



Greetings from YMCA Geneva Park,

YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

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Summer 2019 Cottage & Suites Applications

Please find enclosed the 2019 Family Camp Application form. **WE WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS AS OF November 17, 2018.** If you prefer, a fillable form will also be available at www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca. For your reference, Geneva Park's "Tenure and Allocation" process is on the back. Applications can be submitted by fax (705-325-9633), email (geneva.park@sm.ymca.ca) or post (6604 Rama Rd. Ramara, ON L3V 0S3). **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2018.**

Please note that a separate survey will follow upon confirmation to gather information on volunteer interests, medical information as well as to gauge interest in program activities during the time you'll be with us.

Summer 2019 GP LEAP Registration

Registration for our GP LEAP programs will be available online this year and registration will open November 17, 2018. The link is genevapark.campbrainregistration.com

Vacation Guests Registration

Registration for our Vacation Guests in the Court and Lodge accommodation will open on January 16, 2019; bookings can be made by calling the Geneva Park office at 705 325 2253 or toll free at 1 866 895 9622.

Winterlude, Yoga and FamWide Programs

We invite you to participate in our upcoming family programs here at Geneva Park; more details to come on all our family programs!

- Fall Yoga November 23-25, 2018
- Winterlude December 29-January 1, 2019
- FamWide February 16-18, 2019
- Spring Yoga May 10-12, 2019

Spring Work Weekend

Save the date! We hope to see you the weekend of May 17-20, 2019 for our Annual Spring Work Weekend!

Cottage Redevelopment Update

Last year we began the process of rejuvenating our cottage line with construction of the new "Beechtree". This three season cottage was designed with input from a committee of cottagers, and featured the following:

- Net Neutral Read Design
- Hot-Water
- Three piece washroom
- Open Concept living space
- Three bedrooms
- Large screened in porch

This cottage was funded 100% through donations from our cottage line, and we are thrilled to share that we are in position to construct another two cottages for next summer. We will be building these cottages in partnership with The Endeavour Centre-The Sustainable Building School. We look forward to providing more updates as we move forward with this project throughout the winter and spring.

Annual YMCA Fundraising Campaign

Last year our annual fundraising campaign helped 29 families attend YMCA Geneva Park! Thank you to everyone who made donations to allow these families to experience the magic of the Park. Please consider the YMCA as your charity of choice this year when making your holiday donation. Donations can be made online at <https://secure.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/> Thank you for your continued support.

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YMCA GENEVA PARK “TENURE AND APPLICATION PROCESS”

In an effort to help all YMCA Geneva Park Family Camp Participants better understand how cottages and suites are allocated each summer; please review the following procedures and practices:

“**Cottage & Suite Tenure**” is the method by which YMCA Geneva Park’s management identifies those families renting a Cottage or Suite, who have the first right to a specified rental unit during a specified time period. The process and conditions of Tenure which guide YMCA Geneva Park are as follows:

1. Tenure is achieved after a family has occupied the same cottage or suite for 5 consecutive years during the same week number. Week number is determined by counting back from the week ending on Saturday before Labour Day as week number 12.
2. Every year, families who have earned tenure must apply before the published deadline date (on all application forms) for their cottage or suite for the coming season.
3. Families with tenure may be absent from YMCA Geneva Park for one year within a three year period without loss of tenure providing there is written notification. If no application is submitted in the second year, tenure will be forfeited. Extensions to this year of absence may be granted by management based on extenuating circumstances.
4. As a family with tenure, you may wish to designate the tenured time to an immediate family member (offspring, grandchildren and siblings). To do so, communication to and confirmation from YMCA Geneva Park is essential. Tenure cannot be designated to community members who are not part of your immediate family.
5. If individual situations or circumstances requiring special consideration arise, the decision is left to the discretion of the General Manager of YMCA Geneva Park.

The process and conditions of “**Cottage & Suite Allocation**” which guide YMCA Geneva Park are as follows:

1. To be considered for allocation in a cottage or suite. An application must be submitted no earlier than **November 17, 2018** and no later than the deadline of **November 30, 2018**.
2. Tenured guests will be allocated in their tenured cottage/suite first.
3. Returning families applying for the same cottage in the same week will be allocated second.
4. All remaining cottages and suites will be allocated based on availability. Remember to send in your applications as early as possible as of November 17, 2018; applications will be dated upon receipt (fax/email) or based on postmark (if sent by post).
5. Families who are not allocated a cottage or suite will be placed on a waiting list.

In an effort to help us move towards paperless application and increased email communication, please remember to include your correct email address on the application.

Due to the volume of applicants, YMCA Geneva Park staff do NOT send confirmation when we have received your application. For confirmation, please contact Geneva Park directly. Applications can be sent by:

Fax: 705-325-9633, **email:** geneva.park@sm.ymca.ca, or **post:** YMCA Geneva Park, 6604 Rama Rd., Ramara, ON L3V 0S3.

**** Please do not send credit card information via email ****

Strong values, common sense, and fairness are the determining guidelines. Each year, the Family Program Advisory Committee will review these procedures with YMCA staff to ensure that they remain consistent with the mission, vision and values of the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka.

Sincerely,

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