

## Summer Camps

In Canada, many children go to summer camps during their summer vacations. There are many different kinds of summer camps such as technology camps, art camps, language camps, academic camps, sports camps and adventure camps. They are offered through community centers, churches, schools and many other organizations. Parents must register their kids in advance for these camps because sometimes the camps fill up very quickly.



### ⚙ Day Camps

Day camps usually have the same hours as a school day. They sometimes include day-trips to various kid-friendly locations.

### ⚙ Overnight Camps

At these camps kids sleep away from home. There are different types of camps and different lengths as well.



Check out your local community center for information. The YMCA also has many different camps. Here is the website for greater Vancouver: <http://www.vanymca.org/camps/>

### ⚙ Summer Reading Clubs

- Summer reading clubs are available for school age children at public libraries BC.
- For more information on this year's summer reading club go to <http://kidssrc.bclibrary.ca/> or the website for your local library.
- For copies of *Summer Reading Tips for Parents* in different languages go to <http://www.surreylibraries.ca/programs-services/5370.aspx>



### Tax info corner



Some tax credits are available for summer camps. Click on the links below for more information.

- ❖ **Children's fitness tax credit**  
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness/>
- ❖ **Children's arts tax credit**  
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/artscredit/>
- ❖ **Childcare expenses**  
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/ddctns/lns206-236/214/menu-eng.html>

### ❖ Recreation Subsidy

**Most municipalities offer recreation subsidies to low income families. Ask for an application at your local community centre.**



### Ideas for Teachers

- Have students locate an application form for a recreation subsidy for their municipality. (For example, they could google “recreation subsidy Surrey” which would result in finding information about an application form for Surrey’s Leisure Access Program.) Have students practice filling out the application form using their own information, or made up information.
- Have students role play calling someone to follow up on their subsidy application or to get more information about day camp options for their child.
- Have students write an email to enquire about volunteering at a day camp.
- Have groups of students look for info on different camps in their communities and present the information they find.