



Fort McMurray  
Boys & Girls Club

# ZAP VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

Handbook & Frequently Asked Questions



# ABOUT VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

While we are sad that we cannot run our summer camp in the same way this year, we are thrilled that we get to partner with the Jays Care Foundation to offer an amazing VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE. Youth aged 5-12 will have the opportunity to connect with peers through sessions that have been specifically designed to engage participants in a fun and dynamic way, all from the comfort of their homes!

## WHAT IS VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP?

Our virtual camp program is designed to keep your child engaged for 1 hour per day, 3 times a week, for however many weeks you choose to register for! Sessions will be split into two age groups (Ages 5-8 and Ages 9-12).

- Sessions will run Monday-Wednesday every week
- Ages 5-8 from 10:30-11:30am
- Ages 9-12 from 12:30-1:30pm

Each session will offer highly interactive and remarkably fun activities that will center around the weekly or daily theme! Sessions will be facilitated by two or more Boys & Girls Club staff that have had specific training on how to run virtual programs.

## HOW DOES MY CHILD JOIN VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP?

Our virtual camp sessions are held over Zoom (no account required to join the sessions, and no cost associated). Participants will need access to a laptop or tablet. Preferably, participants will have their videos on so we can interact with them at all times. Zoom allows for an interactive live experience that keeps participants engaged.

## HOW DOES MY CHILD BENEFIT FROM VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP?

By participating in our virtual summer camp program your child will:

- Have lots of fun & be creative!
- Engage in supportive and active environments.
- Connect with positive role models and peers.
- Work in group dynamics to improve teamwork and communication skills
- Learn how to use online technology

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHAT DO WE NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN SESSIONS?

Your child will need access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone during the session. Sessions will be most beneficial if the device has access to video and microphone so that your child can interact with the group. We will be using the platform **Zoom**. You will receive a link to your email prior to the session, along with a password, through which you can join the meeting – no Zoom account is required to do so, and there is no cost associated.

## WHAT MATERIALS ARE NEEDED FOR CAMP?

We will only use materials that you likely have at home. Generally plastic bags, towels, rolled up socks, paper, crayons and pens, etc. If you are ever without a material, we will give the child an alternative material and instructions so that everyone can participate.

## CAN I SIGN UP FOR JUST ONE WEEK OF CAMP?

Yes. Camp registration is on a week to week basis. We do suggest however that you register for at least 2 consecutive weeks for your child to truly benefit from the program. ***PLEASE NOTE: Spaces are limited as group sizes are relatively small. Please register as soon as possible as we cannot guarantee space.***

## WHAT IF I HAVE YOUNGER CHILDREN AT HOME?

The less distractions your child has during programming, the better. However, siblings that don't yet meet the age limit can certainly be present and watch the session too. **Only the child registered will be able to actively take part in the session.**

## DO I NEED TO ASSIST MY CHILD DURING THE PROGRAM SESSION?

No, parents are not required to assist their child once the session has started, however we encourage parents to check in on their child periodically to ensure they are staying focused.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Please visit the website or email [registration@fmbgc.ca](mailto:registration@fmbgc.ca) to receive a registration package. Once returned, we will confirm your registration and provide you with additional information.

## QUESTIONS?

If your question wasn't answered here, or you require additional information, please email [registration@fmbgc.ca](mailto:registration@fmbgc.ca)