



Thank you for registering your child for the 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 life-time! 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

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



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will follow a similar schedule which is listed as follows (subject to change without notice) :

- ☞ Morning circle: discuss rules, expectations, and daily activities
- ☞ Games: scavenger hunt, etc.
- ☞ Snack Time
- ☞ Wandering: time with counsellors exploring nature, catching frogs, gathering sticks, etc.
- ☞ Fort / Shelter Building time
- ☞ Lunch Hour
- ☞ Archery / Knife & Axe throwing
- ☞ Activities & structured free time
- ☞ Parent Arrival & Pick Up

### **WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday is our big adventure day! Campers will leave shortly after 9:00am and head south across Highway 20 up Ergerter road to the farm road. From there they will head to Turner road and head east to the Welland Canal Recreational Trail. From there they will continue south to Bridge Street West. Campers will stop there for lunch and take the "Bridge-It" ferry across the Welland Canal and go to the Port Robinson Splashpad. From there, campers will be taken to Savonas Grocery where they will be able to choose ice cream, or freezie depending on diet. There is no additional cost to this. All campers are provided with ONE iced cream. (They may buy more at their own expense) From there, we cross the canal again and head back. We usually reach camp for around 4:00pm. The total walk is approximately 10 kilometres but campers get frequent rest stops. We also have an escort vehicle which meets us at every road crossing in the event there are issues. Please be sure that your camper can carry everything in one pack. **Do not send them with a cooler to carry the entire 10km.**



## 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. Camp still ends at 4pm followed by closing circle, and a pot-luck supper. Pot luck items will be chosen a few days before.



**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. Dogs are very friendly, well behaved, and love people. If there are any further questions please e-mail counsellor Wolf at [wolf@barefootbushcraft.com](mailto:wolf@barefootbushcraft.com) or message us through Facebook or instagram.