

## **CAMP AVALON POLICIES 2024**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our campers and their families. In order to ensure that both you and your child(ren) have a satisfying and safe camp experience, we have prepared the following information. Please review it prior to registration.

Camp Avalon reserves the right to change the policies at any time and families will be apprised of any changes.

**OUR MISSION**: Our mission is to provide a fun and safe camp experience for all participants. We are an LGBTQ+ friendly community.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY**: Our aim is to provide a stress free, enjoyable camp experience for the entire family. Children can play, learn and discover as they participate in a variety of academic and recreational activities while parents can send their children to Camp Avalon, knowing they are being cared for by responsible and caring adults.

**OUR CAMP PROGRAM**: Camp Avalon is a day camp, providing assorted academic activities and experiences for children ages 5-8 years old. It runs Monday through Friday from 9 am – 4 pm. We are located at 65 Glen Manor Drive, Toronto, ON M4E 3V3. Prior to the commencement of camp, a schedule of activities will be made available.

**CAMP STAFF**: The experience gained by our campers is made possible by our dedicated staff, whose enthusiasm and love of children are one of the reasons our campers have such a positive experience. Our program is teacher led, allowing students the opportunity to maintain and build their academics and also engage in a variety of creative activities. Staff has developed the skills necessary to be wonderful role models for your child and will strive to make sure that every day at Camp Avalon is fun and exciting.

**REGISTRATION**: Parents are required to complete in full a Registration Form for each eligible child. Camp Avalon will notify parents via phone or email to arrange payment when the Registration Form has been received. Registration is completed once payment has been processed. Payments can be made by e-transfer or credit card.

**TRANSPORTATION**: Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from Camp Avalon. We understand that parents are busy people and from time to time everyone is late to arrive. However, parents who are consistently late to pick up their child from camp may be withdrawn from the program. You will be charged a late pick up fee if staff are required to stay late to supervise.

**ATTENDANCE**: If your child will be absent or late for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by calling or texting **416-768-9412 or emailing office@avalonmontessori.ca**. In the event of a late arrival, please understand that your child may miss the opportunity to participate in a scheduled activity and we cannot guarantee where we will be. Please ring the doorbell or look for information that may be posted.

**CLOTHING:** Your child should be dressed in clothing that is appropriate for physical activity and the weather. They will be active, may be outdoors at times and may get dirty! Shoes must be non-marking for indoor activities and worn at all times.

**WEATHER:** Camp will continue during days with humidex warnings, however the daily schedule and activities will be modified accordingly. Likewise for days with rain or inclement weather. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that campers arrive each day with sunscreen already applied on their child. Please send extra sunscreen for your child to reapply if necessary and please label the bottle.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP:** All campers will be dropped off at the foot of Glen Manor Drive by 9:00am and picked up at the same location by 4:00pm. In the case of inclement weather, drop off/pick up +will be done at Camp Avalon, 65 Glen Manor Drive. You will be notified of any changes, whenever possible. Your understanding is appreciated.

**LUNCHES AND SNACKS**: Please send a lunch, 2 snacks and a labelled reusable water bottle each day. Campers do not have access to a fridge or microwave. We are NUT AWARE and ask that all food be nut free. Please note on the Registration Form any food allergies, sensitivities or diet restrictions. We discourage sharing of any foods to ensure the safety, respect and dietary wishes of all our campers. Staff will eat with the campers and actively supervise during lunch and snack times. We have a process in place that supports those with life threatening allergies and ensures the appropriate responses take place should there be an emergency of any kind.

**RELEASING CAMPERS**: Please inform us if your child is to be picked up by someone who is not listed on the registration form or someone we have not met. Staff will need the person's full name ahead of time and will ask to see photo identification upon arrival. This is for safety and security reasons only.

**ILLNESS**: Please do not send your child to camp when ill or injured. If, upon arrival, a child appears unable to participate in the day's activities, Staff has the right to refuse admittance. Parents will be called if a child becomes ill, shows symptoms of illness, or becomes injured. Should this occur, please pick up your child as soon as possible. This is for the benefit of all the campers, including your own.

**ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**: If your child requires prescription medication on a regular basis or in an emergency (i.e. Epi-pen), you MUST speak with a camp staff member prior to or on the first day of camp to ensure you complete the appropriate medical authorization forms. Staff will only administer medication prescribed by a physician. The medication must be in the original bottle and labelled with the child's name. Over-the-counter drugs and other medication not prescribed by a physician will not be administered to a child. This is for the safety of your child.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Parents are asked NOT to send books, toys, electronics, cell phones or money to camp unless specifically requested to do so. We cannot be responsible for any lost jewellery, clothing, money or other items.

**PRIVACY**: The privacy of everyone involved with Camp Avalon is respected, in accordance with PIPEDA, the Personal Information Protection and Electronics Act. Please speak to a staff member for a copy of these policies.

**CODE OF CONDUCT**: All children, parents and staff associated with Camp Avalon are required to adhere to the following Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in discharge from the Camp.

- Conflicts with other campers or parents should be reported to camp staff.
- Treat any camp related facility with respect and leave it the way you found it.
- Conduct yourself in a responsible, respectful manner
- Display a positive attitude at all times and be supportive of others.
- Come prepared to participate.
- Follow the camp policies at all times.
- Disrespect, verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated at any time by children, parents or staff.

Remember that everyone at Camp Avalon is devoted to the children. We want the experience to be fun and safe for everyone involved and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!