



Camp Samac, Scouts Canada
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Greetings Scouters, Leaders and Guests,

This email is intended to cover the basics related to check-in, on-site safety, property use and check-out information. Of course, please feel welcome to call or text me with any of your questions:

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Upon arrival: *Please, no arrivals before 3pm.* I would appreciate an email or a text message with your group's estimated time of arrival. If you require an earlier arrival time, please arrange with me in advance...

Ensure to use the north entrance to Camp Samac, located at:

275 Conlin Rd. E., Oshawa, ON

Your cabin will be unlocked upon arrival, and the key will be hanging inside the doorway.

Weekend Host (volunteer): During the weekend we have a *Volunteer Guest Host*. They will assist groups with their arrival, ensuring traffic is child safe; give parents directions on where to park and walk to the correct camp facility. The Weekend Host will be your contact throughout your stay. It's best to stay in touch with the Weekend Host throughout the weekend, via call or text message, (905) 809-9689, if there is anything they can do to assist you and your group.

Parking: The main parking lot P1 (in front of Council Hall) is open for general parking. Only 1-2 vehicles are allowed to park at each cabin / lodge/ campsite during your stay and for overnight parking. We request extra vehicles park in the paved lot P1 in front of Council Hall. ***If you are tenting*** you may use the parking area P2 under the powerlines by the north entrance and walk south on the Lakeland road. There are exceptions for Scouters / Leaders and persons requiring special transportation.

Water: The tap water at Camp Samac is municipal water and is therefore drinkable & potable. Enjoy!

Lake Samac: We install the logs in our dam on June 15th, and Lake Samac slowly fills! The logs are removed September 15th and the lake empties. Please use caution when down near the water and remember that youth *must be wearing lifejackets and always be supervised when on the water or at the water's edge.*

Washrooms: Each cabin / lodge has deluxe flush toilets. Furthermore, there is a 'flushie' at the Program Cabin. The kybos across from Ontario campsite and by Stoney campsite will also be open. *When the kybos are unavailable and if you choose to use the washroom in the Program cabin it is your responsibility to leave it cleaner than you found it (this includes garbage and sweeping and mopping the floors).*

Dishes: All our cabins and lodges are now stocked with enough bowls and plates and cutlery for everyone in your group! Please ensure that any used dishes are cleaned, dried and stacked before your departure.

Garbage / Recycling: Now accepting hard plastics and beverage containers for recycling. We do not accept cardboard recycling. Please take cardboard home with you for recycling or place it in the dumpster. Please use the designated green bins located to the right of the dumpster. **Please take all garbage to the dumpster provided in tied bags.** The dumpster is located north of Cubland building. Make sure to dispose of garbage properly! Leaving garbage outside attracts wildlife, which we have. Please take home all composting and kitchen waste with you, as we are no longer accepting it (we don't want to feed the skunks on purpose).

Firewood: Each cabin / lodge / site is stocked with one complimentary half-rack of firewood. After that, you can help yourself to any branches and dead wood that is lying on the ground as well. **We now sell firewood!** Large bags are \$12 for kindling and \$12 for firewood. **If you wish to purchase more** firewood, ask the Weekend Host when you arrive on Friday and the Weekend Host will have it dropped off to you that evening.

Fires should always be:

- Modest in size – **no more than 12 inches above the top of the fire ring.** (by order of the Oshawa Fire Department)
- Made **only inside of designated fire pits** (by order of the Oshawa Fire Department)
- Extinguished every night or whenever unsupervised
- Completely extinguished before your departing checkout.

Keep the shovel and water pail full and close at hand.

Emergencies: Please call 911 for all emergencies. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can be found in the entryway of the Kitchie Lodge. The Program Cabin may be used as an emergency shelter in case of an extreme weather event.

Shelters/Pioneering Projects: Some are grand, and some are small! If your group builds shelters, please help us by dismantling them all! We cannot leave temporary structures up. Please take them down before you leave and scatter the materials back into the woods.

Wifi: Available at and around Council Hall, Cabin 1 and the Nature Centre. There is cell phone reception throughout the camp. You will be having so much fun that you really won't need this!

Departure: Your group will be given a clipboard with steps on how to leave the cabin or campsite as found.

For cabins / lodges: Cleaning supplies are in each cabin / lodge. Please lock the cabin door(s) and leave the key inside the building with the clipboard. Can't find the key? It is hanging in the doorframe.

For campsites: Scatter excess sticks back into the woods. All garbage removed. Shelters/pioneering projects dismantled! **Picnic tables/benches returned to their original locations (this is important!).** Please let me know if you have any questions regarding leaving the space as you found it or ask the Weekend Host. Thank you for your cooperation!

Wildlife: This time of year, be on the lookout for wild turkey, white-tailed deer (recently sighted!), red fox, bald eagle (recently sighted!), northern flicker, red-tailed hawk, racoon, red squirrel, black squirrel, gray squirrel, rainbow squirrel, rainbow trout, blue jay, northern cardinal, barn swallow, Canada goose, black-capped chickadee and many more!!

Other: "Camp Samac Turkey", "Camp Samac Trout" and "Everyone is Welcome" crests are available for purchase. Please submit your crest orders to the Guest Host before 3pm on Saturday and they can deliver them to your cabin or campsite. Camp Samac Turkey crests are \$5; Camp Samac Trout crests are \$5, and Everyone is Welcome crests are \$6, or buy both for \$10. (i.e. a trout and Everyone crest) *We now take debit and credit cards*

Some recommended apps to help you enjoy Camp Samac are: **AVENZA** for maps, **MERLIN BIRD ID** for bird call recordings and **SEEK** for plant and animal photo identification.

As Camp Samac is a sanctuary conveniently located in the city of Oshawa, there are many pharmacies, grocery stores and retail stores within a quick 10-15 min. drive away! Please check the front of the Welcome binder in your cabin or lodge for the location of these facilities.

We have the best programming options at any camp in Scouts Canada! Help yourself to some of the games & activities-in-a-box found in the Program Cabin (inside the campfire side door)! There are lots of fun ideas and challenges to keep your group learning and engaged. We also have Giant Jenga, Tug-of-war ropes, Corn hole boards and bean bag tosses. **Just remember to sign the activities out/in on the clipboard located above the boxes. Please RETURN any Program equipment before you leave.** If you find that it is locked, just remember that it should be SAFE to enter (yes that is a hint). Always check out available options at www.campsamac.ca.

The Program Committee would appreciate your suggestions and feedback on Camp Samac's programs. If you have any programming questions or suggestions please contact:

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And of course, if you have any questions at all the Weekend Host will visit your group on Saturday morning with your "Before You Leave checklist".

Safe travels and see you this weekend!!

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