

CAMP KIRK FINANCIAL AID RESOURCE GUIDE

Organization/Program Name	Target Group	Application & Deadlines	Information
Autism Ontario: Summer Camp Subsidy Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders 	Apply through your local chapter. Click into 'Summer Camp Program' at: www.autismontario.com for contact information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain Autism Ontario chapters offer summer camp subsidy programs. These programs are not funded provincially and they vary chapter to chapter. Membership with Autism Ontario is not required. Each chapter that offers subsidies does so only within their geographic boundaries.
Summer Dreams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children aged 5-19 Financial Need 	Application available online: www.summerdreams.ca Application Deadline: February 31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SummerDreams is a charity that strives to make the benefits of camping accessible to all children. Funding decisions are determined in April/May
President's Choice Children's Charity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 or younger with developmental disabilities Financial Need 	Application can be found online: www.presidentschoic.ca/LCLOnline/aboutUsCharity.jsp	
AMICI Camping Charity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children aged 7-16 Financial Need 	Application is available online: www.amicicharity.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A camper must have a referral by our camp before an application can be sent in. Please notify us if you'd like to apply to AMICI NOTE: AMICI application process occurs very early in the school year- apply as early as possible!
Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with special needs 	Apply through a lodge in your community. To check lodge listings go to: www.elks-canada.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the programs run through the Fund for Children is intended to assist children with special needs with "whatever is recommended for their well-being by a medical professional".
Respite Services: Family Directed Respite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder 	Applicants must register with Respite Services (www.respiteservices.com) and request to have their name put on the list for <i>Family Directed Respite</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: Respite Services is a centralized access point for respite care in Ontario. Funding programs for respite from other organizations, such as Geneva Centre and Kerry's Place, are organized through Respite Services. Funding decisions are determined in April-March Must register with Respite Services by the end of December.
<u>Community Clubs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lions Club, Rotary Club Kwanis Club Optimists YMCA Kinsman Canada Canadian Progress Club Knights of Columbus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Need 	Contact your local chapter. www.lionsclubs.org www.rotary.org www.kiwanisone.org www.optimistscanada.org www.ymca.ca www.kincanada.ca www.progressclub.ca www.osc-koc.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These community organizations are usually keen to help out families who are in need. Chapters vary in the services they provide, but many have initiatives to improve quality of life for children. You do not need to be a member to seek support. Many of our families have secured funding through their local chapters by sending club members a 'bio' of their child, a reference from someone who can speak to the needs of the child [doctor, teacher...], and a brief outline of why you are seeking funding.

Government Sources of Funding to Assist with Camp Fees

Children's Fitness Tax Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children 16 and under 	<p>For detailed information and forms:</p> <p>www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children's Fitness Tax Credit lets parents claim up to \$500 per year, per each child for eligible fitness expenses. <i>Part</i> of Camp Kirk fees may be submitted. ** If your child qualifies for the Disability tax credit and he/she is under 18 years of age, an additional amount of \$500 can be claimed **Depending on your circumstances, you <i>may</i> be able to claim Camp Kirk fees as child care expenses <i>and</i> as the children's fitness amount. If this is the case, <i>you must first claim the fees as child care expenses</i>. The remaining amount may then qualify under the children's fitness tax credit. <p><i>Upon request, we will gladly issue you an official receipt for camp fees for this purpose.</i></p>
Child Care Expenses Deduction		<p>For detailed information & forms:</p> <p>http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pbg/tf/t778/</p>	<p>You <i>may</i> be able to claim part of Camp Kirk fees as childcare expenses, depending on your circumstances. Up to \$100- \$250 per week may be claimed for residential camps.</p> <p><i>Upon request, we will gladly issue you an official receipt for camp fees for this purpose.</i></p>
<p>Funding Programs Unrelated to Camp</p> <p><i>We acknowledge that 'Every Penny Counts' when saving up for Camp Kirk. The following is a list of funding programs that cannot be used for camp fees, but may help save money throughout the year.</i></p>			
Canadian Tire JumpStart Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Need 	<p>For detailed information:</p> <p>http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The jumpstart program provides funding for children's sports and recreational activities to families who are experiencing financial difficulties. If accepted into the program, funding covers the cost of equipment, registration and/or transportation.
The Welcome Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low income families residing in the GTA 	<p>For detailed information:</p> <p>http://www.torontolip.com/Toronto%20Welcome%20Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families experiencing financial difficulties may apply to the Welcome Policy program. If accepted, children from that family may enroll in City of Toronto recreational programming free of charge.
March Break Reimbursement Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario children, aged 18 or younger, who have a diagnosis of ASD 	<p>For detailed information:</p> <p>http://www.autismontario.com/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$400 per child may be reimbursed for one-on-one support, recreational programs, day camp or residential camp during the March Break period Applications must be sent in by January 17th
Easter Seals Incontinence Grant Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 'chronic disability' that results in the need for diapers for longer than 6 months. The child must reside at home 	<p>For detail information:</p> <p>http://www.easterseals.org/services/?load=incontinence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A doctor's letter is required to apply Funds cover the cost of diapers, and/or may cover the cost of incontinence-related medical supplies \$400/year for children 3-5 \$900/year for children 5-18