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**KIDS CONNECTION**  
**SUMMER CAMP 2024**  
*July 1<sup>st</sup> - August 29<sup>th</sup>*

***For Campers aged 6 years (by June 30, 2024) - 12 years***

**MARKHAM EAST**

**Kids Connection @ Black Walnut**  
30 John Allan Cameron Street  
Markham, ON  
647-454-0579

**MARKHAM**

**Kids Connection @ Beckett Farm**  
78 Beckett Avenue  
Markham, ON  
647-454-2178

**RICHMOND HILL**

**Kids Connection @ Michaele Jean**  
320 Shirley Drive  
Richmond Hill, ON  
905-883-5353

**FEES**

Weekly fee - \$375  
Registration Fee - \$50 (non-refundable)  
**Part Time care** - \$90/daily

**INCLUDES**

All Special Event Activities  
2 snacks – **LUNCH NOT PROVIDED**  
Extended camp hours 7:00am-6:00pm

**Email completed Registration Camp forms to:**

SA Coordinator  
Karen Zentena

[kzentena@kidsconnectionce.com](mailto:kzentena@kidsconnectionce.com)

**Mailing Address**

**Kids Connection Care & Education,  
290 Calvert Road, Markham ON L6C 1V1**

**Telephone:  
905-944-0626**

*Our ultimate goal for all campers is to ensure that your child has the most enjoyable experience possible and that your child takes away fond memories of their summer camp experience.*



# Things to Know about Camp

## CAMP HOURS & LATE FEE

Kids Connection summer camp operates Monday- Friday 7:00am -6:00pm July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 – August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please note we are closed on all Statutory Holidays. A late fee of \$1/ minute applies after 6pm. **Please note the camp will be CLOSED on July 1<sup>st</sup>, & Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## CAMP ORIENTATION

If you submit the Individual Anaphylaxis Plan/ Medical Plan/Individual Support Plan you are required to attend our Zoom camp orientation on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 in order to train staff on the implementation of your child's plan..

## FEES & TAX RECIEPT

Your **non-refundable** registration fee is due upon submission of camp forms. Weekly fees are payable by E-Transfer on the first day of camp each week. A tax receipt will be issued in February 2025. E-Transfer Payment to be sent to [contact@kidsconnectionce.com](mailto:contact@kidsconnectionce.com) with your child's full name and camp location in the comments section.

## CONTACT US

- Kids Connection @ Michaele Jean – 905-883-5353
- Kids Connection @ Beckett Farm - 647-454-2178
- Kids Connection @ Black Walnut - 647-454-0579

## OUR STAFF

Our camp staff are qualified Registered Early Childhood Educators, Child & Youth Care Practitioners and Ontario Certified Teachers who are First-Aid and CPR trained individuals, working with children ages 4-12yrs old on a regular basis.

## LUNCH & SNACKS

Please provide your child with a nutritious nut-free bagged lunch. Please read our Bagged Lunch Policy.

We will continue to offer an AM & PM snack. Please note that we are a nut conscious environment, so it's **IMPORTANT that: PEANUT BUTTER, NUTS AND ALL FOODS CONTAINING NUT BY PRODUCTS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT CAMP.**

## VOLUNTEERS

We encourage and welcome community college student teachers and parent volunteers on certain trips. All volunteers must be 18yrs or older and provide a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Screening done within the past 6 months (*please request a copy of our volunteer policy for more information*).

## CHANGES/WITHDRAWAL & REFUND POLICY

You may withdraw from camp at any time, however 2 weeks written notice is required. Changes can be made to your child's registration up until June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. **Any changes requested after June 15 will be subject to a \$25 fee/change.** No refund will be given for sick or missed days. **Full Weekly Fees are still due on statutory holidays.**

## WHAT TO BRING

Please send your child with a water bottle, sun hat, sunscreen, and extra clothing. **Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to arrival.** Please ensure you label all items belonging to your child.

## **LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS**

KCCE will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. Electronic handheld games are not permitted at camp (iPads, Nintendo DS, Cell Phones, etc.). Please leave your valuable items at home.

## **MEDICATION POLICY**

Health and safety are priorities for KCCE. Please ensure your child's information is accurate by completing the medical information portion on your Registration Form. Campers who require prescribed medication at camp must indicate this on the registration form- this includes inhalers. Medication forms are available prior to and during camp from the Camp Supervisor. Medication must be prescribed by a physician and must be kept in its original container. They will be kept in a locked box in the camp office. If your child develops a communicable disease during camp (e.g. Pink Eye), we ask that you inform staff immediately. This will allow us to inform other participants so they can take the necessary precautions.

An Authorization Form for the Administration of Topical Medication (SUNSCREEN)& (HAND SANITIZER) must be completed by the parent of a child who is requesting that a non-prescription topical medication (SUNSCREEN)&(HAND SANITIZER) be administered during hours that the child receives child care, in accordance with KCCE's medication administration policy and procedures.

## **INCLUSION POLICY**

KCCE supports inclusive practices and will make every effort to accommodate children with special needs. In doing so, the staff will work with both the parents/guardians and community agencies to ensure that our programs are accessible to all children. This includes not only programming, (i.e. developing and amending plans to meet varying developmental need of the children), but also recognizing the need for other supports including the use of technology if/when possible, revising furniture/equipment to make activities more accessible, training and development of staff etc. We will develop an Individual Support Plan with input from the parent. This plan will be shared with the staff working directly with the children. **If we feel that our camp is unable to accommodate your camper based on their needs, funding availability and staffing, services will be withdrawn as per our Discharge Policy**

## **ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY**

In compliance with Sabrina's law, it is our goal to ensure that all children enrolled in our programs are not at risk of exposure to anaphylaxis causative agents. For every child with life threatening allergies, we will develop an individual plan and emergency procedure with input from the child's parents. This plan will include a description of the child's allergy, monitoring and avoidance strategies, signs and symptoms and any action that needs to be taken in the event the child has an anaphylactic reaction. This plan will be shared with the staff working directly with the children. Each staff will be trained on the procedures to be followed in the event of a child having an anaphylactic reaction, how to recognize the symptoms and how to administer medication. **Parents MUST train staff designate on the first day of camp.**

## **HEAT ADVISORY/TRIPS**

Camp will continue during heat advisory warnings; however, campers will be moved indoors to a more moderate climate and programs will be adjusted for indoor conditions. **Please note that not all our facilities are air conditioned, however each class is equipped with fans.** We encourage campers to bring their water bottles daily. Trips maybe cancelled/rescheduled or changed due to heat alerts.

## **PICK UP/DROP OFF/ ABSENCE**

Children should be picked up and dropped off in their classroom. To ensure maximum safety, sign in and sign out of each camper is required daily. It's the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure campers are signed in/out. Prior notification and photo identification will be required if camper has been picked up by anyone other than parents. **In the case of a campers absence parents must notify the centre by 10:00 am for each day that they are away, as per the \* New Safe Arrival & Dismissal Policy\* (all policies are available online at [www.kidsconnectionce.com](http://www.kidsconnectionce.com))**

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents, guardians, volunteers, staff and/or Board Members must be treated courteously, impartially and respectfully at all times. This standard applies to whether they are on centre's property or at centre-sponsored events and activities.

All members of the centre's community are to be treated with dignity regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, disability or any other grounds protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code. All adults must model appropriate behaviour, refrain from such behaviours such as swearing, name calling, shouting etc. Individuals engaging in such behaviours will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Failure to comply may result in police intervention.

Confidentiality must be maintained, respecting the privacy of our families, staff and volunteers; therefore, gossip within the centre, written notes, gestures or body language and/or electronic information sharing will not be tolerated. Inappropriate behaviour or harassment of any kind will result in immediate intervention up to and including dismissal of family from the centre.

The privacy and confidentiality of our parents, staff, guardians, volunteers and students is important to us. All concerns and comments should be addressed with the staff. Should this discussion not address your concerns the next step is to review the situation with the Area Supervisor or Management Team. Failing resolution with the Supervisor or Management Team, the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors.

This code of conduct must be signed by any and all adults that is involved in your child's experience at all KCCE Child Care Centre's, Before and After School and Summer Camp programs including parents, grandparents, siblings, emergency contact pickups etc.

## BAGGED LUNCH POLICY

**Kids Connection Care and Education** promotes the healthy development of all children, recognizing the importance of a balanced diet. Keeping with this expectation when bagged lunches are necessary the expectations are:

### Parent and Guardian's Responsibilities

- The bagged lunch adheres to Canada's Food Guide.
- Lunch is provided in a labelled lunch bag with an ice pack.
- The lunch must be nutritious and well balanced. Please refrain from sending candy, pop and chocolate with your child. Please visit <https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/guidelines/what-are-canadas-dietary-guidelines/> for healthy options and guidelines of Canada's Food Guide
- Inform staff of any allergies your child/ren may have.
- We promote a nut-free environment, and we ask parents not to pack anything containing nuts in your child's lunch. Food that says "may contain nuts" is not allowed in your child's lunch.
- If your child forgets to bring a lunch, an alternative lunch will be provided at an extra cost of \$6. All parents are required to sign and submit the attached bagged lunch policy

### Staff Responsibilities

- All surfaces will be cleaned with a cleaning solution prior and after the children have their lunch. (Board approved cleaning solutions only)
- Staff will ensure they wash their hands before assisting children with their lunches.
- Staff will ensure children wash their hands prior to eating lunch.
- Staff will monitor lunches to ensure food arriving at the centre does not contain nuts nor has the warning sign "may contain nuts".
- An alternate lunch will be provided if a child forgets their lunch (sandwich, raw vegetables, fresh fruit and milk). A courtesy call to the parent or guardian will be made and the food served will be recorded in the logbook.
- Staff will encourage children not to share lunches.
- Staff will supervise closely any child that has a life-threatening allergy by sitting next to them or across from them during lunch time. Children with sensitive life-threatening allergies will eat their lunch in a separate area away from the group.
- Staff will monitor each child's lunch, and should a child's lunch consistently not adhere to Canada's Food Guide then they will work with the parent to provide sample menus. Sample lunch ideas will be available at the centre to support families. Please visit <https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/tips-for-healthy-eating/meal-planning/> for sample menus and suggestions.

# Trip Info

<p><b>Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> - Blue Jays Game</b> Rogers Centre</p>
<p><b>Friday July 12<sup>h</sup> - Discover Toronto</b> <b>Jamie Bell Adventure Park and explore High Park</b> www.highparktoronto.com</p>
<p><b>Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> - Centre Island /Centreville</b> www.centreisland.ca/centreville-amusement-park/</p>
<p><b>Friday July 26<sup>th</sup> - Cedar Park Resort</b> cedarparkresort.ca</p>
<p><b>Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sibbald Point Provincial Park</b> www.ontarioparks.ca/park/sibbaldpoint</p>
<p><b>Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> - Dave and Busters- Vaughan</b> <b>Please bring in \$10 by August 7<sup>th</sup> to upgrade to unlimited play</b> <b>Lunch Provided</b> www.daveandbusters.com</p>
<p><b>Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> - Chinguacousy Park</b> www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Recreation/Chinguacousy-Park</p>
<p><b>Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Carnival at Michaelle Jean</b> <b>Lunch Provided</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup> - Lunch at The Mandarin</b> Michaelle Jean @ Woodbine Mandarin Beckett Farm &amp; Black Walnut @Boxgrove Mandarin</p>

## ELECTIVES

**Hour long inhouse activity facilitated by instructors listed from the following companies on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Super Science-** Our campers will participate in various science workshops lead by the instructors from Super Science.



**Get Low** – At Get Low every step is a celebration of life. We will join Get Low Dance Co. to embark on a journey of self-expression, cultural enrichment, and physical fitness through the captivating world of dance.

**Latin Drumming-**Drumming is an excellent way for children to learn self-awareness, listening skills, coordination of breath and movement, cooperation and patience.

**STEM** – Our campers will get a grasp on of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Education, and Math). Now more than ever, youth need to become self-directed, life-long learners.

*Note: Trips /Electives & Specialty Camps are subject to change and cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances. Alternate trips may include Movies or Science Centre. Notices will be posted accordingly.*

# Specialty Camps

Camp	Description Specialty camps will run for 2.5 hours Monday -Thursday
<p><b>ART X-PRESS CAMP</b></p> 	<p>Get ready! Get set! Create! Campers will utilize a variety of art mediums to create their own masterpieces.  <b>Black Walnut-</b> July 8-11, Aug 6-8,  <b>Beckett Farm-</b> July 8-11, Aug 6-8,  <b>Michaëlle Jean-</b> July 8-11, Aug 6-8,</p>
<p><b>CLAY CAMP</b></p>	<p>Learn the basics of working with clay. Learn techniques like pinching, kneading and rolling to create clay pieces.  <b>Black Walnut-</b> Aug 6-8,  <b>Beckett Farm-</b> July 15-18,  <b>Michaëlle Jean-</b> July 15-18, Aug 12-15</p>
<p><b>ROOKIE CHEF CAMP</b></p> 	<p>Campers will learn basic kitchen safety skills and will be preparing fun, nutritious recipes. Each Chef will actively participate in the preparation of each recipe and will assist in the cleanup. All chefs' creations will be consumed at the end of the class.  <b>Black Walnut-</b> July 15-18, Aug 12-15  <b>Beckett Farm-</b> July 8-11, Aug 6-8,  <b>Michaëlle Jean -</b> July 8-11, Aug 6-8,</p>
<p><b>DIY CAMP</b></p> 	<p>Campers will work on long term projects using a variety of medium such as wood, paint etc.  <b>Black Walnut-</b> July 15-18, Aug 12-15  <b>Beckett Farm-</b> July 15-18, Aug 12-15  <b>Michaëlle Jean-</b> July 15-18, Aug 12-15</p>
<p><b>KARATE CAMP</b></p> 	<p>Instructors from Stouffville Martial Arts Academy will take the campers through a series of exercises that will encourage them to face challenges and grow through physical fitness, mental wellbeing and self-defence.  <b>Michaëlle Jean -</b> July 8-11, Aug 6-8,</p>
<p><b>GET LOW DANCE</b></p>	<p>Instructors from Get Low Dance Co will guide campers through a diverse tapestry of cultures and styles, fostering self-expression, cultural enrichment, and physical fitness along the way, where every step is a celebration of life  <b>Black Walnut-</b> July 8-11,  <b>Beckett Farm-</b> Aug 12-15  <b>Michaëlle Jean-</b> July 15-18,</p>
<p><b>MUSICAL THEATRE</b></p>	<p>Theatre Artists from ARTsies Inc will work with a group of campers working together as a determined, focused team to reach a goal. In the process, they learn to celebrate their own unique strengths, and those of their peers.  <b>Michaëlle Jean-</b> Aug 12-15</p>

## Registration Checklist

- Download and save the completed the Registration Form.
- Select Camp Location, Specialty Camp and Electives
- Attach copies of any doctor's note for medical treatment
- Submit Authorization Form for the Administration of Topical Medication (SUNSCREEN)
- Complete and submit signed Individual Anaphylactic Plan /Medical Plan/ Individual Support Plan (if applicable)
- Submit \$50 non-refundable registration fee



# 2024 Summer Camp Registration Form



Campers must have turned 6 by June 30, 2024- 12 years.

### CAMPERS INFO

First Name:	Last Name:	Date of Birth:	Gender
Address:		City:	Postal code:
Please select camp location:			
Are there any specific custody arrangements: <b>*Custody documents MUST be attached</b>			
For income tax purposes who should tax receipts be issued to?			

### PARENT INFO

Parent/Guardian #1		Parent/Guardian # 2	
Name:		Name:	
Work address:		Work address:	
Cell #	Work #	Cell#	Work #
Email:		Email:	

### EMERGENCY CONTACT- Other Than Parents

Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone #:	Alternate #	Phone:	Alternate #:

### AUTHORIZED PICK UP- Other Than Parents

Name:		Name:	
Phone #:	Alternate #	Phone #:	Alternate #

Doctor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child had any of the communicable disease YES NO if yes, please indicate:  
 If your child becomes ill with any of the following communicable diseases, please keep your child at home.  
 ➤ Pink Eye Impetigo Strep Throat Scarlett Fever Chickenpox Fifth Disease Whooping Cough  
 Gastrointestinal (i.e. Norwalk virus)

### MEDICAL INFO

Does the camper have any medical condition or life-threatening allergy or allergies you would like us to know?  
**YES NO if yes, please indicate:**

Does your child use an Auto Injector: YES NO If yes does he/she carry their own Auto Injector YES NO  
**If yes, please request, complete and submit the Individual Anaphylaxis Plan Form.**

Does the camper have any identified medical conditions that require an Individual Support Plan as per the Inclusion Policy?  
**YES NO if yes, please explain:**  
**If yes, please request, complete, and submit the Individual Support Plan.**

**Completed forms must be signed and submitted along with registration form prior to camp. You are required to train staff via Zoom on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 on how to administer your child's epinephrine auto-injector on the first day of camp.**



WEEK	PLEASE SELECT	SELECT CARE: 5/3/2Days	ELECTIVE/ SPECIALTY CAMP		
			Michaëlle Jean	Black Walnut	Beckett Farm
July 1-5					
July 8-12					
July 15-19					
July 22-26					
July 29-Aug 2					
August 5-9					
August 12-16					
August 19-23					
August 26-29					

**PAYMENT INFO**

**Weekly fees \$375 and Daily rate \$90**

Summer camp fees must be paid by E-Transfer sent to [contact@kidsconnectionce.com](mailto:contact@kidsconnectionce.com) with the child's name and camp location in the comments section. All E-Transfers are due on the first day of camp each week.

A **\$50 non-refundable** registration is due with camp registration. This can be submitted via E-Transfer. Camp registration confirmation will be emailed prior to camp starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cancellation or changes to camp weeks requires a minimum of two weeks' written notice and is subject to availability. Changes can be made to your child's registration up until June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. **Any changes requested after June 15 will be subject to a \$25 fee/change.** No refund for sick or missed days and full fees are due for all Statutory Holidays (including part time care). **Closed for July 1<sup>st</sup> & August 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**CONSENT/ AGREEMENT FORM**

<b>Please read the following policies and procedures and initial your understanding of the policy and your willingness to abide by it</b>	<b>Please check off that you have read and understand</b>
KCCE will not be responsible for any incident that may occur as a result of false information given at the time of enrollment. I/We understand that my child(ren)s enrollment is contingent on all information outlined in these forms to be full and accurate.	
KCCE reserves the unilateral right to cancel any arrangements, if policies of KCCE are not followed by a child or parent.	
I/We give permission for my child to go on neighbourhood walks and trips on chartered school buses accompanied by the staff of KCCE.	
I/We grant permission for the supervisor of KCCE to take any necessary steps to obtain emergency medical care if warranted. A full outline of emergency procedures, policies and practices is in the Policy Manual. Any expenses incurred during an emergency will be the responsibility of the child's family.	
I/We will keep payments current and up to date. Full fees are due for statutory holidays and any other absent days (for illness or any reason).	
We will abide by the Parent Code of Conduct that is included in this brochure	
In the case of my child's absence, I will notify the centre by 10:00 am for each day that they are away, as per the * New Safe Arrival & Dismissal Policy* (Section 3.10 in Parent Handbook)	
We will abide by the Bagged Lunch Policy	
I have read the Parent Handbook that is available on <a href="http://www.kidsconnectionce.com">www.kidsconnectionce.com</a>	

**I have read and consent to all the forms listed above.**

**Step 1.** Check the box below

By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing this form.

**Step 2.** Type in your name

Parent Name:

Date: