse, or threats
- Any form of reckless behaviour that puts others or yourself in danger
- Weapons of any kind, or using any item as a weapon
- Alcohol, drugs, and any other controlled or illegal substance
- Intentionally damaging the camping gear, the natural environment, or wasting food

#### I have read, understand, and agree with all of the above.

Camper Signature	Date:
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You may type to sign.

*If filling out by hand, please print clearly* 

# **Camp Outlook Camper Information Form**

Camp Outlook involves a strenuous wilderness trip, sometimes several days away from help. While all of our staff are trained in first aid procedures, a full and complete medical history is necessary to plan a safe and enjoyable trip. If possible, have the camper see a doctor for a general check-up before their trip. If you are unsure about any of this information please contact a doctor. We require ALL information on this form to be completed before the camper goes on trip. This form is not designed to exclude campers, it is to ensure that we are prepared to meet their unique needs. All information in this form is kept confidential within the Camp Outlook staff. Please ask us if you have any questions about this form.

Full Legal Name:			
Birth Date: (YYYY-MM-DD)	Height:	Weight:	
Health Card Number:		Sex:	
Does the camper smoke? YES / NO If yes *If yes, does the camper have guardian pe	s, how much? ermission to smoke on trip	? YES / NO Initial:	
Has the camper wet their bed in the last th *Depending on the time of year and other		a safety concern	
Does the camper have a current tetanus s *The camper must have a valid tetanus sh		s) to go on trip.	
Is the camper taking any medication, press Medication Purpose/Use Schedule and Do *Please note that all medications are store carries any rescue medications (eg. Vento carry the medication with them, however w Please call us at 613-544-6444 if any of the	ose Possible Side Effects ed by staff members in the olin) it may be more appro we must be informed befo	e first aid kit. If the camper priate for the camper to rehand.	
We carry the following over-the-counter m Please circle YES if the camper CAN be g Ibuprofen (Advil): YES / NO Acetaminophen (Tylenol): YES / NO Dimenhydrinate (Gravol): YES / NO Diphenhydramine (Benadryl): YES / NO Calamine lotion (Caladryl): YES / NO			n:

Does the camper have any allergies (eg. food, bites, stings, plants, drugs)? YES / NO If yes, please describe the allergen, reaction, and severity and list treatment:

Antibacterial creams (Polysporin): YES / NO

Does the camper have special dietary needs or restrictions (eg. lactose free, gluten free, vegetarian)? YES / NO

If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Does the camper use any sensory or mobility aids (eg. glasses, hearing aid)? YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Does the camper experience motion sickness? YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Does the camper have autism, ADHD, ODD, learning difficulties, and/or other behavioural diagnoses? YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Does the camper have any history of depression, anxiety, self harm, running away and/or other mental health diagnoses? YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Does the camper have any history of violence, aggression, and/or sexual misconduct? YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Does the camper have any of the following: Any infections within the past 6 months (eg. chickenpox, meningitis). YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Any recent or recurring injuries (eg. twisted ankles, back pain, blisters, sunburns). YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Asthma and/or other lung/respiratory conditions and/or surgeries. YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

*High blood pressure and/or other heart/cardiovascular conditions and/or surgeries.* YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

*Ulcers and/or other stomach/intestinal/digestive conditions and/or surgeries.* YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Bladder infections and/or other kidney/bladder/urinary conditions and/or surgeries. YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Arthritis and/or other bone/joint/muscle/skin conditions and/or surgeries. YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

*Diabetes and/or other metabolic conditions and/or surgeries.* YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

*Epilepsy and/or other neurological conditions and/or surgeries.* YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

*Is potentially pregnant* YES / NO *Has any other medical condition not listed above.* YES / NO If yes, please describe and list any treatments:

Please attach additional information if more space is required

I give permission for Camp Outlook to contact the camper's doctor(s) if needed.
Doctor Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_

We **REQUIRE** 2 separate emergency contacts, living at different addresses (*eg.* relative, neighbour, friend, social worker) who will be available while the camper is on trip.

	Primary Contact	2nd Emergency Contact
Name		
Relation to Camper		
Area of Residence		
Primary Phone Number		
Secondary Phone Number(s)		

### Camp Outlook Camper Screening Process

While we require the above Information Form to be completed before going on trip, you must raise all possible issues with your doctor and with Camp Outlook. Very common sources of problems on Outlook trips are health and/or behavioural issues which were known to the camper, guardian, and/or referrer before the trip began. If the camper has a health or behavioural issue it does not necessarily mean that they will not be able to participate. If we know about an issue in advance we are usually able to accommodate it. In some cases however, it would not be in the best interest of the camper to go on the trip. In either case it is essential that we be aware of **ALL** possible concerns or considerations, both medical and behavioural. If you have any questions or concerns please call us at **613-544-6444**. Please use the space below to indicate any information, not outlined above, which Camp Outlook should be aware of:

### I have read this form and confirm that all information is current, complete, and accurate. I have read and understand the document entitled "Camp Outlook Letter of Eligibility" and have raised any potential issues with the Camp Outlook Camp Directors.

Camper Signature:	Date:
Guardian Name:	Relation to Camper:
Guardian Signature:	Date:

You may type to sign.

## Camp Outlook Camper Waiver

Outlook Camping Inc. ("Camp Outlook") offers a variety of wilderness and outdoor experiences. These activities involve vigorous exercise in wilderness areas where outside assistance is not immediately available. While our staff receive training in first aid and emergency procedures, and are obligated to follow our safety policy, the nature of the activities means that accidents are still possible. Camp Outlook and its staff cannot be held responsible for accidents that happen despite our reasonable efforts to avoid them. Furthermore, Camp Outlook is not responsible for incidents arising from failure of the camper to obey the instructions of the staff. By signing the form below you confirm that you are aware of the nature of the program and the risks involved, and that you agree to not hold Camp Outlook and its members and staff liable for injury and/or property damage. If you have any questions or concerns about the nature of the program or the risks involved, call Camp Outlook at 613-544-6444 before signing this form. It is your responsibility to ensure that the camper is physically and emotionally able to participate in Camp Outlook.

CONSENT AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR CAMP OUTLOOK

I, the undersigned Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_ ("the Camper") agree that:

1. I am fully aware that Camp Outlook involves rigorous exercise in a wilderness setting and that given the nature of the program a certain amount of risk is unavoidable. I am also aware that although the staff of Camp Outlook undergo training in first aid, water safety, and emergency procedures and are obliged to follow a strict safety policy, accidents are still possible, and in that knowledge I give my consent for the Camper to participate in the program.

2. In consideration for allowing the Camper to participate in the Camp Outlook's program I hereby waive, and release Camp Outlook and its members and staff from any and all claims against Camp Outlook, and its members and staff, in connection with any and all causes of action which may arise, other than because of the negligence of Camp Outlook, its members and staff, as a result of the Camper's participation in the program.

3. Furthermore, Camp Outlook is not responsible for and shall not be liable for incidents arising from the failure of the Camper to obey the instructions of the staff. **Please Initial:** 

4. I give permission for the Camper to be a passenger in the Camp Outlook bus, privately owned vehicles, and/or rental vehicles, driven by a Camp Outlook staff member. **Please Initial:**\_\_\_\_\_

5. I am aware of no physical or other concerns, which I have not disclosed to the Camper's doctor and to Camp Outlook, which may, in any way, affect the participation of the Camper in the Camp Outlook program. I have completed and not omitted any information from the "Camp Outlook Camper Information Form". **Please Initial:** 

6. I give consent to the staff of Camp Outlook to do what is necessary to care, provide for, protect, and supervise the Camper, which includes giving consent for emergency medical attention as necessary to ensure that the Camper is as safe as possible from further injury.

7. I have read and understand the document entitled "Camp Outlook Letter of Eligibility" and have informed Camp Outlook of all possible issues described in the Letter. **Please Initial:** 

8. I am aware that some Camp Outlook staff and campers bring cameras with them on trip for personal use. While Camp Outlook instructs its staff to not share or otherwise make available identifiable images of the Camper, I am aware that Camp Outlook cannot control and cannot be held responsible for the use of images or other recordings taken by other campers.

9. **Mark one: I DO** //**I DO NOT** give permission for non-identifiable images (silhouettes, etc.) or other recordings of the Camper captured during Camp Outlook activities, through any means, to be used solely for the purposes of Camp Outlook promotional materials and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership. Camp Outlook will not use identifiable images of the Camper for any purpose without first having additional explicit consent from both the Camper and their Guardian.

10. I am aware that there is no fee for the Camper to attend Camp Outlook. Any donation I make to Camp Outlook is voluntary, is not connected to the Camper going on the trip in any way, will not affect the Camper's experience in any way, and cannot be refunded for any reason.

11. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part, such invalidity or unenforceability shall attach only to such provision or part thereof and the remaining part of such provision and all other provisions thereof shall continue in full force and effect. I expressly agree that this agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the province of Ontario. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario.

### I have read, understand, and agree with all of the above.

Guardian Name:	Relation to Camper:
Guardian Signature:	Date:

You may type to sign.

### Camp Outlook Letter of Eligibility

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ARE FOR SAFETY REASO Depending on the situation we may be able to accommodate a camper with any of the following but we **MUST** be we beforehand so we can adequately prepare and ensure the safety of all involved. **We must know if the camper:** 

- 1. Is younger than 13 or older than 17;
- Weighs less than 90lbs (40kg) or more than 240lbs (110kg); or is shorter than 5'10" (180cm) and also weighs more (90kg);
- 3. Has, in the past year, wet their bed more than once a month and/or on consecutive nights;
- 4. Has been hospitalized for asthma and/or an allergic reaction in the previous year;
- 5. Has a severe allergy to food, insect stings (bee, wasp, hornet, ...), and/or other allergens to the extent that a doctor h a needle kit for treatment if they are exposed;
- Is epileptic and has had a seizure at any time in the last year, and/or has changed treatment medications within three scheduled tripping date;
- 7. Is potentially pregnant, diabetic, or has any chronic, recurring, and/or life threatening medical condition which may re hospitalization and/or may make it unsafe for them to be on the trip;
- 8. Has a history of running away, suicide attempts, serious mental health conditions, and/or serious psychiatric illness w make it unsafe for them to be on the trip;
- 9. Has a history of sexually abusive and/or molesting behaviour towards any other persons, of any gender, of any age, not limited to, acting in a sexually aggressive, sexually inappropriate, and/or sexually harassing manner;
- 10. Has history of violent behaviour including, but not limited to, violent behaviour involving weapons, an explosively viole and/or a history of aggressive behaviour towards others including, but not limited to, those in authority.

If any of this is unclear, or if you are unsure if a potential camper is eligible, please call us at **613-544-6444**. If they ar trip with us we may be able to suggest an alternative.