



Shadow Lake News

Where choices change the lives of people with an intellectual disability



Summer 2018

We are getting ready for another fantastic season at Shadow Lake! We would like to update you on a number of changes that are impacting the camp and guest fees.

Over the past several months we have reviewed our summer camp program and determined that our current operational model can no longer support the changing needs of our guests and provide the quality of service we believe in and our guests deserve. Operational costs of the camp have increased significantly and we are required to make some difficult decisions in order to keep the camp running.

Regular camp sessions will be 5 days long, starting on Sunday at 10 AM, and ending on Thursday from 4-7 PM. All regular session camp fees have increased to \$1,500. The fee for children's camp increased to \$1900 – due to a higher staff to guest ratio.

We will no longer be able to provide accommodation for guests with multi-session stays. Guests can book multiple sessions, but we are not able to bridge those sessions together.

We understand that this has been a popular option for some guests in the past. We are currently exploring solutions for bridging sessions and will communicate any changes as soon as possible.

We have not made this decision lightly. For many years we have worked hard to keep fees as affordable as possible. After examining every possible option we determined that to maintain the Camp program we needed to make these changes.

We are proud to be able to say that thanks to a number of donations and grants, we were able to make significant upgrades to the camp where we did not need to pass on the costs to our guests, including, cabin renovations, making the camp more accessible, and upgrading the septic system.

Please note that Camp registration will be open at 9am on January 29th, 2018. You can register at www.MyCommunityHub.ca. Space is limited, so register early!

Thank you for continuing to share your summers with us at Shadow Lake Camp. We hope that this summer is an enjoyable and memorable one for you.

Winter 2018

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2018 SUMMER CAMP DATES AND FEES

Session	Dates	Session Price	Day Fee with Own Worker	Age Group
1	Sunday June 10 — Thursday June 14	\$1500	\$300	7+
2	Sunday June 17 — Thursday June 21	\$1500	\$300	7+
3	Sunday June 24 — Thursday June 28	\$1500	\$300	7+
4	Sunday July 1 — Thursday July 5	\$1500	\$300	7+
5	Sunday July 8 — Thursday July 12	\$1500	\$300	7+
6	Sunday July 15 — Thursday July 19	\$1500	\$300	7+
7	Sunday July 22 — Thursday July 26	\$1500	\$300	7+
8	Sunday July 29 — Thursday August 2	\$1500	\$300	7+
9	Sunday August 5 — Thursday August 9	\$1500	\$300	7+
10	Sunday August 12 — Thursday August 16	\$1900	\$300	7-16

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Camp starts on **Sunday at 10am** and then ends **Thursday at 4PM**. All guests must leave by 7pm.

Staff and Guest Ratio is 1:3 during waking hours and 1:1 staffing at times due to the changing needs of guests through out their stay.



Registration opens January 29th at 9AM

Register **ONLINE** using: MyCommunityHub.ca

Create an account today!

Register In Person: January 29, 2018 @9am

Locations:

20 Spadina Road at 9AM in the computer kiosk

1712 Ellesmere Rd. (Lawson) at 9AM in the computer lab

- **Assistance will be provided by Shadow Lake personnel**
- **Have payment ready to process at time of registration (Cheque or credit card)**

Friends of Shadow Lake Centre

Volunteer Groups and Supporters



Scotiabank

Over the years, we have had many groups and individuals who have helped fund some of our projects here at Shadow Lake Centre. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to them all!

Some of the amazing groups that have helped out include:

Rick Taylor from **Hub International** has been the lead in organizing our **Annual Shadow Lake Golf Tournament** for over 25 years, and just recently, **Linda Capeski** from **Hub International** has taken over for Rick. This tournament has been going on for 50 years and has helped raise over \$1 million dollars to provide the camp with new equipment, facility improvements, and recreational supplies.

For the last 3 years we have received funding from the **GJ Garden of Life Foundation**. Through their generosity we were able to install an accessible swing set in 2015, help make our picnic shelter more accessible through interlocking brick work and the installation of accessible picnic tables in 2016. This past year their generosity also provided the necessary funding to help make the camp fire pit more accessible.

Volunteers from **Scotiabank** have provided the camp with a day of service for the past several years. Last year we also had 35 employees from **VMWare** that came out to help! Dozens of volunteers come to the camp to paint buildings, rake leaves, wash windows, cut grass, and help us get the camp ready.



VMWare

What happens at Camp in the Winter?



You may not be aware that when our summer camp closes, our facilities are still open to community groups to rent out. Starting in September and ending mid-May we rent out the camp to such groups as: **Scouts, Guides, Schools, Faith Groups, Yoga Groups, Air Cadets, Musical Groups and many more!** Shadow Lake Centre has also been used in movies and TV commercials! Most groups rent from us on weekends and use our dining hall and cabins and several business groups use our facilities for meetings throughout the week. Tobogganing and cross country skiing are popular activities throughout the winter!

For more info call Gary at 416-317-0472



Thank you to our friends at the **Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund** for their continuous support of Shadow Lake Centre.

If you would like to get involved with Shadow Lake Centre you can start by becoming a member! Visit: shadowlakecentre.ca/member.html

Shadow Lake Centre Alumni

Shadow Lake has a rich history spanning more than 50 years providing a supported vacation opportunity for people with developmental disabilities. But did you also know that over 4,000 people have been employed at Shadow Lake since 1965. Many starting their careers within the field of Developmental Services at the camp. Others have gone on to become doctors, nurses, lawyers, business owners, teachers to name a few. The camp experience and memories last a lifetime and many former staff have developed friendships with the guests and their families that remain to this day.

Over the next year we will be reaching out to the many staff alumni who are interested in staying connected and supporting the camp in a variety of ways. If you are a staff alumni and want to remain engaged, stay tuned as we will have more information in the next newsletter. In the mean time, be sure to follow our Facebook page!

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Shadow Lake circa 1970's.

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