

# SENSORY CAMP 2019

## About Sensory Camp

This year marks our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Sensory Camp. Sensory Camp enables children from the community who have sensory processing difficulties, to participate in a fun, multi-sensory camp experience. This camp is intended to support campers aged 5 – 21 with complex disabilities.

Life is a sensory experience. Every moment we take in sensory information from our bodies and the world around us. Are you too cold? Is there too much noise? What about the smells around you? Do you like what you see? How does food taste?

Our multi-sensory program provides an environment that enables each child to explore his or her individual sensory needs. Our camp has been designed and planned by our occupational therapists and is run by our team of trained support staff. Throughout the camp programming, the following skills are supported: communication, self-care, daily living skills, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and social interaction/play.

### Camp Location:

111 Anthony Road, Toronto, M3K 1B7  
(closest major intersection Dufferin and Wilson, near Yorkdale mall)

### Camp Dates:

**Session 1:** July 29 - August 2, 2019

**Session 2:** August 6 - 9, 2019

*\*please note, August 5, 2019 is a holiday*

We have many areas that are set up to invite exploration of the senses. These areas include:

- Multi-Sensory Room
- Snoezelen Room
- Outdoor Playground and Splash Pad
- Garden and Greenhouse
- Music Room
- Gymnasium
- Art Room
- Relaxation Room
- Kitchen/Cooking Room

We are pleased to offer online registration through

**MyCommunityHub.ca**

To register, click on the link above, or go to [mycommunityhub.ca](http://mycommunityhub.ca) and search for the following codes:

**Session 1:** 9257

**Session 2:** 9284

*You will need to create an account with MyCommunityHub in order to register and pay online.*

*For more information, please contact us:*

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## Important Information

- Sensory Camp is for children ages 5 – 21.
- Pricing is based on 3:1 support.
- If your child comes with their own 1:1 support staff, medical and police record checks including VSS screen (current within 3 months) will be required prior to camp to ensure safety of all campers. If medical and police checks are not received prior to camp, unfortunately your child may be unable to attend camp.
- Spaces cannot be held without receiving payment or letter from funding source verifying funds. Admission will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis based.
- Online registration does not automatically guarantee a spot. The final decision will be made after analyzing the intake package and attendance at an orientation day for new campers. If the camper is considered not a good fit for the camp, a full refund will be issued.
- The deadline for registration is **May 31, 2019.**
- Refund or cancellation: Written notice you would like to withdraw your child from camp must be received by Aptus no later than July 5, 2019. A refund, minus a \$40 processing fee, will be returned. Should you withdraw past the July 5, 2019 deadline, no refund will be given.
- Please download and complete the registration and intake package found on MyCommunityHub under “Extra Details”, and send it back to us no later than **June 28, 2019.**
- If the minimum attendee requirements are not met, Aptus reserves the right to cancel the camp. In this event, refunds will be given accordingly.
- Transportation is not included in the cost of camp and is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. Lunches are not included in the cost of the camp and must be sent with the camper daily. Please note: we are nut-free facility.
- Attendance to a scheduled orientation day is **mandatory** for all new campers and their parents/guardians. If the new camper does not attend orientation, Aptus reserves the right to withdraw them from camp and issue a refund.

### **New Campers?**

In an effort to get to know your child and to ensure that we properly meet his or her needs, and to make parents feel more secure about sending their children to our camp, we hold camper orientation/parent information evenings. It is mandatory for all new campers to attend this session. If your child has previously attended camp, please let staff know of any changes or important information which have occurred since they last attended our camp. As well, this session also provides our staff with an opportunity to meet your child and see how he or she acts in and responds to, our facility.

Through observing and interacting with your child, our staff will be better able to plan camp to meet his or her capabilities and needs with respect to proper support and appropriate activities. We want to be prepared to provide a positive camp experience for your child!

## **Sensory Camp Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **1. Who can attend Sensory Camp?**

Sensory Camp is open to the community (you do not have to attend any other Aptus programs) for children ages 5 – 21 with developmental disabilities, particularly those with sensory processing challenges. Please call us to determine if this camp is a good fit for you and your child. Although we try to meet each camper's individual needs, this camp may not be a good fit for all campers.

### **2. How much does Sensory Camp cost?**

Sensory Camp costs \$400 for Session 1 and \$320 for Session 2 (due to the Civic Holiday on August 5, 2019).

### **3. Does Aptus provide 1:1 staffing?**

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide 1:1 staffing. If your child already has a 1:1 worker at school or at home, they can attend camp to support your child, however they *must* have a recent (within last 3 months) police check including VSS (vulnerable person screen) and medical clearance. We will provide you with the forms we require. We are unable to accept family members as 1:1 staff for confidentiality reasons.

There are also a variety of agencies that provide 1:1 staffing, such as wm+a, Community Access Learning Centre, etc.. Individual workers can also be found through [respiteservices.com](http://respiteservices.com).

Typical behaviours that may require a 1:1 worker include behaviours or needs which pose immediate safety or health risks for self or others (i.e. aggressive towards self or others, medical issues requiring special care, etc.). If you are uncertain whether or not your child requires a 1:1 support worker, please contact us to discuss it further. Although we try to meet each camper's individual needs, this camp may not be a good fit for all campers.

### **4. Is funding available for camp?**

At this time, we cannot offer funded spaces and require families to pay for their own space by some means. You may obtain funding from other sources (i.e. charities, grants) that are available each year through various organizations.

### **5. Do I need to come to an orientation visit?**

The orientation visit is required for all new campers. This helps us learn about your child and let them learn about us as well. If your child is a returning camper, orientation may not be necessary unless you feel that your child is quite different than they were the previous year (e.g., major changes we would need to know about) or if they haven't been to camp for a year or two. If you are unsure, please call us and we can make the decision on an individual basis.

### **6. Is transportation provided?**

No, unfortunately not. If you are unable to meet pick up/drop off times, please arrange for another reliable person to help you. There are also taxis or other means of transportation that can help with transportation (e.g. WheelTrans). We can help unload/load children into taxis if they are safe to ride alone. Transportation costs are the responsibility of the parents/guardian.