



GAMIING NATURE CENTRE

Lindsay ON K9V 4R5
1884 Pigeon Lake Road

Gamiing (gaa-'ming) is Ojibwa, meaning "at the shore "
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Naturally for Kids!!

2019



Hello and welcome to '**Naturally for Kids**' Summer Nature Camp !

You will find enclosed the following documents:

1. Camp Information
2. Logistical Information
3. Release Forms
4. General Registration Form
5. Day Camp Check List
6. Program Brochure

Please read through them carefully and return your registration, release forms, camper information and payment through the option which works best for you. Registration is not complete until payment has been received. Upon receiving your payment, your registration will be finalized, and your child's placement in camp will be secure. We will notify you by email or phone when your registration is complete.

Thank you for choosing 'Naturally for Kids' Summer Nature Camp. We are really looking forward to seeing you this summer.

Happy Camping !!!

Sincerely,

Amy
Camp Counsellor



Summer Day Camps 2019 at GAMIING 'Naturally for Kids'

Ages: 6-12

Camp 1: July 2-5
Camp 2: July 8-12
Camp 3: July 15-19
Camp 4: July 22-26
Camp 5: July 29-August 2

Day Starts: 9AM
Day Ends: 4PM

NOW OFFERING 8:30AM DROP OFF \$10/DAY (PLEASE NOTE DAYS AND ADD ONTO COST IN TOTAL IN TABLE ON PAGE 8)

Each Day Camp has a maximum of 6 participants to ensure that all children can become and EcoGuardian.

What is an EcoGuardian?

An EcoGuardian is a person, no matter what age, who knows his or her place in nature; knows that humans and wildlife share environments; takes steps to learn more about this, and practices healthy living in harmony with nature.

Our Camp Program focuses on discoveries in the natural world, be it in the forest, the wetland or meadows. New discoveries are made each day. Exploration of habitats, animal tracking and survival skills will help in understanding of our place in nature.

Each day starts in the Discovery Shack with a game that relates to the theme of the day and the Camp will conclude with a Show and Share for parents, friends and relatives on the last day of Camp.

Cost: The cost of the Day Camp is \$150.00 for the first child and \$125.00 for each subsequent child. There is a \$50.00 deposit to be paid for by June 14, with the balance due on the first day of Camp.

Please make cheque payable to: GAMIING Inc.

When paying with a credit card, please note to add \$10.00 to cover our cost of processing.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CAMPERS

What you and your camper can expect on the first day.

As soon as the children have arrived and are settled in, an official welcome will be made. An introduction to the staff and any housekeeping issues will be addressed as well as an outline of the weeks activities. This year the camp overall theme is: "I want to make my footprint smaller". Each day will address a component of the theme, something the children can take home and practice at home.

The First Day

The children will be introduced to:

The 'Story of GAMIING'

The 3.5 acres with nursery and greenhouse, ponds and stream

A hike along a part of the interpretive trail system to the lake

Identification of plants and animal tracks

Web of Life activities

Wrap-up of the day, and preparation for the next day.

The camp leaders will watch the children closely for signs of homesickness. If your child is anxious, be prepared to stay awhile until she/he is settled in.

When talking about the Day Camp

To help your camper feel at ease about day camp, try to build up enthusiasm for the experience, especially if it is the first time at camp. Let them know how enjoyable the camp experience will be, he/she will make new friends and learn new skills, interesting facts and have an all around good time at camp.



LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Programs take place at GAMIING Nature Centre, 1884 Pigeon Lake Road (#17), just 15 minutes south of Bobcaygeon and 25 minutes east of Lindsay.

From Bobcaygeon: travel south on County Road #36, turn left just past the Ford Dealership onto Pigeon Lake Road (formerly County Road #17), and travel for approximately 12 km. GAMIING is on the left (south side).

From Lindsay: travel east on Queen Street, cross County Road #36 onto Pigeon Lake Road (formerly County Road #17), and travel approximately 19 km. GAMIING is on the right (south side).

From Peterborough: take Highway #7 west to Emily Park Road (formerly County Road #10), turn north on Emily Park Rd and travel approximately 2 km, turn west (just past the park) onto County Road #14, travel approx. 1km, turn right (north) onto Centerline Road (first road over the bridge), travel until you reach the volunteer fire hall, turn right (east) onto Pigeon Lake Road, and travel approximately 5 km to GAMIING. GAMIING is on the right (south side).

Please meet in the Discovery Shack, next to the parking lot at the west driveway.

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY

Download a Program Registration Form to mail, email or drop off.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, etransfer or credit care. (please note additional chargers for credit card) make cheques payable to: GAMIING Inc. We will confirm by phone, email, or in person as soon as your registration is complete.

Options 1 and 2 – Mail or Drop Off

Print off and fill out the Program Registration Form. Mail or drop off your form and payment to:

GAMIING Nature Centre
1884 Pigeon Lake Road
Lindsay, ON K9V 4R5

If the Nature Centre is closed, you can drop your form and payment off any day of the week, at any time, in our locked mail/donation box. Mail is picked up daily. Take the driveway into the parking lot; the box is at the parking lot .

Option 3 – Email

Print off and fill out the Program Registration Form, scan it an email it to office@gamiing.org
Please email office@gamiing.org etransfer, and make sure to call/email us the password promptly.

Option 4 – credit card and PayPal payment

Please note to add \$10.00 to your payment to cover the processing costs.
Email office@gamiing.org to set up credit card payment.



CANCELLATION POLICY

Plans can change quickly. For a refund, please email or call in your request at least 10 business days prior to the start of the program. An administration fee of only 10% will be charged for early cancellations.

For requests received less than 10 business days prior to the start of the program, an administration fee of 50% of the program cost will apply. A full refund will be issued if a program is cancelled by GAMIING.

WEATHER POLICIES

All our programs will proceed with rain, snow or shine. Please be sure to dress your child appropriately for the weather as we will be outdoors for most of the activities. Indoor programs will be run in the case of severe weather: heavy rain, thunderstorms, snowstorms, high winds. Trails are maintained, but rustic. In the spring and summer the site can be very muddy and uneven; please have your child wear appropriate footwear or bring boots. We also advise wearing or bringing long pants, socks and long-sleeved tops to protect against poison ivy. If you have any questions, please contact the GAMIING office at 705-799-7083.

INSURANCE POLICIES

Due to changes in our insurance policies, GAMIING is not responsible for any incidents, accidents and/or injuries that may incur while on this property, either as a customer of the nursery, and/or individual or group taking part in our programs or trails walks, or any activity not mentioned above.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our volunteers for their time in putting together and delivering our programs, maintaining our trails and grounds, and all other contributions. We value highly their commitment and expertise. Our volunteers contribute hundreds of hours, and have brought our organization to where it is today. We could not run our programs without them. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact us at 705-928-0263 or email info@gamiing.org. Volunteer hours at GAMIING qualify for high-school community volunteer requirements.

We would like to thank all of our patrons for their generous donations and fundraising efforts which help to cover the cost of operating our education programs. Please consider becoming a supporter/donor to GAMIING or making a donation to the EcoGuardian Program specifically.

Tick Talk

Though ticks (and Lyme Disease) are not very common in this area, there have been ticks reported in our area. Lyme disease can become a serious infection caused by a bacteria spread by the bite of blacklegged ticks (formerly called deer ticks).

We highly encourage all families to do TICK CHECKS at the end of the day and to get in the habit of doing so after every outing in the woods. This is part of helping children to build solid routines around tick awareness and Lyme disease prevention.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit recommends a TICK CHECK when coming in from the outdoors:

- Have a shower to rinse ticks off
- Woods clothing should be placed in the wash or hung outside
- Either with a loved one or alone with a mirror check your body thoroughly for ticks.
- Make sure to look in hidden areas like the scalp, between toes, armpits, back of knees, groin, behind ears
- Please remember that ticks can be tiny freckle sized or as large as a small grape when engorged.
- If a tick is found, put it in a screw top bottle or zipper closed bag and bring it to your local Health Unit

For more info: <http://www.hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/Environments/LymeDisease.aspx>



Additional Information (optional) Please return with registration forms

Please feel free to provide any information that may help the camp staff in providing a positive and meaningful experience for your child:

1. Does your child get along better with Children of:

same age____, younger____, older____, all ages____

2. Is your child hesitant about any aspect of camp? No____ Yes____

If yes, please explain:_____

3. Does your child have any serious fears? No____ Yes____

If yes, please explain:_____

4. What three words describe your child well?

leader____, energetic____, makes friends easily____, shy____, needs encouragement_____

difficulty in making friends____, other____: please explain_____

5. What special interest does your child have regarding nature?

6. What is the most important thing you hope this day camp experience will do for your child?

7. Is there anything, staff should be aware of regarding your child?

8. Would your child be interested to stay overnight on the last day?_____

9. Would you like to accompany your child?_____

10. Additional comments:_____



Release Forms

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Camp # _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Photo/Multi-media Release

Throughout each camp, our staff takes pictures, video clips or and/or audio clips to create a lasting memory. These are then are posted on our website or occasionally shared with local media.

I, on my behalf and on behalf of my child/ward give permission to GAMIING to include my child/ward in photo's, video's and other media and to use this material in whole or in part in camp displays, multi-media presentations, website, or in print for the promotion of the Summer Day Camps, and assign and transfer to GAMIING any and all rights,

Including copyright, which I may have or my child/ward may have in this material.

Yes, I give permission as set out
above No, I do not give permission.

Signature _____
(parent or guardian)

Swimming Permission

During Camp, daytime temperature can become an ever-increasing issue. We can offer a supervised afternoon swim in a private pool when the heat becomes unbearable for the children.

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in swimming during the week.

My child/ward current swimming skill level is: _____

Signature _____
(parent or guardian)

Wetland Excursion

One of the themes during the week is "exploring wetlands". We encourage children to learn about the importance of wetlands for the health of our water and shorelines.

During this time, we may take the children out in a boat along the edge of GAMIING's shoreline. The children get the opportunity to see wildlife/plant life up close.

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in the boating/canoeing/kayaking excursion along GAMIING's shoreline during the wetland exploration.

Signature _____
(parent or guardian)

Insurance Waiver

Due to changes in our insurance policies, GAMIING is not responsible for any incidents, accidents, and/or injuries that may be incurred while on this property, either as a customer of the nursery, and/or individual or group taking part in our programs or trails, walks, or any activity not mentioned above.

Signature of Participant (if under 18, Parent or Guardian)

Date

**Please list two individuals who can be contacted in case of emergency
(include mother/father/guardian):**

1. _____
Name Home Phone Business/Cell Phone Relationship to Child

2. _____
Name Home Phone Business/Cell Phone Relationship to Child

Please return with Registration Forms





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Program Registration Form 2019

Office Use Only:

____ Paid

____ Confirmed

Please print and use a separate form for each child.

Participant's Name

Birth Date (day/month/year)

Parent or Guardian Name

Name of person accompanying child / dropping off

Home Address

Street

City

Postal Code

Home Phone Number

Family Email Address

MEDICAL INFORMATION (*Must be Completed*)

Does your child have any drug, food and/or insect sting allergies, pre-existing conditions, physical, behavioural and/or emotional concerns? Please describe below:

Allergies: _____

Special Needs: _____

Other: _____

Does your child carry an EpiPen or other medication? Please list. _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

How did you hear about the Centre's programs? _____

Please fill out the following table:

Program Name	Start Date	Time	Fee
YES! I would like to make a donation to help support environmental education and stewardship programs at GAMIING! Tax receipts will be issued for all donations over \$10.			
GRAND TOTAL			

METHOD OF PAYMENT

_____ **Cheque** (made payable to **GAMIING Inc.**)

_____ **Cash**

_____ **Etransfer** (office@gamiing.org)

_____ **Credit Card**

Add \$10.00 to your payment to cover our processing costs

Click on "What is here" – On site Programs – Summer Day Camps

Payment can be mailed to the address below, along with your registration form. Scan and email your registration form early – payment must follow within two weeks. You will receive a receipt for possible income tax deductions.

Mail: GAMIING Nature Centre, 1884 Pigeon Lake Rd, Lindsay, ON, K9V 4R5

Space in programs is limited, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. A letter confirming registration and a Program information package will be emailed or mailed to registrants.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Summer plans can change quickly. For a refund, please email or call in your request at least 10 business days prior to the start of camp. An administration fee of 10% will be charged for early cancellations.

For requests received less than 10 business days prior to the start of camp, an administration fee of 50% of the camp fee will apply. A full refund will be issued if a program is cancelled by GAMIING.

OUR EMAIL DATABASE

Would you like to be placed on our electronic mailing list? (circle one) YES NO ALREADY ON!

GAMIING Nature Centre respects your privacy. We adhere to all legislative requirements with respect to protecting your privacy. We do not rent, sell or trade our mailing lists without your permission. The information you provide will be used to deliver services and to keep you informed and up to date about GAMIING Nature Centre activities. If at any time you do not wish to receive information, please call us at 705-928-0263 and we will accommodate your request.

