



YMCA Toronto Island camp moves to Ontario Place

YMCA GTA and Ontario Place re-create the Toronto Island experience for campers

TORONTO – July 5, 2017 – The YMCA of Greater Toronto is extremely happy to announce that this summer [Toronto Island YMCA Day Camp](#) will be operating on the West Island of Ontario Place. Yesterday, the West Island welcomed more than 200 YMCA campers on the first day of camp!

Parents do not need to re-register their campers. All planned programming unique to Toronto Island YMCA Day Camp will now take place on the West Island of Ontario Place for the next nine weeks.

In response to ongoing flooding at our Toronto Island Day Camp location, the YMCA worked tirelessly to ensure that every camper will still have a unique outdoor day camp experience – and that campers will remain active and engaged in a safe and fun environment this summer.



“We are very excited to bring our Toronto Island camp to Ontario Place. The property has plenty of green space for sports, archery and outdoor games, sheltered waterways for canoeing and kayaking, trails for mountain biking, and shelters perfect for campers to make their favourite crafts,” Leigh Coffey, Manager, YMCA Day Camps, says excitedly about what the YMCA will offer campers this summer.

The YMCA worked closely with community partners to ensure that every camper has an exceptional experience. Ontario Place’s West Island allows the YMCA to continue to provide quality outdoor programming for approximately 250 campers per week who are registered for Camp on the Toronto Island this summer.

“I am thrilled that Ontario Place will be hosting the YMCA Toronto Island camp this summer,” said Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. “To help celebrate Ontario’s 150th anniversary, we are welcoming people back to this iconic waterfront destination, and the YMCA camp is a wonderful opportunity for a whole new generation to create summer memories at Ontario Place.”

The new Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail at Ontario Place was officially unveiled during a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 19. Previously a parking lot, the park and trail is 7.5 acres of public green space on a spectacular part of Toronto’s waterfront. The space includes an open-air pavilion inspired by evergreen forests and the iconic structures of Ontario Place, a 1.3 km waterfront trail, as well as many other features to explore. This will provide plenty of new and unique areas for campers to enjoy this summer at YMCA Day Camp and beyond.



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About [YMCA Day Camps](#)

YMCAGTA is proud to offer more than 60 day camp programs available at 48 Day Camp locations in conservation and urban settings across the GTA. Our value-based Day Camp programs engage children and youth, allowing them to learn new skills that build their confidence while making new friends and create lasting memories. Programs range from creative arts and cooking, film making to science programs, swimming lessons, outdoor adventure and more. Discover more unique YMCA Day Camps and [hidden gems on the blog](#).