

# SUMMER

# Camps & More



2024

New Friends



Outdoor Activity



Playing & Learning



Please note that the camps listed in this guide are provided as a **RESOURCE** only. Families are to do their own research on what services and supports are provided at each camp to help determine if the camp would be a good fit for their child!

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**Pathways does not endorse these camps and it is a list of known opportunities and not meant to be a comprehensive list.**



# Special Needs Camps

**Special Needs Camps offer trained staff to help eliminate the barriers that your child may face if attending a mainstream camp. These camps will offer one to one or smaller group settings to ensure that your child is receiving the support needed. This will allow them to participate in a meaningful way and enjoy the summer camp experience with their peers. Here are some Special Needs Camps located in and around the Sarnia-Lambton area.**



## YMCA INCLUSION CAMP

YMCA Inclusion Camp is available for children with special needs and/or disabilities that are eligible and require assistance to successfully participate in all camp programming. Inclusion support is facilitated by our friendly inclusion counsellors (youth with at least one year of camp experience) and is offered at all day camp locations!

To register, go to their website and fill out their online intake form.



**For more information, visit their website:**  
**<https://www.ymcaswo.ca/day-camp-inclusion-support>**



## CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION SUMMER CAMP 2024

Conductive Education Summer Camps help children who have cognitive and motor impairment, such as cerebral palsy, dyspraxia, spina bifida and other neurological and mobility impairments. The program is for children 2-16 years old and will be hosted on July 1st until July 26th for Chatham and Sarnia families.



To Register, contact Christa at  
[christamaclaggan@icloud.com](mailto:christamaclaggan@icloud.com) or 519 384-5421

## COMMUNITY LIVING SARNIA-YOUTH ADVENTURE CAMP

Community Living Sarnia offers fun and adventures all Summer long in an inclusive and supportive camp environment. Camp is offered to individuals who have a physical and or developmental disability and may require extra support. Community Living will be sharing more information on their 2024 Camps soon.



For more information please contact:

Kristy Bodkin, Supervisor, Children's Respite

519-332-0560 or [kbodkin@communitylivingsarnia.org](mailto:kbodkin@communitylivingsarnia.org)



Catholic Youth Organization  
Children are at the heart of our mission

## CATHOLIC AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION CAMP (HAMILTON)

C.Y.O. aims to integrate children with special needs ages 6 to 13, into our mainstream camping programs. Our unique 'One-to-One' program offers short-term respite care by ensuring that a dedicated counsellor is given special training to handle the responsibility and challenges of providing assisted care to these special children while they participate in our C.Y.O. camping programs.

Please note that we are now happy to accept special needs campers ages 4-12 years old, providing them with one-to-one support during all our programs:



For more information, visit their website:

[http://cyo.on.ca/?page\\_id=162](http://cyo.on.ca/?page_id=162)



## CAMP WINSTON

Camp Winston is a unique retreat for children with complex neurobiological disorders who need highly specialized support. At Camp Winston, children have the opportunity to escape their ordinary and often challenging daily lives, connect with others in a way they've never experienced, and build life-long skills with the help and support of the dedicated and passionate Camp Winston staff. This Camp Winston also hosts an Autism Camp.



For more information, visit their website:

<https://campwinston.com>

Special Needs Camps



## CAMP KENNEBEC

Camp Kennebec is a wonderful summer camp for kids and teens with special needs, learning disabilities, and developmental delays including autism, Asperger's, ADHD, ADD, Down Syndrome, OCD, brain injury, anxiety, social skill and other challenges.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.campkennebec.com/>



## EASTER SEALS CAMP

Easter Seals Camp holds a multitude of physical and emotional benefits including the development of social skills, independence, self-esteem and confidence. For a child with a physical disability, improvement of these developmental traits is imperative to their growth. A summer camp experience allows a child to discover new physical capabilities while making friends, trying new activities, and navigating a world designed for their special needs.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.eastersealscamps.org/>



## CAMP SHALOM (MAINSTREAM AND SPECIAL NEEDS CAMP)

Camp Shalom is a Christian youth summer camp offering both kids camp and special needs camp. For over 50 years Camp Shalom has been a meeting place for friends and family to have fun and grow in their relationship.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://ontariochristiancamp.ca/kids-camp/>

Special Needs Camps

# Mainstream Camps

**Mainstream camps can work for your child, depending on your child's ability. To see if a camp will be a good fit, here are some steps to help ensure a successful camp selection:**

- Contact the camp in advance to book an appointment to meet with the coordinator and staff to discuss your child's needs and if there are additional staff that could help support your child.
- Create a biography page about your child. Include what makes them special, helpful hints on how you support your child. This helps better inform the staff on what makes your child special and also is a document that they can refer back to if needed.
- Please know that majority of camp counselors are either high school or college students with no previous experience work with children who have special needs. Please be open and honest to ensure a successful camp experience for your child. If you need help creating a biography page, please contact our Family Engagement Coordinator, Jennifer Howell at 519-542-3471 ext. 1291 or [jhowell@pathwayscentre.org](mailto:jhowell@pathwayscentre.org)



LAMBTON COLLEGE

## LAMBTON COLLEGE SUMMER CAMPS

Lambton College is offering a variety of academically enriched, curriculum focused and skill driven themed summer camps for children ages 6-13.



For more information, visit their website:  
[www.lclions.ca/Student\\_Life/2022\\_Summer\\_Camps](http://www.lclions.ca/Student_Life/2022_Summer_Camps)



or call 519-542-7751 ext. 3628

Mainstream Camps



## **SARNIA RIDING CLUB DAY CAMP**

Offers day camps filled with fun activities, crafts and adventures. Day Camp will be available to Member's only this summer. Please contact us for information on a membership!



For more information, visit their website:  
<http://sarniaridingclub.com/day-camps/>



## **LAMBTON CENTRE SUMMER CAMP (DAY AND OVERNIGHT CAMPS)**

The camp's focus is helping campers build self-confidence, promoting self-esteem and developing positive peer interaction with a Christian environment. Lambton Centre is the place where kids learn about who they are, and are challenged to strengthen themselves in both body and spirit.



For more information, visit their website:  
<http://lambtoncentre.com/summer-camp/>



## **YMCA SUMMER CAMP (OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE SARNIA-LAMBTON AREA DAY AND OVERNIGHT CAMPS)**

YMCA camps create experiences that last a lifetime. With dozens of indoor and outdoor day camp options through the school year and summer break, plus two exciting overnight destinations, we've got your family covered all year round.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.ymcaswo.ca/programs/camps>



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## BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB SUMMER CAMP

The Boys' and Girls' Club Summer Camp uses an integrated model of age-appropriate social, recreational and academic activities that involve proven strategies for building positive relationships, mentoring, conflict resolution, skill development, leadership training and leading a healthy active lifestyle.



For more information, visit their website:

<https://www.bgcsarnia.com/summer-day-camp>



MATH PLUS TUTORS

## MATH PLUS TUTORS

Sarnia's Premiere Learning Center is back with its renowned Summer Day Camp. With new councilors, exciting themes, and weeks of fun filled activities; Math Plus Tutors is guaranteeing our best day camp yet! We make learning exciting and fun!



For more information, visit their website:

<https://mathplustutors.ca/camps-and-clubs/>



## STEM SUMMER CAMP

STEM Camp is a not for profit organization founded in 2013, offering up fun and educational summer camp experiences for kids 5-13 all across Ontario, including Sarnia. With summer camp Sarnia, your camper will have the chance to grow their skills in science, technology, engineering and math while having an amazing time!



For more information, visit their website:

<https://stemcamp.ca/ontario-camp-locations/southwestern-ontario-m-z/summer-camp-sarnia/>

Mainstream Camps





## HOOPS BASKETBALL CAMP

HOOPS ALLSTAR Basketball Camp is a fun, motivational, off-season program through which your child can improve personal skills and develop individual talent in a positive, game-oriented framework that allows players to test their progress in daily competition.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://hoopsallstar.ca/news-and-start-dates-here/>



## HIDDEN TALENTS THEATRE CAMP

All camps will be packed with fun and educational activities in a supportive, creative environment.



For more information, visit their website: <https://www.hiddentalents.ca/summer-programs-1>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Carrie-Beauchamp-Hidden-Talents-157951007595414>



## TEMPLE BAPTIST SUMMER CAMP

**(THEY WILL ALLOW A RESPITE WORKER TO JOIN YOUR CHILD AT CAMP)**

Day camp filled with fun activities and afternoon outings (depending on age). For ages 4(must have completed JK) to 12 years of age.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://templesarnia.churrcenter.com/registrations/events>



## BLUEWATER GYMNASTICS

Exciting and active themed Summer Camps for ages 6 to 12. Children are to bring a peanut free lunch.

For more information, visit their website:



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://bluewatergymnastics.uplifterinc.com/pages/camp/>



## FOREST CLIFF CAMP (DAY CAMP)

Forest Cliff Camp has customized every aspect of their Day Camps to create unique, unforgettable experiences and new adventures for campers who have completed SK to grade 8. They've partnered with great churches in lots of different locations to encourage campers to learn more about themselves and to build life-long friendships and life-changing experiences.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.forestcliff.ca/>



## ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE SUMMER DAY CAMP

Kid's Grief Camp is for children who have experienced the death of a significant person. Campers get the opportunity to take their grief outside, connect with other grieving children, and engage in a variety of fun activities such as games, music, art, and more. Check out our Facebook page for upcoming 2024 Children's Grief Camp (coming soon).



For more information, visit their  
website: <https://www.stjosephshospice.ca/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsHospicesarnia/>



## APEX DANCE INDUSTRY

Apex Dance Industry offers weekly themed Summer Camps. More information about the 2024 camps coming soon!



For more information, visit their  
website: <https://www.apexdanceindustry.ca/summer-classes>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089081894515>

# Mainstream Overnight Camps located outside of Sarnia



**YMCA CAMP HENRY**

The first of its kind in the area, Camp Henry is a place where kids can just be kids, make new friends, explore and tackle new adventures. No matter their interest or ability, Henry has something for every child, aged 5-16. While singing songs around the campfire and experiencing new adventures, your child will build memories that last the entire year, and confidence that lasts a lifetime, supported by the Y's highly trained and caring staff.



For more information, visit their  
website: <https://www.ymcaswo.ca/camps/camp-henry>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ymcacamphenry/>



**FOREST CLIFF CAMP**

Forest Cliff Overnight Camp is Christian based, located on Lake Huron in Lambton Shores, ON. High adventure activities and programming take place on the 17 beautiful acres of lakefront property with camp weeks running from Sunday to Friday.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.forestcliff.ca/>



### **CIRCLE R RANCH CAMP (OVERNIGHT AND DAY CAMPS)**

At camp our mission is to provide all campers an opportunity for personal growth and development. Living and participating in a community setting offers campers a physically and emotionally safe venue for developing life-long friendships, a strong sense of belonging and increased self-esteem. Campers gain independence, learn about responsibility, and come to understand how their own actions can impact other people.



For more information, visit their website:

<http://www.circlerranch.ca/>



Camp Huron

**HURON CHURCH CAMP**

Huron Church Camp is a green and growing Anglican based residential Summer Camp community where children and youth gather to enjoy fun activities, share good food and make life-long friends in our beautiful outdoor setting on Lake Huron.



For more information, visit their

website: [www.huronchurchcamp.ca](http://www.huronchurchcamp.ca)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/camphuron>



**CANTERBURY HILLS CAMP (DAY AND OVERNIGHT CAMPS)**

Canterbury Hills Camp is an Ancaster based summer camp that has been operating for over 50 years. Their unique camping experience provides opportunities for children and youth to build community, engage in experiential learning and increase environmental awareness.



For more information, visit their website:

<https://canterburyhillscamp.ca/>



**CAMP SHALOM**  
**(OFFERING MAINSTREAM AND SPECIAL NEEDS CAMP)**

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For more information, visit their website:  
<https://ontariochristiancamp.ca/kids-camp/>



**CAMP KENESSERIE**

Kenesserie is a Christian based camp that offers a place of fun and growth. We offer traditional camp activities combined with themed program weeks (e.g., Harry Potter, Weird Science and Great Canadian Adventure). Campers will make new friends, try new things, play crazy games and form lifelong friendships. Our staff will be right beside them making sure they are safe and nurtured and encouraged in all they do.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.kenesserie.com/>



**PEARCE WILLIAMS CAMP**

Pearce Williams is a Christian based camp that provides campers with the opportunity to become part of a family, where they can take healthy risks, get rewarded for successes, develop self-esteem and life skills. In the meantime, they will learn about independence, interdependence, tolerance, responsibility, friendship and loyalty.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.campisbetter.com/>



**SILVER LAKE CAMP**  
SHARING the LOVE of CHRIST

**SILVER LAKE CAMP**

Located between Kincardine and Walkerton on 225-acre Silver Lake, this camp provides dynamic Christian camp programming.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://silverlakecamp.ca/>



**SILVER LAKE MENNONITE**

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is located just outside of Sauble Beach, Ontario. Experience the outdoors! By fostering the spirit and practice of community, Silver Lake nurtures exploration of nature, teaches peace with ourselves and others and promotes stewardship of our environment.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://slmc.ca/>



# Extra-curricular Activities & Daycare



## CHILDCARE IN SARNIA LAMBTON

The County of Lambton is pleased to offer OneList, an online centralized child care application and information service that simplifies the process of applying for childcare. Applying for childcare or getting on a waiting list is easier than ever. Get on OneList today. For more information, visit their website:



For more information, visit their website:  
[https://onehsn.com/lambton/ux\\_2\\_0](https://onehsn.com/lambton/ux_2_0)



## SARNIA COMMUNITY ACTIVITY GUIDE (SUMMER 2024 GUIDE COMING SOON)

The activity guide is available during the last week of March. The guide will provide families with day camps, activities and special events that will be happening in Sarnia and surrounding areas.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.sarnia.ca>



## EARLYON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

- Are places where parents, caregivers and children build strong relationships with each other and connect with other families and EarlyON professionals
- Offer a variety of programs and services that meet the unique needs of families with children ages 0-6 in an inclusive environment
- Are funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education through the County of Lambton



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://earlyonlambton.ca/>

All Lambton County Library locations offer regular programs for children ages 0 to 12 that are designed to stimulate and create an early interest in reading and literacy.



For more information, visit their  
website: <https://www.lclibrary.ca/en/index.aspx#>



**ELITE STABLES**

Riding lessons and programs for all levels of riders. They are conveniently located at 2316 Churchill Line, Sarnia. Please inquire through our FB page 'Send Message' button



For more information, visit their Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/EliteStablesSarnil.m/>



**SARNIA SCHOOL OF ARCHERY**

With weekly scheduled lessons, drop-in lessons, parties, and activities, the Sarnia School of Archery has something for everyone.  
Training can start as early as 6 years old and as late as 94 years old.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.sarniaschoolofarchery.com/>



**SARNIA SUPER NINJA OCR CLUB**

The Sarnia Super Ninja Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) Club offers a unique program that helps our participants not only build athleticism, but most importantly character.



For more information, visit their  
website: [www.superninjaocr.com](http://www.superninjaocr.com)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SuperNinjaOCR/>

Extra-Curricular & Daycare



# Respite Services



## **BLUE WATER RESPITE**

Blue Water Respite is a Lambton-Kent Community Private Organization that works with families by caring for and supporting children under the age of 18.



For more information, visit their  
website: <https://bluewaterrespite.dudaone.com/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bluewaterrespite/>



## **COMMUNITY LIVING SARNIA-LAMBTON**

Community Living can provide your family with both in-home respite support, as well as out-of-home respite support services geared specifically for children, youth and adults.



For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.communitylivingsarnia.org/services/family-respite-options>



Bartimaeus is a large agency that focuses on providing high quality, competency-based support (respite) services to children with behavioral challenges (i.e. Autism, etc.). They work with individuals of any age, and only hire university and college graduates who have a minimum of 5 years full-time working experience. Fees for respite can be \$40 per hour.



For more information, visit their website:  
<http://www.bartimaeus.com/>



or call 1-519-816-2728



***Please note that the camps listed in this guide are provided as a resource. Families are to do their own research on what services and supports are provided at each camp to help determine if the camp would be a good fit for their child!***



**Here are other websites to explore possible camps being offered in our community that may not be listed in our resource guide-**



**The Fox 99.9 radio station will provide Summer Camp information in late Spring. For more information, visit their website: <https://foxfm.com/>**



**Sarnia Mom Source is a website that offers information about events happening in the Sarnia-Lambton area. For more information, visit their website: <https://www.sarniamomsource.com/>**



**The Sarnia Community Activity Guide is available during the last week of March. The guide will provide families with day camps, activities and special events that will be happening in Sarnia and surrounding areas. For more information, visit their website: <https://www.sarnia.ca>**



***The Ontario Camps Association supports, advances, promotes and accredits camps throughout Ontario. Their vision is to enrich the lives of children, youth and families one camp at a time.***

***Resources found on this website are:***

- Funding and subsidies***
- Special Needs and Inclusion camps throughout Ontario***



***For more information, visit their website:  
<https://www.ontariocampsassociation.ca>***