

YMCA John Island Camp Registration

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When does John Island registration open?

For 2023, there will be 3 different registration dates for John Island programs:

- January 11 – Saplings, Youth Camp, and Adventure Camp
- January 18 – Explorer Canoe, Greenway Leadership, Norquay Leadership
- February 1 – Women’s Wellness, Family Camp, Inclusion Program

Registration opens at 8:00 am for all Registration Dates

2. Can I register for John Island Camp if I’m not a YMCA Member?

- a) Yes! You don’t need to be a member but you will need to create an account on our online Member Portal at <https://ymcaneo.my.site.com/#/login>.
- b) If you registered for camp in 2022, you can re-activate your old account by selecting “Reset Password”
- c) If you need assistance with logging into your account or resetting your password, you can email sudbury.membership@ymcaneo.ca or call 705-688-7300 ext. 2111.

3. How do I register my child for summer camp?

- a) You can find the registration link on our website at <https://www.ymcaneo.ca/john-island-camp/>
- b) On the website, select [Register Now](#) which will take you to the YMCA Member Portal. The Member Portal is where all personal information will be collected to complete registration.
- c) If you have created an account in the past, attempt to log in with the email and password from the year before. If you cannot remember your password, use the ‘Password Reset’ button.
- d) Should the system encounter an error when attempting to reset your password, contact the YMCA
- e) If families or staff require additional registration assistance, you reach us by completing the Registration Inquiry Form at <https://forms.office.com/r/NgGyx1cmpC> or calling the YMCA at 705-688-7300 ext. 2100

4. *What information do I need to register my child?*

Before registering your camper, please prepare the following information:

- Camper's Health Card Number
- List of Medications being sent to camp with dosage and administration frequency
- Contact info for Family Physician or preferred walk in clinic
- Date of last tetanus shot
- Summary of relevant camper allergies or behaviours
- Camper's T shirt size
- Bunk Mate requests

5. *Is there a registration deadline?*

All camp registrations and registration changes, excluding cancellations, must be made no later 7 days prior to the start of your registered camp week. If you need to make any changes to your camper's registration or update their medical information, please contact the Camp Registrar by phone or email.

6. *What is the cancellation policy?*

Please read carefully

Requests for cancellation must be submitted to the YMCA Program Registration Office via email to johnislandcamp@ymcaneoo.ca. Cancellation requests received after June 1st but more than 28 days before the session will receive a full refund minus an administration fee of \$75 per session and camper cancelling. Cancellation requests submitted with less than 28 days' notice will receive a refund minus an administration fee of 50% of the cost per session and camper cancelling. Cancellation requests with less than 7 days' notice will **not** qualify for a refund. For cancellations due to medical reasons, a doctor's note is required to waive cancellation policies and fees. Refunds are not granted due to inclement weather. Refunds take 2-3 weeks to process.

7. *Who is eligible to attend camp?*

Most camp sessions accommodate ages 7-17. Our Saplings program is the one which is offered for campers between the ages of 6-10. Age is determined by year of birth, rather than the camper's age at the beginning of the camp session.

8. Can I request another child to be in my child's cabin?

Yes! We do our best to accommodate cabin requests if campers are in the same program and around the same age. Priority is given to campers who request one another, camper requests are not guaranteed.

Is financial assistance available?

Yes, Financial Assistance is available for families who may need additional support with camp payments. All information regarding Financial Assistance can be found on our website at <https://www.ymcaneo.ca/john-island-financial-assistance/>

On this page, you will find information about Financial Assistance, FA application process, and the Alumni & Friends Bursary.

9. When does my camper choose their Personal Choice Activities?

Starting this year, Personal choice activities will be selected closer to the start of camp. Families will be notified via email when they can select their Personal Choice Activities (PCA) and will be emailed to every registered family.

Each camper will select program activities that will be a focus during their stay at camp:

- Youth Campers (2 Week) will select 4 Personal Choice Activities
- Adventure Campers (1 Week) will select 2 Program Streams**.

Personal Choice Activities include the following:

- **Adventure** – High Ropes and Low Ropes Programming – Campers challenge themselves to climb to new heights on the John Island Adventure course while being supported by friends.
- **Sports & Nature** – A catch- all program with moments of quiet reflection and high energy games. Learn more about the ecology of Northern Ontario with sporting activities such as soccer, volleyball, or flag football.
- **Archery** – learn all about the art of archery including safety methods, proper technique, and accuracy improvement.
- **Outdoor Living Skills** – Fire building, shelter building and survival skills. Everything is focused on how you can make the most out playing in the woods!
- **Dramatic Arts** – Get in touch with your inner actor! Learn about different acting methods and enjoy drama centered games with a culminating original campfire performance!

- **Arts & Crafts** – With a focus on different crafts/ art projects every day, campers will get in touch with their creative side!
- **Canoeing** – Immerse yourself in one of Canadas oldest traditions. Learn the history behind the Canoe and the stroke work used to navigate the North Channel of Lake Huron. The program culminates in a Paddle & Picnic on a nearby island.
- **Kayaking** – Learn about the history behind the Kayak and stroke work used to navigate the North Channel of Lake Huron. Learn through educational games and explore the John Island Archipelago.
- **Sailing** – A classic program which leaves an unforgettable impression on all who participate. Learn proper sailing techniques on our Hobie Cat sail boats and explore the waters surrounding John Island.
- **Windsurfing** - Learn to windsurf on the white sand beaches of John Island! At its core, Windsurfing requires physical control, mental wits and pure conviction. Perfect for campers seeking a new challenge.

*** Streams focus on a wider range of activities at camp such as Water Sports, Creativity, Outdoor Living Skills, and Adventure.*