



Updated March 20, 2025

Parents Common Questions and Answers Summer 2025

New or updated programming/notes

- Camp is 6 weeks, from Monday June 30 to Friday August 8. Camp hours are from 9am to 4pm. Daycare hours at your child’s respective centers are from 7am - 9am and 4pm - 6pm.
- **NEW!** You can sign up for more weeks during the summer **provided that there are still spaces available.**
 - ***Weeks will be capped to a maximum number of campers to respect camper to animator ratios, if we reach our limit, we will not be able to accept any more. (Maximum number of spaces will be shown on Amilia at time of registration)***
- Please note that the center locations may change for the following reasons:
 - More or less camper registrations for a particular grade level.
 - If anything changes, we will let you know (by the end of May).
- **Your child’s grade at camp is the one that he or she completes in June 2025.**
- Registration will take place online, we are available to help register by phone and in person by appointment only but all registrations will go through the Amilia platform
 - ***Spaces will be limited to the maximum registrations per grade. Please check Amilia to see the limit for your child’s grade.***
- If you wish to receive a tax credit (RL-24) for your summer camp expenses **it is obligatory to enter your social insurance number where indicated at the time of registration.** If you do not we will be unable to provide you with an RL-24.
- We have hired a Special Needs Coordinator to assist in the integration and evaluation of campers in our care. If your child requires a childcare worker at school Erika will reach out to you to discuss the program.
- **We are looking for camp t-shirt sponsors! Income tax receipt and other publicity incentives included (from 1000\$ to 5000\$).**

Grade level (completed in June 2025)	Center	Address
Grades 1+2	Leonardo Da Vinci Academy	12025 André-Dumas Montreal, QC, Canada H1E 4G2
Grades 3+4	YLC 2 nd floor	11991 Pierre Baillargeon, Montreal, Quebec H1E 2E5
Grades 5+6	YLC 3 rd floor	11991 Pierre Baillargeon, Montreal, Quebec H1E 2E5
Teen Spirit (sec 1+2+3)	YLC Lounge - Second Floor	11991 Pierre Baillargeon, Montreal, Quebec H1E 2E5

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YLC Office: 514-648-6421 (ask for Amy or Davide) info@dbylc.com

Note: Information is subject to change

Summer camp 2025 Common questions asked by Parents!

Please note:

1. On the first day of camp, you will receive a parent information booklet that has the program calendar and other information. This information will also be online a week before camp starts.
2. Your child's camp T-shirt will be given out during the first week and should be worn only on outings or special events.
3. Parents, don't see your question? Please contact us at 514-648-6421 (please leave a message) however, email is best at info@dbylc.com
4. **We are always looking for sponsorship and donations! We can offer income tax receipts and publicity incentives for cash sponsorship. Please reach out to us info@dbylc.com for more information!**



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NEW! Question 1: What will the summer camp administration look like this year?

- Our administration will consist of the following people:
 - **Executive Program Director:** Fr. Richard Authier
 - **Summer Camp Director:** Amy El-Zammar
 - **Assistant Camp Director:** Davide Clemente

NEW! Question 2: Will you have a Pre-K and K Camp?

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- Our summer camp will be starting from Grade 1 this year.

NEW! Question 3: How does Daycare work?

- Daycare is from 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm.
- **NEW!** Daycare is \$20 per service and parents must register for the one that they need for their child.
 - **Morning service: 7am to 9am - \$20**
 - **Afternoon service: 4pm to 6pm - \$20**
 - **Morning and Afternoon service - \$40**
- Daycare is supervised by the animators of your child's center. You can sign up for daycare anytime during the summer.
- Consistent lateness (past 6pm) will result in a higher daycare rate.
- You must sign your child in and out at the daycare desk.
- Daycare will be at your child's center.
- **If you have 2 or 3 children at camp, we recommend picking up the younger one first and then head to the other center(s). Don't worry, we will never leave a child alone outside.**

Question 4: What is SAFEFUN and who are the animators?

- This is the philosophy of our camp. Our objective is to make sure that the safety of our campers will never be compromised for the sake of fun.
- All our animators go through a 2-month city certified training, participate, and agree to our “Safe Environment” protocols. All are first aid certified and the majority are known to us through our programming and go through a police check (18 years and over).
- We are also accredited from the Quebec Camp Association.
- We have been organizing summer camp since 1984.

IMPORTANT! Question 5: Do we get an RL-24?

- Yes! You will receive a Releve-24 if your invoice has been paid and you’ve provided your Social Insurance Number at the time of registration.
- In January of the following year we will send out a reminder to make sure that your information is up-to-date at which point we will issue your RL-24’s through Amilia, our registration platform.
If you do not provide your SIN or you have not paid your camp fees then we will not be able to issue your RL-24.

Question 6: What should my child bring every day?

*It is important that your child brings the following items **on a daily basis** in a durable backpack.*

- **Sunscreen (SPF 50 or higher). Campers must apply sunscreen before arriving at camp each day. We will reapply during the day for the younger levels. Older children are expected to apply it on themselves (with our assistance if needed).**
- A healthy lunch and snacks. **NO PRODUCTS WITH NUTS.** We do not use microwaves. Please make sure your child(ren)’s lunches are tightly sealed and kept fresh (put an ice pack in the lunch bag if necessary).
- If lunch is forgotten, we will contact you to purchase some food for your child. You will then reimburse your child’s coordinator.
- A lock for public pool changing room lockers (optional).
- Pool sandals/ water shoes for water activities.
- Bathing suit and towel.
- Water bottle.
- Cap.
- Running shoes **WITH** socks. **NO SANDALS/ETC.**
 - *For campers who arrive to camp with sandals, the coordinator will call home to return to camp with a proper pair of shoes.*
- **Please keep in mind that we are not responsible for lost/stolen or damaged items.**

NEW! Question 7: Can/should my child bring a cell phone to camp?

- No! Camp is a time to disconnect from the online world and have fun and socialize with friends. **We highly suggest that your child leave their phone at home.**
- **Should there be an emergency,** the coordinator will **ALWAYS** contact the parent.
- We suggest avoiding any wearable technology or tracking devices as they can be easily lost or damaged during a day of active games at camp.
- **THE DBYLC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST/STOLEN OR DAMAGED ITEMS.** For this reason, we recommend these items stay at home and encourage your children to spend some “offline” time with friends.

Question 8: Can parents volunteer on outings?

- Parent volunteers will be assessed on a case by case basis by the summer camp coordinators.
- If you are interested in volunteering on an outing, please let your coordinators know.
- **Parent volunteers will never be placed in the same group as their child/children.**

IMPORTANT! Question 9: Where will the campers go swimming?

- We use the **Don Bosco Pool** (on Rita Levi Montalcini) and the **Centre Aquatic RDP** (attached to Jean Grou high school).
- Grade 1 and 2 campers will go in the **pataugeoire “baby” pool**.
- Grade 3 campers and up will go in the **regular sized swimming pool** but will be **obliged to take a swim test the first time they go**.
 - *This is a regulation of the City of Montreal and its public swimming pools.*
 - *If a child passes the swim test, they will receive a green bracelet which allows them to swim freely in the pool.*
 - *If a child fails the swim test, they will receive a red bracelet and will need to swim with a life jacket at all times.*
- At times, we will take the campers to do some water activities in our safe zone/school yard or at splash pads in our local parks.

Question 10: How is the day / week structured?

- The day will range from quiet, semi-active to active games according to the physical and social development of the age group/center.
- **The week consists of theme days, sports, outings, dance, games, songs, FaithSpace (optional), center events, “universal special events”, special animation programming, swimming, and sports activities.**
- Most of the activities will take place at your child's respective center and immediate surroundings.
- You will receive a Parent Information booklet with the camp calendar and other important information describing your child's summer experience and expectations on the first day of camp. These booklets will also be available online.
- Friday mornings typically consist of a child-friendly church celebration at Maria Ausiliatrice parish (optional).
- Friday afternoons are typically “universal” camper events (Carnival day, Walk a thon, Derby race, etc).

Question 11: How do outings work?

- **All the outings are incorporated into the registration fee.**
- We will be travelling by either yellow bus or with an STM private shuttle bus. Your center coordinator will inform you of this and if any bus passes need to be purchased..
- Teen Spirit outings are not included in the registration.
- You will receive the outing form on the first day of camp. Please check off which outings you would like your child to attend. If anything changes, let us know at least **TWO DAYS BEFORE THE OUTING**.
- No permission slips for major outings will be accepted on the day of the outing. It is not meant to exclude campers but rather to ensure proper supervision and space in the yellow buses.
- If your child does not participate in an outing they can stay home or be placed with campers from the grade closest to theirs **IF POSSIBLE**.
- No campers will be able to stay back on our **“UNIVERSAL OUTINGS”**. If you choose not to send your child, they will have to stay home as the whole staff will be on these outings. Universal outings are outings that the **WHOLE** camp goes to (from Grade 1 to Teen Spirit).

- If an outing is cancelled or rescheduled (due to circumstances beyond our control) to another camp week, there is no reimbursement.

IMPORTANT! Question 12: How does early dismissal and absence procedure work?

- **A note is required by the parent (in advance) to be given DIRECTLY to the animator who then discusses it with the coordinator. Campers will only be dismissed at their respective center.**
 - *Due to our safety policies, we do not allow unplanned early dismissals.*
- Please share all personal matters (divorce, custody, other) pertaining to your child's safety and well-being with the respective coordinator and / or with Amy El Zammar or Davide Clemente. The more we know, the more we can provide a "SafeFun" experience for your child(ren).
- If you are aware that your child will be absent for the day, please send in a note or contact the coordinator or leave a message at your child's center's phone number. **NOT THE YLC OFFICE.**

Question 13: Is camp from 9am to 4pm?

- Yes it is. Dismissal is at 4pm. We ask all parents to be present five minutes earlier.
- Animators will wait outside with your child for **15 minutes**. After this time, your child will be sent back inside to daycare and parents will have to pick up from there. **A child will NEVER stay outside unattended.**

If you're late...

- If you won't be able to make it for 4pm, please contact your child(ren)'s center. If need be, please pick up your younger child before the older one.
- Consistent lateness will result in a daycare fee to be paid directly to the coordinator.
- **Make sure you write down on the registration form ALL THE PEOPLE that can pick up your child from camp.**

Question 14: Does my child have to wear the camp t-shirt every day?

- No. Camp T-shirts MUST be worn on all outings. This is to enhance identification, safety, and supervision during an outing.
- In some cases, we ask the campers to wear their camp T-shirt on special events (e.g. Walk-a-thon, last day of camp, etc...)
- A t-shirt of the same color may be worn (or one of previous years) if the camp T-shirt of this year is dirty or for other reasons.
- The t-shirt is included in the registration fee and your child will receive the size you indicate on the registration. **If you are unsure of the size and fit, we suggest indicating a size larger.**
- A replacement fee for a lost t-shirt during the camp season is 20\$.

Question 15: What is the Camper Code of Conduct?

- The Code of Conduct is the way in which we expect campers to behave while at summer camp. It is also a tool that the camp staff can use to encourage transparent and stronger communication and assistance to parents. In particular with campers who display inappropriate behavior at summer camp.
- **We are not able to keep any camper we feel we are not equipped to handle, or who are a danger to themselves or other campers in this environment. You will receive a partial reimbursement.**
- This is to ensure the safety of other campers and staff as a whole and to not diminish the opportunity for an enjoyable summer camp EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE.
- **The more we know, the more we can help! This is why we strongly recommend an open and honest communication between parents and staff. Speak to Amy and your child(ren)'s coordinator.**

IMPORTANT! Question 16: Do you accept children with special needs?

- We do accept campers with special needs, however under the following conditions:
 - We ask parents to be honest and transparent about any special needs or specific behaviors on the registration form. This helps us better meet the needs of your child.
 - Your child is independent enough to be followed by a CCA (Camper Care Animator) on a 1:4 ratio. **We do not offer 1:1 care.**
 - If your child requires 1:1 care, parents will have to provide one on their own, or subsidize the salary of an additional CCA from our summer camp. Please speak with Amy
- **We are aware of the challenges and difficulties it is to secure and ensure a safe space for your child during the summer. But it is important that you do not mislead the camp administration.**
- We will do our best to accommodate and assist if we feel we're able to ensure a "SafeFun" experience for all involved.
- We receive a limited grant of 5000\$ (not guaranteed for this summer yet) by a city/government organization. This pays for 2 staff members whose primary role is the integration of children into the group and daily activities.
- We have a Special Needs Coordinator who will assess the camper, help the animators with tips and suggestions and have an open and honest communication with parents.
- If you have a specialized/experienced special needs animator that can work with your child at camp, we will certainly consider it. However, they must be **paid by you** or through your school, city, CLSC, government agency, personal or another type of grant.
- If you believe we can't provide the necessary resources, we invite you to visit other camp organizations that specialize in children with special needs. One resource is montrealfamilies.com or Autism Montreal.
- Please speak/email the camp directors for further questions and information or situation. info@dbylc.com



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YLC hours: Monday to Thursday 3pm to 9pm and Saturday morning from 9am to Noon.
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What is the YLC?

The Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre was founded in 1997.

It is a non-profit youth centre that reaches out annually to over 1000 children, youth and families in the East end of Montreal. Named after Saint John Bosco, a universally recognized educator and evangelizer of the young, the DBYLC strives to follow in his footsteps.

The mission of the DBYLC is to foster the development of honest citizens, good and kind youth and positive leaders. This mission is carried out through a variety of youth activities that have as their finality education, prevention, and leadership training.



Don Bosco used to say: "Give the most to those who have the least." The DBYLC is particularly attentive to needier youth: those from poorer families, in dysfunctional family settings, or influenced by negative and harmful peer influences. We welcome all languages and cultures in our programming.

The DBYLC receives some financial support from the Municipal, Provincial & Federal Governments and benefits from free rent in its locale.

But the DBYLC is not sufficiently financed to cover its annual operating costs. In the name of the young we thank you for any financial help you can offer us. Please speak to us at info@dbylc.com for information on how you can help and receive a charity tax receipt (50\$ and more).