

Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp



WELCOME PACKAGE!
2026



Huron-Kinloss



Welcome to the Wolf Cub Adventure Camp!

Hello Families,

Thank you for choosing to spend some of your summer with us at the Wolf Cub Adventure Camp in Ripley!

We have an exciting 5 weeks of camp lined up for your little ones! Each week, we will be doing all sorts of adventures including walks to the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens, baseball diamonds, parks, splash pads, have a visit from the Ripley Library, crafts and games, swimming at Lucknow Pool, day trips, frog catching at the McLarty Centre and visits from the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and South Bruce OPP!

Details about our day trips and what each week will include are included in this Welcome Package.

Please Note: We have a wait list for each week of Camp. The deadline to cancel a week of camp is **March 31, 2026** in order to receive a full refund.

We are all looking forward to helping your child have the best summer ever! If you have questions, please feel free to reach out!



Sincerely,

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DAILY LOGISTICS

Sign-in and Sign-out

Each morning parents are asked to sign their child/children into camp and indicate who will be picking them up that day. When a child is being picked up at the end of the day, the indicated person must sign them out with a staff member.

On the first day of drop-off, we will have an Authorization Pick-Up form to be completed so we know who the child can leave with. Individuals who are picking up a child (not the parent) will be asked to show identification so please be prepared to do so.

Drop off and Pick up

Camp activities will begin promptly at 9am, late campers will need to be signed in at the Administrative Office in the Ripley Community Centre prior to joining the group. If your child will be absent from, or late to camp, please call 519-395-2909 or email recreation@huronkinloss.com to inform staff. A safe arrival procedure is in place for our camp program; therefore, if we are not made aware of a camper's absence, we will be phoning home to ensure the camper is safe.

Daily drop off for camp is between 8am-9am and pick up is between 4pm and 4:45pm. (Parents may face a late fee after 4:45pm).

Payment and Refund

Parents Register Online for camp. There are two payment options upon check out:

If you select "Pay Now" and your spot is secure. Parents who "Pay Now" will have until March 31, 2026 to withdrawal from a week of camp and receive a full refund.

If you select "Pay Later", your spot is not secure. You will have 5 days from the date you register to pay for all weeks of camp that you registered for. If payment is not received within 5 days, your spot will be relinquished, and we will reach out to those on the wait list. "Pay Later" allows families to pay by E-transfer, cash, debit or cheque at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre or Municipal Office.

The last day to cancel your week(s) of Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp and receive a full refund is March 31, 2026. Refunds for cancelling a week(s) of camp will not be issued after March 31, 2026 unless is required for a medical reason accompanied by doctor's note. Refunds are subject to a \$25 administration fee. There is no daily refund, if your child misses a day of camp that week.



CAMP LOGISTICS

Illness and Emergency Procedures

For the safety and wellbeing of our staff and all campers, **please do not send** your child to camp if they are ill, including gastro symptoms, fever or cold/flu like symptoms.

If a camper becomes ill, during the program day and is unable to participate in activities, the parent/guardian will be notified for pick up within an hour. Campers will be brought to a designated area until they are able to be picked up. If a camper is hurt, a member of the staff or an authorized person will administer immediate first aid.

If the situation should require immediate medical attention, the program coordinator or a member of the staff will attempt to contact and inform the parent/guardian as soon as possible. In the event that the parents/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contact person will be called. The program coordinator or another staff member will contact EMS for transportation to the hospital. A staff member will accompany the camper to the hospital and stay until the parent/guardian arrives and signs the camper out into his/her custody.

Medical Information

Our Staff cannot administer medication during program hours to any camper without the following:

- A completed and signed Medication Form (available at first day of camp)
- All prescription medication must be kept in the original pharmacy container in which it was received. The container should include the doctor's name, name of medication, procedures for use, and the child's name.
- Any medication must be checked in at the program office by the parent/guardian
- **Please Note:** If your child has an epi-pen or an inhaler, these items must also be accompanied with a completed medication form and checked in at the program office.

Inclement Weather

Camp will run rain or shine! On days when there is swimming, it will be weather permitting, as the pool is outdoors. It is mandatory that campers have a refillable water bottle every day to stay hydrated and be able to participate in activities. The Ripley-Huron Community Center has a water bottle refill station. Please also provide campers with sunscreen and sun hats to avoid sunburns and heat exhaustion.

Parent Communication



The staff will make every effort to communicate with you about camp activities, special events and inform you of how your child is doing. Do not hesitate to ask questions to one of our very helpful staff during the drop off and pick up hours, but please refrain from asking questions to staff between the hours of 9am and 4pm when the daily activities are in full swing! We will be communicating via e-mail as well as verbal communication when your child is dropped off and picked up. If you need to reach a camper or camp staff throughout the day, please contact Elyse or Matt at 519-395-2909.

What should I send to Camp

We will be busy every day! Here is a list of important items to send each day.

- Refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Nut-free lunch and lots of healthy snacks.
- Running Shoes
- Bathing Suit and Towel as we will be playing lots of water games on hot days and visiting the splash pad.

****DO NOT SEND ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR TOYS TO CAMP.
WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS****

BEHAVIOURAL GUIDELINES

The Wolf Cub Adventure Camp has a ZERO TOLERANCE for bullying or violence. All bullying related behavior will be reported, and parents of the bully and the bullied will be made aware of the situation at the end of the day. Camp staff will use multiple techniques to help campers be inclusive and to learn how to manage conflict. Some methods are re-directing; changing the focus of the campers to something other than the issue; and peer directed; using peers to include campers that are feeling homesick and acting out. Camp staff will use a 3 strike system for behavioral problems that are consistent or that are not being corrected by the other conflict management methods;

- Strike 1: verbal warning
- Strike 2: Short Time Out (time dependent on age of campers)
- Strike 3: sit out of an activity.

Parents will be kept up to date with any disciplinary action that occurred throughout the day. In extreme cases (ie. Physical violence, including biting, hitting, throwing objects at other campers) campers will be escorted to the arena office and parents or emergency contacts will be contacted right away. In some cases, the camper will need to go home for the day and in very severe cases, the camper will not be permitted to return to camp. If a camper is sent home due to aggressive behaviour at camp, camp fees will NOT be refunded.



Huron-Kinloss has adopted the RZone – Respect and Responsibility Policy, By-Law 2023-115. The purpose of the RZone policy is to establish guidelines to enforce proper steps to be taken by Staff, volunteers, user groups and members of the public to address inappropriate behaviour or violence in Township owned facilities and properties.

To view the RZone By-Law, visit www.huronkinloss.com/RZone

If you have any questions about our behavioural guidelines, do not hesitate to contact Elyse at 519-395-2909.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

All Weeks of Camp

Every Monday camp staff will spend the first 15 minutes of camp, discussing and playing games surrounding bullying prevention and inclusion of all campers. The Bullying prevention games and activities will reinforce positive self-image, build confidence, positive vocabulary, treatment of others, conflict resolution and techniques to deal with bullying. Staff will reinforce the importance of hand washing, coughing and sneezing. We hope that the lessons learned from these activities will be transferred to every aspect of the camper's lives; including school, sports, etc. We also hope that parents will reinforce the teachings to ensure that campers understand the importance of bullying prevention. All activities and games will have an emphasis on individuality, safety, and physical distancing and will incorporate supplies and equipment that are easily cleaned.

Crafts and games: All crafts and games will be based on our themes for the day/week. We are looking for recyclable material for our crafts; including but not limited to; plastic bottles, large boxes, toilet paper rolls etc. If you have anything you would like to donate to camp please drop it off at the arena.

Swimming at Lucknow Pool: Each Wednesday, we will head to Lucknow Pool for an afternoon swim from 12:30-1:30pm. We will eat before we go and again once we return. We will take a bus to and from the pool. Lifeguards assess swimming capabilities at the beginning of each swim. There are plenty of lifejackets for swimmers to wear if necessary. Campers can choose to stay out of the pool and play at the Lucknow Splash Pad instead.

Lunches and Snacks: We are very active at Ripley Wolf Camp and work up quite an appetite! Please send plenty of food each day including a full lunch and lots of snacks. We do have a "grub tub" available that has fruits, granola bars, yogurt drinks, etc., for anyone who may need a little extra. Please send a water bottle each day. We have nice cold water refill stations we can reload and refuel with!



Free Play: There will be opportunities for the campers to participate in free play. Free play can include playing at the playground, on the baseball diamond or soccer fields. During free play camp staff will be positioned throughout the area to ensure maximum supervision. Camp staff may not be participating in activities with the children if it will impede on their ability to supervise all the campers.

Week 1: June 29 – July 3 (excluding July 1 for Canada Day) – Silly Science

The first week of camp is all about Silly Science! Our Camp Leaders will have so many fun games, crafts and adventures focusing on the world of science with experiments! We will be going to Lucknow Swimming Pool on Wednesday, July 2, trips to the Ripley Splash Pad, walks down the Apple Rail Trail, water balloon games, sports and races at the Ripley Baseball Diamond and so much more

We will have a special day of Science Exploration planned for this week where campers will learn about science and do some fun experiments!.

Week 2: July 6-10 – Wilderness Wonders

Week 2 focuses on insect and fun and all the things we love about nature! Campers will go swimming in Lucknow, visit the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens (BBFG), local parks, the splash pad. We will be going to the Lucknow Pool on Wednesday.

We will be going to the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network's McLarty Centre, located just outside of Ripley on Sideroad 20. Our campers have done this adventure for several years and had a great time! We will be going on a nature hike, looking at the beaver damn, exploring nature and most importantly – catching frogs! More details to come! More details to come!

What to Bring:

- Rubber Boots
- Water Bottles
- Lots of snacks

Weeks 3: July 13-17 – Animal Kingdom

We shift our focus to the world of animals! Like other weeks, our Campers will go swimming in Lucknow, visit the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens, local parks, and the splash pad. We will learn about strange and unusual animals from around the world, play guessing game activities and end our week with a big trip to Bervie Zoo!

Week 4: July 20-24 – Under the Sea

In Week 4 we will dive Under the Sea to learn more about sea creatures, the Great Lakes and oceans and the importance of Beach Safety. Our weekly activities continue with a trip to Lucknow Pool and Splashpad, parks, playgrounds, visit from Ripley Library and all kinds of games, crafts and adventures around Ripley! We may even take a trip to Kincardine's Station Beach for some beach safety and stop by the Davidson Centre Park to play in the splashpad.



Week 5: July 27-31 – Superhero Academy

We may be nearing the end of our Ripley Wolf Cub Camp, but that doesn't mean our fun will end! Our final week of camp will be filled with activities surrounding our favourite superheroes – whether it's Ironman, Wonder Woman or our local heroes from the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and the South Bruce OPP in Kincardine – we will celebrate all heroes! Like other weeks, our Campers will go swimming in Lucknow, visit the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens, local parks, and the splash pad. We will be walking down to the Ripley-Huron Fire Department where Fighters will give us a tour of the Fire Hall, see all their fire safety equipment and get a climb into the Fire Truck!

Photo Release and Social Media

Periodically we will take pictures of camp for our records and to use for promotional materials. Upon registration, you were asked to initial your photo and video consent. If you do NOT want your camper's photo to be taken please tell Elyse before the first day of camp. There is a clause on the registration form about photo and video release, if you initialed that accidentally, please let Elyse know as soon as possible, as that clause will be referenced in any incidents of photos being posted to social media or other marketing materials.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Our field trips to places such as the Lucknow Swimming Pool, McLarty Centre or walks to the Splash Pad or Bruce Botanical Food Gardens.

What you should know:

- All staff members will accompany campers on trips.
- Prior to a trip, staff will review the trip plan prepared by the camp coordinator.
- Head counts will be conducted by the camp staff as children enter the bus, when they are seated, when they exit the bus and throughout the day.
- Contact information for staff members on the trips will be available to parents in case of emergencies or for parents to check in.
- On the way to off-site field trip locations, camp staff will remind campers of the field trip rules, behavioural expectations, and our policies. When on off-site trips, strict behavioural guidelines will be implemented to ensure camper safety. Campers that do not meet our expectations, as outlined below, will need to remain directly under the supervision of the camp coordinator and in more severe circumstances, may be taken back to the bus until they are ready to behave accordingly.
 - All campers will have a cohort and a head camp staff. All cohorts will travel throughout the venue together.
 - When the cohort is divided, campers will remain with their cohort leader.



- **Buddy System:** Not only will campers have a cohort and a cohort leader; they will also have a buddy (physically distanced buddy of course!). Older campers within a cohort will be paired with the young campers and will be required to stay with their buddy throughout the day. The groups will always travel together but this will help camp staff ensure that all campers have someone looking out for them.
- **Swimming:** If you are not comfortable with your child taking part in swimming at the Lucknow Outdoor Pool, we will have 1 staff person that will supervise children in the Lucknow Splash Pad located beside the Lucknow Pool. The Township has a strict pool admission policy: campers 6 years old and younger MUST wear a lifejacket regardless of their swimming ability. Campers 7-9 years old can choose to wear a lifejacket or complete a facility swim test (25m swim on their FRONT, must complete the full distance without touching the wall or floor, if incomplete they MUST wear a lifejacket).
- **Walking trips:** Occasionally camp will walk to different locations in Ripley including the Bruce Botanical Food Garden, the splash pad, Lewis Park, the trails, etc. During walking trips, the entire camp will stay together (in cohorts) and will be using the buddy system. Camp staff will be located at the front of the line, throughout the line and at the back of the line, to ensure camper safety throughout the walk. Campers will be required to walk at a pace that is suitable for the slowest walkers.

DETOUR PROGRAM

We understand that campers may not want to participate in all camp activities for a number of different reasons. We do not want to force campers to participate but we hope to encourage them to try new things and step out of their comfort zones. We also understand that sometimes campers require a little down time. The detour program allows campers to sit out of 1 activity per day. The detour program will be explained to campers on the first day of camp, so they understand the procedure and what using a detour means. The detour procedure is explained below:

- Monday mornings, camp staff will explain to all campers what a detour is and how to use it. Campers may use a detour once per day to sit out of an activity of their choice. Campers will be reminded that once they use their detour that day, they will be required to at least attempt all other activities.
- Throughout the day, camp staff will discuss the program plan and give the campers some insight into what activities will be taking place. This gives an opportunity for campers to think about when they would like to use their detour.
- If a camper decides to use a detour, they will approach a camp staff member to inform them that they would like to use a detour for that activity. The camper must stay with their cohort at all times but will be able to sit to the side and



- watch the activity or participate in a quiet activity like coloring. A camp staff or volunteer will be assigned to supervise children taking part in a detour.
- Once the activity is completed, the camper will rejoin their cohort and participate in the rest of the day's activities.

We hope that by giving campers a choice and an ability to stay within their comfort zone, they will find camp is a more enjoyable experience and will be willing to participate in the majority of activities.

Child Abuse Detection

Everyone in Ontario is required by law to report immediately his/her belief that a child may be in need of protection. All staff members are required to fulfill this public duty. Section 72. (1) The Child & Family Services Act outlines various forms of abuse that an individual must report.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss is committed to protecting children from abuse and will ensure children's safety based on the following guidelines:

1. All staff receive training on detection, reporting procedures, and dealing with disclosure of abuse in their employee orientation
2. All staff is legally required to report suspicions or disclosures of child abuse to the Children's Aid Society
3. All staff who detect and report child abuse will remain anonymous.

Anyone who suspects a child might be in need of protection must immediately report the situation to their Supervisor. Both the employee and the Supervisor will determine the best course of action and if necessary, they will promptly report the situation to the Children's Aid Society.

Questions?

If you have any questions prior to camp, during camp or after our camp season is complete, please contact Elyse at 519-395-2909 or
recreation@huronkinloss.com

THANK YOU!

Thank you from all the Wolf Cub Adventure Camp Staff for supporting our camp program! We are so excited to spend our summer with your families!



See below for our Camp Check List



WELCOME TO CAMP



CAMP CHECK LIST

- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Healthy lunch & LOTS of snacks
- Refillable water bottle
- Running shoes
- Sandals for the splashpad or pool
- Bathing suit & towel (everyday!)
- Change of clothes
- Sense of Adventure!



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