



Mt. Zion Church of Ontario

2025 Summer Day Camp Parents Information & Guidelines

On behalf of the staff and members of Mt. Zion Church of Ontario. **Welcome to Summer Day Camp! School's Out! Camp In !**

Summer Day Camp Overview

Welcome to the MTZO Summer Day Camp , a Christian camp dedicated to providing a fun and enriching experience for children. Each day begins with morning devotion and prayer, setting a positive tone for the day's activities. Our camp offers a variety of engaging activities, including weekly field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, outdoor recreation, and academic learning. We also provide free breakfast and lunch for all campers.

Our staff is carefully selected for their experience with and love for children. They are fun, responsible, and caring, ensuring that each camper receives individual attention. We maintain a low staff -to- camper ratio to provide personalized care.

All staff members are certified in CPR and First Aid and participate in ongoing training and professional development.



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Camp Hours

Open Registration begins: March 2, 2025

Summer Camp begins: Session 1 *Monday, June 2, through Friday, July 3, 2025*

***No camp June 19, 2025**

***No camp July 4, 2025**

Session 2: *Monday, July 7 through July 25, 2025*

Hours of Operation

Monday *through* Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Extended Care

7:00 am- 8:30 am

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Free breakfast: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

*The camp will be closed Thursday, June 19, 2025 (in observance of Juneteenth)

*The camp will be closed Friday, July 4th, 2025 (in observance of the 4th of July).

Session II Camp resume: Monday, July 7, 2025





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Camp Tuition and Fees:

Cost of Camp: \$170.00 per week/Camper

Two or more siblings: \$150.00 per week/Camper

A \$ 75.00 deposit is required at registration to hold your spot and is non-refundable if you cancel. The remaining balance is due for all the dates on June 1, 2025

Full-Time Camp: (4 to 5 days) = \$170.00 per week/camper

Two or more siblings (4 to 5 days) = \$150.00 per week/camper

Part-Time: (3 days or less) = \$125.00 per week/camper

Two or more siblings (3 days or less) = \$105.00 per week/camper

***Please Note:** Part time days are Monday through Wednesday or Tuesday through Thursday. **Part -time does not include day trips on Fridays.**

Campers may be dropped off and picked up at any time during the hours of operation. Specific drop-off/pick-up guidelines will be followed.

Staff to Camper Ratio:

The camper's ratio is two staff for every 14 campers (2 to 4).

How are groups arranged at camp and will all my children stay together?

The camper will stay on-site for the most part. Campers will be separated into age-appropriate groups. A typical way this would be done in grades 5-6 would be together, grades 3-4 together, grades 1-2 together, and Kindergarten together. Although they all do similar activities, the staff tailors each to a specific age group. Again, the goal is to ensure campers have fun and can complete activities. In addition, there are daily all-camp activities such as indoor/outdoor games and breakfast and lunch.



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Drop off & Pick-up Procedures

The camper may be dropped off as early as 8:30 am (if eating breakfast) and picked up as late as 4:00 pm. There will be a fee of \$5/ per camper if the camper is dropped off before camp starts and when camp is over (9:00 am- 4:00 pm).

- Parents will drop off campers at the designated area and check campers in.
- Pick-up will begin at 4:00 pm.
- Parents will pick up campers where they dropped them off.

Cell phones and Electronic Devices

Cell phones and electronic devices are allowed at camp; however, your child will always be responsible for all their belongings, which will be stored in a backpack when not in use. Cell phones and electronic devices will be allowed for campers to use during free play and downtime. Please note, if you decide your child can bring a cell phone or electronic device to camp, we recommend that your child only use their cell phone to communicate with you and for emergencies. Staff will monitor the usage or content of what they are doing or looking at on their phones or electronic devices.

However, if it is reported by anyone (Campers or staff) that your child is misusing their cell phones or device in any way: looking or listening to inappropriate images, videos, music, texting other campers (bullying), taking inappropriate photos, or disrupting camp activities at any time, etc. staff will take away phone or device without question and only return to parent at the end of the day. Staff will review the Day Camp Participant Rules with the parent, and your child will no longer be allowed to use a phone or electronic device at camp. No warning will be given!



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FAQs

What does a typical weekly schedule at Day Camp look like?

A weekly calendar will be given to the campers. The calendars are available on Fridays before the start of each week. They outline weekly activities and provide reminders. Below is a daily outline of a camp day. * The Daily schedule and Field trips are subject to change, and notice will be given prior to.

Monday – On-site at Mt. Zion -all day.

Tuesday – On-site at Mt. Zion -all day.

Wednesday – On-site at Mt. Zion -all day.

Thursday – On -site at Mt. Zion - all day.

***Friday – Swim Days / Trips alternate every other Friday**

What does my child need to bring every day to camp?

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided each day (optional). Each child is required to bring a snack. It is important to label your child's lunch and snacks with their name so that each item can be easily identified. Please make sure your child brings a water bottle. Water will be available.



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Camp Policies/ Procedure

Camp Behavior

Mt. Zion camp is designed to encourage learning academics such as reading, math, and spiritual understanding. All camp activities are designed to reinforce the four-character principles of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility. Please remind your child to be on his or her best behavior while at camp. Safety is our #1 priority.

If a camper's behavior is disruptive to the experience of others, appropriate action will be taken by the counselor. Most incidents are handled effectively by the staff. If behavior problems continue, we will always call parents or guardians to enlist your help. Campers who are continuously disruptive will be sent home from camp. There is no camper refund for any child sent home for disciplinary reasons. Any questions or concerns about your child's behavior at camp should be directed to Mrs. Yvonne, Camp Director.

Behavior Policy

Three Strike Behavior Policy:

If an issue cannot be resolved by the camper and counselor, appropriate action is taken.

Strike 1- Verbal warning and positive redirection

Strike 2- Parents will be notified, and the child will be given the last warning.

Strike 3- The parent will be called to take the child home from camp.



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Bullying Policies:

Strike 1- when a child chooses to threaten, intimidate, ostracize, or ridicule another child, they will be warned one time, and the camp director will call the parents.

Strike 2- Parents will be called to take the child home from camp.

Zero Violence Policy

Any act of violence or aggression towards participants, staff, or camp property will result in a child's immediate dismissal from camp. Violence and aggressive acts do include forms of emotional abuse.

Please note any action that jeopardizes the safety of the camp or any participant will result in immediate dismissal.

Absences

If your child is absent for any reason, please notify us as soon as possible at 909-415-4137. You may leave a message on our voicemail at any time. We are concerned when your child is not at camp. There is no camper fee refund for absences.

Emergencies

Please always keep the camp phone number with you during the week your child is at camp. If something happens to your child at camp, we will always contact you. Be sure MT Zion has all possible phone numbers where you can be reached. If unavailable, we will call your emergency contacts listed on the Camper Emergency Contact Form.

Illness

All campers are required to have a completed health form. If your child becomes ill while at camp, we will notify you and ask you to come and pick up your child as soon as possible. If you are not available, we will call the emergency number listed on the Camper Emergency Forms. Please keep all



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this information up to date for your child's safety. The camp director will make sure your child is well cared for until you arrive. The camper must be fever-free for 24 hours to return to camp. There are no refunds for days missed due to illness without a doctor's excuse.

Medication

When you sign- in your child on the first morning, please give the medication to the camp staff responsible for handling the sign-in procedures. Please do not send any medication to your child. Medication must be in its original container with the child's name, the type and name of the medication, and the dosage marked. If your child needs medication more than once per day, please give the morning dose at home. Please do not send over -the -counter medications.

Camp staff will be available to assist the campers. If you have safety or medication concerns, please call 909-415-4137.

Lost & Found

Please write your camper's name on all items brought to camp. Lost and found items will be kept in the children's center storage room. Mt. Zion is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please do not bring anything of value to the camp.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Refund requests must be in writing. However, help ensure you receive a refund on your camp fees minus a \$50.00 non-funded deposit. All cancellations made less than one week before the start of camp are non-refundable. There is no camper fee refund for any child who leaves camp because of being homesick or sent home for any disciplinary reason.



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Trips are subject to be changed.

Trip Release and Liability

Camper's Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

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Campers' Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

By signing this form, I give my children or child permission to participate in the Mt. Zion 2025 Summer Day Camp Program. I also further agree that by signing this form, I AM SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE INTENT TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS IN ADVANCE MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS CONCERNING ALL POSSIBLE LIABILITY FOR INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, AND/OR DEATH, EVEN IF CAUSED BY THE ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY MT. ZION CHURCH OF ONTARIO PARTIES, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BY SIGNING THE SAME I AM GIVING UP IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS

Print Name: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Photo Consent Form

Please carefully review the following waivers, check the appropriate boxes (one box in each section), then sign below. Each family must return a completed form to the center. The use of photographs by the Mt. Zion Summer Day Camp (MTZ) of your child(ren) is at the discretion of the parent(s).

SECTION ONE: ☐

☐ I give permission for a photo image of my child to be used on bulletin boards and newsletters given to families who register in the camp.

OR

☐ I do not give permission for a photo image of my child to be used on bulletin boards and newsletters given to families who register in the camp.

SECTION TWO:

☐ I give permission for a photo image of my child to be used for promotional purposes on the Mt. Zion Summer Day Camp social media platform (website, Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook)

OR

☐ I do not give permission for a photo image of my child to be used for promotional purposes on the Mt. Zion Summer Day Camp social media platform website, Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook).

Child's Name: _____

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Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____