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Give a Child the Gift of Camp

Camp plays a vital role in the lives of our children, and now, more than ever, it holds exceptional importance. Variety - the Children's Charity of Ontario is committed to breaking down barriers to camp participation for vulnerable members of our community.

At Variety Village, we provide inclusive camp experiences for children of all abilities. Through our partnerships with organizations such as Autism Ontario, the Boys and Girls Club, and the JCC, we offer a range of programs that cater to diverse needs. From co-led camps with specialized support to camper subsidies, we strive to ensure that every child can attend a camp of their choosing. Join us in creating inclusive and empowering camp experiences for all children.

As we expand our reach and touch more lives, we rely on the generosity of donors like you. Your support will help them laugh, learn, thrive, and forge connections that will endure for a lifetime.

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Vision & Mission

Who We Are

At Variety, we offer exceptional camp experiences designed for children of all abilities. Our camp is more than just a destination; it's a place where children embark on a unique journey of exploration, celebration, and fun. With a wide range of engaging activities and skill development opportunities, our camps provide an inclusive community that fosters personal growth, friendship, and excitement. We believe in empowering our campers to become tomorrow's leaders. Our dedicated team of qualified staff are passionate about creating memorable experiences while prioritizing the safety and well-being of each camper. Join us on this transformative journey where children can discover their strengths, build confidence, and create lasting memories.

We acknowledge that Variety: the Children's Charity of Ontario and Variety Village is situated on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg (Awe – Nish – Nah – Beck), the Chippewa (Chip – A – Wah), the Haudenosaunee (Hoe – De – Nah – Show – Nee) and the Wendat (When – Dat) peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit (Δ (ee) Δ (nu) Δ (eet)) and Métis (May – Tee) peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

What We Offer

Daily Swimming

Dive into our heated indoor pools, where safety is our top priority. With qualified LifeSaving Society swim instructors and lifeguards, you can trust that your child will receive proper guidance and supervision. We maintain low camper-to-staff swim ratios to ensure a safe and enjoyable swimming experience for everyone.

State-of-the-art Facilities

Our camp activities take place in spacious, and secure surroundings, featuring state-of-the-art amenities including pools, gym spaces, and expansive outdoor areas.

A Powerful Impact

Join our team at Variety Village and be part of an incredibly rewarding experience! As a staff member at our camp, you'll leading exciting activities to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment, helping to create memorable camp experiences. We are always on the lookout for outgoing, fun, creative people who want to give back while helping to create an incredibly positive and memorable experience for our campers. Summer 2024 Staff Applications are open! For available opportunities contact us by email at humanresources@varietyontario.ca.

Inclusion for All

At our camps, we recognize and celebrate the unique qualities that make each individual special. Our mission is to create a truly memorable camp experience that caters to children of all abilities.

How do we achieve this?

An initial assessment to make an informed decision if our camp is the right fit for the applicant. During the assessment process we may need to consult with other professionals, teachers, therapists, etc. to gain insight on each camper's background.

- Adaptive and customized
 Programs based on the camper specific needs.
- Special training for our entire staff team
- Ongoing communication with the family/caregiver.





Camps for all Seasons

At Variety Village, we provide enriching and inclusive camp experiences for children of all abilities. Our camps offer a wide range of programs designed to meet the unique needs and interests of campers aged 4 to 20+.

- March Break Camps: March Break week closure for Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.
- **Summer Camps:** Camps running through July and August during the Summer.
- Kid Development Day Camps: Days that fall on PA/PD days within the Toronto District School Board.
- Holiday Camps: Camps offered during school holidays.



Our camp hours are designed to accommodate busy schedules, with drop-off and pickup times that allow for flexibility. We also offer extended hours and after-care services for families who need additional support. Our experienced staff members are committed to creating a safe and supportive environment where campers can thrive and have fun.

Variety Village Camps are OCA Certified, ensuring that we meet the highest standards of safety, quality programming, and professional staff. We offer a variety of integrated full-day camps that cater to participants of all abilities.

Registration for our camps is simple and convenient, and you don't need to be a member to join. <u>Click here</u> to go to our online registration portal where you can browse and select your preferred camps. Join us at Variety Village Camps and discover a world of adventure, growth, and endless possibilities.

No Membership Required!

You don't need to be a member of Variety Village to register your child for our camps. We offer rates for both members and non-members.

Exclusive Benefits for Annual

Members: Annual members are eligible for <u>discounted camp fees</u> and <u>priority registration</u>, ensuring your spot before registration opens to the public.

4-Month Membership Perks!

Four-month membership holders receive early registration for camp, one-week ahead of non-members.

Parent Meet & Greet

Connect with other parents and meet our Head Instructors! This is a perfect opportunity to ask questions, share information about your child, and get to know our dedicated staff who will be leading the camp activities.

Parent Meet and Greet: June 19th, 2024 | 6:00-7:00pm, Cafeteria

Camp Pricing

Prices for our camps are clearly marked throughout the camp directory, ensuring transparency and clarity for parents and caregivers. You can easily find the pricing information for each camp, allowing you to make informed decisions about your child's camp selection. Please note that the fee includes a Camp Tshirt.



Enhanced Membership Benefits for Annual Members

As an Annual Member at Variety Village, you gain exclusive advantages for camp registration. Enjoy the benefit of early registration, securing a spot for your child before non-members. Additionally, Annual Members receive discounted pricing for camp registration, providing excellent value for your membership.

Please note the discounted camp rates are not applicable on 4-month memberships. Annual Membership must be in place prior to registration.

Camp Refund Policy

To request a refund for camps, please send an email based on the schedule provided in the chart below. Alternatively, you can receive an in-house credit that can be applied towards other camps, programs, or membership fees, if the guidelines mentioned below are followed.

Refunds issued on credit cards or in the form of a personal cheque are subject to a \$50 administrative fee, which will be deducted from the total amount. Refunds in the form of a personal cheque may take up to 6 weeks for processing.

While we adhere to the stated policy, we reserve the right to make exceptions in cases of medical or extenuating circumstances.

Refund Requests	Refund/Credit	Administration Fee	
At least 15 days before July 2, 2024	100%	\$50	
7 – 14 days before July 2, 2024	75%	\$50	
Less than 7 days before July 2, 2024	50%	\$50	
After July 2, 2024	NO REFUNDS		

Extended Hours / After Care

Enjoy the convenience of extended hours and aftercare, eliminating the need to rush during drop-off and pick-up times. Our camp day includes extended hours at no additional cost! You can drop off your child between 8:00am and 9:00am and pick them up between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Please note that a late pickup fee of \$15 will be charged for every 10-minute interval beyond the designated pick-up time.

Camp Hours & Weeks

Camp	Hours
Camps	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Extended Hours	8:00 am – 9:00 am & 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sport and Social Camp	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm (no extended hours)

Week	Dates	
Week 1	July 2 - 5, 2024*	*Short week due to holiday. Prices are prorated.
Week 2	July 8 - 12, 2024	
Week 3	July 15 - 19, 2024	
Week 4	July 22 - July 26, 2024	
Week 5	July 29 - August 2, 2024	
Week 6	August 6 - 9, 2024*	*Short week due to holiday. Prices are prorated.
Week 7	August 12 - 16, 2024	
Week 8	August 19 - 23, 2024	

Camp Ratios

Our camps are split into 3 levels of support. Camps in level 1 have a ratio of 1 staff to 3 children. Camps in level 2 have a ratio of 1 staff to 5 children. Camps in level 3 have a ratio of 1 staff to 7 children. Understanding the level of support in each camp will make sure your child has a safe and enjoyable experience here. Our camps can range anywhere from 10-30 campers. We base this number off the type of camp, the level of support required, and space available.

One-to-One Support

We offer personalized 1:1 staffing to assist campers in integrating into a group setting. When you register your camper for a specific camp, such as Jr. Bantam, they will receive dedicated 1:1 support within that camp. Our qualified staff are committed to providing the best camp experience possible, catering to the individual needs of each camper.

We require campers to have 1:1 support if the individual:

- Is medically fragile, has a g-tube, tracheotomy tubes, or those requiring suctioning.
- Requires assistance with personal care, for example transferring, toileting, feeding, and personal hygiene.
- Has behaviour concerns that require support to participate in group activities.

Please note that support availability is limited and based on the level of care required. We offer support for a maximum of 4 weeks to accommodate as many campers as possible. If your camper requires a Personal Support Worker (PSW), they may be allowed to attend camp, subject to approval from the 1:1 Support Supervisor and a screening to ensure adherence to Variety's External Support Worker Policy. Please be aware that we do not accommodate 2:1's under any circumstances.

If your camper requires 1:1 support, please direct requests, and inquiries to 1to1supervisor@varietyontario.ca. For all other information, please email the Site Director Kevin Browne at kbrowne@varietyontario.

Registration

Members: Annual	Members	Non-Members
Wednesday, February 7 2024	Wednesday, February 21 2024	Wednesday, February 28 2024

How to Register:

- Visit our User-Friendly Portal: To register for our camps, simply visit our dedicated portal, <u>click here</u>.
- Log In or Create an Account: If you already have an
 account with us, log in using your credentials. For new
 guests, creating an account is easy and straightforward.
 Follow the simple steps to set up your account and gain
 access to our camp registration system.
- Make Your Camp Selections: After exploring the Camp Directory, it's time to make your camp selections. Simply indicate the camps you wish to register your child for by following the prompts and selecting the desired options.



Contact us!

Regarding	Contact	Information
Billing and Receipt Information	Membership	Please call (416) 699-7167
Programming and Schedules		Kevin Browne, Site Director:
Concerns and Accommodations	Camp Coordinator	(416) 699-7167 x254 kbrowne@varietyontario.ca
1:1 support requests and inquiries	Site Director	1to1supervisor@varietyontario.ca
Swim level assessments	Deck Supervisor	decksupervisor@varietyontario.ca

Level One

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:3

Building Blocks | Persons with a Disability

Looking for a great way to transition your child into summer activities? Or transition them back into a school routine? Building Blocks is the perfect camp! Participants learn effective means of communicating through play with peers and develop skills to assist them with their interactions in the classroom and playground. Each day will focus on the skills relating to certain themes (i.e., making friends, personal space, teamwork, etc.) Campers will play interactive games and be introduced to new activities and opportunities to interact with peers on various levels. An intake meeting is required before registration, to schedule an intake, please email: 15upervisor@varietyontario.ca.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Building Blocks	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1, 8	6 - 10	\$405	\$470

Preschool Camp

Get your four-year-old ready for kindergarten! This half-day program will help build your child's stamina, as they get ready to transition into a full day of learning in September. It is a play-based program that will introduce children to group activities and routines, cooperative games, and a variety of sports. Children will have the opportunity to learn critical independence skills such as: carrying their backpacks, opening, and closing their lunch containers and putting on and removing their shoes. They will also benefit from a 5:1 camper/staff ratio. Each day will include a visit to the swimming pool. Campers will need to bring a backpack, snack, bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Preschool Camp	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 12 Noon	8, 9	4	\$260	\$315



Level Two

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:5.

Multi-Sport Camps

Our Multi-Sport Camps are groups for all abilities and skill levels. Campers will enjoy activities such as daily swimming, active games, sports, arts and crafts, social games, and so much more! See the description of each camp, weeks that each camp is running, age ranges, and prices below.

Multi-Sport Camp

All Multi-sport Camps are for all abilities and skill levels, campers will enjoy activities such as a daily swim, playing on our obstacle course, games, sports, and so much more!

Jr. Bantam

This camp focuses on our level 1 & 2 Children in Motion Curriculum. Through creative and adapted games, camp staff will introduce elementary sport skills like running, jumping, throwing, catching, climbing, swimming and balance. Camp games and sports will also focus on camper interaction, cooperation, and following directions. After lunch, campers will also have time to wind down with arts and crafts, stories, and more. The Jr. Bantam camp will have the option of swimming daily.

Sr. Bantam

This camp focuses on our level 3 Children in Motion curriculum. Campers will be exposed to advanced programming and will be encouraged to participate in more team-based activities. Throughout the week, campers will participate in a mix of activities including camp games, adapted sports,



arts and crafts, daily swimming and more! Programming will include community outings twice a week. When the outing is not within walking distance of our facility, the camp will be using public transportation (TTC).

Intermediate

This camp focuses on our multi-Sport curriculum. Camp staff will introduce the fundamentals of a variety of popular sports and adapted sports such as basketball, soccer, volleyball, and hockey. Camp games and sports will also focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, agility, and coordination. Campers will have the opportunity to swim daily.

Junior & Senior

Junior and Senior Camps are geared towards campers with a disability at any skill level. These camps take a creative approach to ensure that campers are being active and social during their time here. Campers will have the opportunity to play a variety of sports, including adapted sports, swim daily, work on social skills, and build relationships that will last a lifetime. These camps qualify as respite programs.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Jr. Bantam PD	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1 - 8	4 - 5	\$330	\$395
Sr. Bantam PD	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1 - 8	6 - 7	\$345	\$415
Intermediate	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1 - 8	8 - 10	\$330	\$395
Junior	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1 - 8	11 - 13	\$330	\$395
Senior	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1 - 8	14 +	\$330	\$395

Sport and Social

Sport and Social Camp is geared towards campers with a disability. This camp focuses on different ways to be active for life. Campers will have a chance to play a variety of sports, including adapted sports. In addition to this, campers will have the opportunity to swim daily, work on their social and life skills, and help the staff prepare dinner. This camp runs from 1pm-8pm and qualifies as a respite program. Dinner is provided.

1:1 Support is limited for this camp.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Sport & Social	Monday to Friday	1:00pm – 8:00pm	1 - 8	14+	\$365	\$430





Art Camps

Art Camp

Campers of all abilities and skill levels will focus on painting, illustration, music and crafts. This camp encourages campers to be creative while learning about different mediums, techniques, and applications. Campers will also get the opportunity to play games, go swimming, and use the obstacle course.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Art	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1, 4, 5, 8	6+	\$365	\$430

Dance Camp

Dance camp is a group for all abilities and skill levels. This camp is the perfect opportunity to introduce your child to the basic elements and principles of dance, including ballet, jazz, and hip-hop. The camp will culminate in a dance show performed on Friday, details to be announced the week of. Campers will also get the opportunity to play games, go swimming, and use the obstacle course.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Dance	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	3, 6	6+	\$365	\$430

Drama Camp

Campers of all abilities and skill levels will learn the fundamentals of drama in this weeklong program. Staff will introduce elements such as character, plot formation, and improvisation. Campers will also learn the behind-the-scenes techniques to prepare for the show. The camp will culminate in a drama performance on Friday, details to be announced the week of. Campers will also get the opportunity to play games, go swimming, and use the obstacle course.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Drama	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	2, 7	6 +	\$365	\$430







Level 3

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:7.

Crossroads

This popular camp for children of all abilities focuses on high energy activities and games. Campers will get a chance to try all kinds of sports, climb our Rockwall, go on outdoor adventures, and swim on Mondays and Fridays. This camp goes on excursions to places of interest around the city Tuesday through Thursday. When trips are not within walking distance of our facility, this group will take public transportation (TTC) to their destination.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Crossroads	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1-8	9 - 13	\$365	\$430

Adventure Camp

In this camp, children experience the great outdoors like never before! Activities include daily excursions in the community to places like Rosetta McLean Gardens, Scarborough Bluffs, and more! When in the facility, the camp will get to climb our Rockwall and High-Ropes structure, play games, and go swimming on Mondays and Fridays. In addition to excursions within the community, this camp will go on trips to places of interest in the city. When trips are not within walking distance of our facility, this group will take public transportation (TTC) to their destination.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Adventure	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7	9 - 12	\$365	\$430
Mini Adventurers	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	2, 4, 6, 8	6 - 8	\$365	\$430

Sport Specialty Camps

These popular camps are for children of all abilities and skill levels. Each week, campers have an initial assessment and a final assessment. Progress reports go home detailing the skills they have mastered over the course of the week, as well as areas for improvement. This camp goes on excursions relating to that week's sport or to places of interest around the city on Tuesday and Thursday.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Soccer	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	2	6+	\$365	\$430
Hockey	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	4	6+	\$365	\$430
Baseball	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	6	6+	\$365	\$430
Basketball	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	8	6+	\$365	\$430

Rockwall

Rockwall Camp is a group for all abilities and skill levels. Basic elements of rock climbing include terminology, safety, and rock-climbing techniques will be covered during the week. Kids will have the chance to master our Rockwall, as well as participate in trips to other climbing gyms in the community. Other activities include swimming, sports, and games within the facility. This camp is the perfect opportunity to challenge kids, build self-esteem and have tons of fun! When trips are not within walking distance of our facility, this group will take public transportation (TTC) to their destination.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Rockwall	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7	8 +	\$365	\$430

Junior Engineers

This camp is a great choice for kids who love to build, take apart, and create! Campers will get the opportunity to take part in activities that will help them understand the engineering basics in the world around them. Topics such as mechanical, chemical, and civil engineering will be brought to life through play and experiments. Campers will also get the opportunity to play games, go swimming, and use the obstacle course. When trips are not within walking distance of our facility, this group will take public transportation (TTC) to their destination.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Jr. Engineers	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	3, 4, 6, 7	7 +	\$365	\$430



Swim Camps

Swim Camp follows the Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life curriculum. Swim Camp registration is limited to a maximum of four weeks per Camper. This helps us to ensure that we can accommodate a wide range of campers and provide an inclusive experience for all.

Minnows

Minnows swim camp is for our preschool level swimmers who are looking to develop their skills and confidence in the water. Campers will have 45 minutes of Life Saving Society instruction each day as well as a mix of dry land sports and activities when they are not in the pool. Please note, the pricing for Minnows Swim Camp is for a two-week session. There are three 2-week sessions available. Campers can be registered for a maximum of two sessions (four weeks). Campers are unable to register for single week sessions of this camp. Please note, the pricing for Minnows Swim Camp is for a two-week session. There are three 2-week sessions available.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Minnows	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1 & 2, 3 & 4, 7 & 8	4 - 5	\$825	\$1,025

Swim Camp

Swim Camp is a great way for campers to take swim lessons in a fun camp environment! The day is broken up into instructional swimming, free swim, and a mix of dry land sports and activities. Campers are divided into two groups based on their swim level at the time of registration. At the end of each week, campers will receive a report indicating the skills that they have learned and what level they should take next. Campers can be registered for a maximum of four weeks of swim camp. Swim assessment for new campers is required in advance of camp. For more information contact the decksupervisor@varietyontario.ca.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Swim Camp	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1 - 8	6+	\$415	\$515

Leaders in Training (LIT)

Looking to develop leadership, adaptive programming skills and become a Camp staff? Our Leaders in Training Camp is designed for teenagers who want to build and develop these skills over the course of two weeks. LITs will have the chance to not only learn about what it takes to work with campers of all ages and abilities, but in the second, week will also plan and lead activities with the other camp groups to put their skills into practice. Throughout the process LITs will be coached and supported by experienced staff and will have the opportunity to earn their Standard First Aid certification.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Leaders in Training	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	2 & 3, 5 & 6	14+	\$800	\$1,000

Athletic Club Camps

Taekwondo Camp

Discover the dynamic sport and popular martial art of Taekwondo. Our summer camp supports the recreational and performance stream of the sport. Taekwondo camps are for children of all abilities and skill levels. For more information, please contact Coach Rommel Cabanatan, rcabanatan@varietyontario.ca.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Taekwondo	Monday to Friday	9:00am – 4:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7, 8	6+	\$365	\$430

Track and Field Camp

Whether you're new to Track and Field or looking to improve, this program is geared to teach the fundamentals and technical development needed to maximize your camper's athleticism and participation! The fundamentals and biomechanics of body positioning, stride, proper stretching, and cool-down techniques as well as sprints, hurdles, jumping, and throwing are all covered in this unique camp. Our revamped Track and Field camp is now offered in a half-day format to give young athletes the time they need to recover from training. For more information about Track and Field Camp, please contact Coach Jamal Miller, <u>jmiller@varietyontario.ca</u>.

Camp	Days	Times	Weeks	Ages	Member	Non-Member
Track and Field	Monday to Friday	9:00am - 12:00pm	2, 4, 6	9-14	\$220	\$240
		or 1:00pm - 4:00pm				



