

FAQ BENNY DAY CAMP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please note children must be currently in grade 1 or higher to register in Benny Camp.

Where is the camp located?

Camp is located at Benny Center, located behind St. Monica School (6440 Rue de Terrebonne, Montréal, H4B 1B9). The entrance is just behind the baseball diamond in Benny Park.

We are independent from the school, please do not contact the school directly.

Do I have to register my child for the whole summer?

No. We also have a weekly summer camp for children who want to attend camp for several weeks during summer.

What are the camp dates and hours ?

FULL Camp - 6 weeks

Monday, June 29th - August 7th, 2026

There is NO CAMP ON CANADA DAY, Wednesday, July 1st, 2026.

Monday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM *

Pick-up is from 3:45-4PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at **12:45 on Fridays**. * Please note that day camp finishes at 1:00 PM on Fridays : extended hours from 1 PM to 4 PM are available upon registration.

WEEKLY CAMP

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Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Pick-up is from 3:45-4PM on Mondays through Friday.

Does your camp still run on statutory holidays like Canada Day or la Fête Nationale?

No. Our camp is closed on statutory holidays like Canada Day or Fête Nationale.

How are age groups organized at our day camp?

The children are separated into the following groups

6 - 7 years - Children must be 6 years old on September 30th, 2025 and in grade one this past school year.

8 - 9 years - Children must be 8 years old on June 29th, 2026.

10 - 11 years - Children must be at least 10 years old on June 29th, 2026.

12 - 13 years - Children must be 12 years old on June 29th, 2026 Children must be 12 years old by June 29, 2026. This group is for young people who are completing Grade 6 or Secondary 1 and interested in meeting new friends.

13 - 14 years - Leaders in Training (LIT) - This group corresponds to youth in high school interested in developing personal leadership skills.

14 - 16 years - Counselors-in-Training (CIT) - This group corresponds to youth having completed grade nine and interested in exploring working as a future camp counselor. Please send us a CV at jeunessebenny@gmail.com if interested.

What language does your day camp run in?

Our camp is a bilingual program with many of our young campers speaking multiple languages.

What should my child bring to camp every day?

Since our camp runs outdoors, certain things are essential to ensure your child has a safe and enjoyable experience with us. We ask that campers wear **CLOSED TOED SHOES** (not sandals) and loose clothes that they are comfortable playing and running in.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that your child brings the following items in their backpack to camp **EVERYDAY**; a big lunch with 2 full snacks, a hat, a water bottle, some sunscreen, a bathing suit, and a towel.

Please have your child apply sunscreen before coming to camp.

Please do not send your child to camp with valuable items such as electronic devices. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Other personal items, such as toys, stuffed animals, etc. are not permitted.

How do I contact Benny Camp ?

Before June 29th, 2026 simply email us at jeunessebenny@gmail.com

Once camp starts you will receive the specific contact list for this year's camp.

Do I need to be a Quebec resident for my child to attend your day camp?

No. You do not have to be a Quebec resident to attend camp. However, it is your responsibility to acquire separate health and/or accident insurance for your child.

How many children attend your camp each year?

Our day camp usually welcomes about 120 campers each year.

How old are your counselors and what are their qualifications?

Our camp direction are experienced teachers and child care workers. Our counselors ages range from 16-20 years, receive pre-camp counselor training in animation and certification in first aid and CPR and have experience working with children.

What is the ratio of counselor to camper?

As a partner organization with the CDN-NDG borough, we follow the specific norms and ratio guidelines set out by the City of Montreal of 1 counselor to : 15 campers.

REGISTRATION

If my child is six years old but is currently in kindergarten, can they still attend your day camp?

No. To register in our summer camp, children must be 6 years old and have completed grade 1.

How does registration work at Benny camp?

Camp registrations are done on-line at the end of March through the platform Amilia.

If online registration is not possible in your case, please contact us via email BEFORE the opening of registration so we can find a solution.

Note that registration first opens for returning campers, then for Côte-des-Neiges and Notre-Dame-de-Grâce residents, and then for the general public.

To access the registration page, go to our website <https://www.centrebenny.org/> and click on the registration link made available. Here is the link for this year's registration :
<https://app.amilia.com/store/en/club-de-plein-air-ndg/shop/programs/131749?subCategoryIds=6848401&subCategoryIds=6848438>

I already have an Amilia account with another organization, can I use the same one ?

No, you will need to create a new Amilia account with our organization before you are able to register your child for our programs.

What is the cost of day camp?

Costs vary depending on the specific camp programs you are looking for. For this year's camp rates, please see our Day Camp 2026 tab on our website. <https://www.centrebenny.org/>

Do you require a credit card to register for the day camp?

Credit cards are the only mode of payment accepted for online registrations. If you are unable to register with a credit card, send us an email before the start of your registration period to discuss other options.

Do you offer payment plans for day camp costs?

Yes. A minimum, non-refundable registration fee payment of 150.00\$ is required upon registration. There are two fixed installments, one at the end of April & the other at the end of May. All camp fees must be paid in full before June 1st, 2026.

What is the camp's cancellation / refund policy?

Refund policies are specific to the program you are interested in registering in. Please see our website for details on our refund policies. <https://www.centrebenny.org/>

Are there waitlists for your day camp?

Yes. If you put your child on a waitlist, you will be notified as soon as a spot becomes available in their age group. If there are enough campers on a wait list, we may be able to open up a new group.

Are RL24 tax forms available?

Yes, they are available. However, for the Revenue Québec to issue the form, the SIN number of the legal guardian requesting it must be included in the camper's file AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

PROGRAMS : Schedules, Activities, Pool, Themes and Trips

When do I receive my child's weekly schedule ?

Weekly schedules may differ from group to group. Schedules for the week are sent out on Mondays.

What does a typical day at camp look like?

On a typical day, children participate in a variety of activities with their group and counselors. These may include playing in the field or at the splash pad, creating arts and crafts projects at their assigned tent, participating in organized indoor sports in the gym, and going to the pool.

What is the balance between indoor and outdoor activities?

Campers spend most of their day outdoors. However, our coordination team ensures all groups have access to shade and take regular water breaks. Groups also spend quieter time under their tents to rest from the sun. Throughout the day, especially if the heat is particularly intense, staff may bring campers to the pool or splash pad to cool off, or to air-conditioned spaces such as the Sports Center or Benny Library.

Do the children go to the pool?

Yes, the groups do go to the pool a few times each week. They each have scheduled time at Confederation Park's outdoor pool or at the Centre Sportif de Notre-Dame-de-Grâce indoor pool. Regardless of the schedule, we ask that campers bring their bathing suits and a towel to camp EVERYDAY. We sometimes get calls from the pool offering us extra pool slots, and counselors love organizing water games on very warm days. Please note that we DO NOT offer swimming lessons.

Do you have weekly themes throughout the summer?

Yes. Some past weekly themes included Under the Sea, Spy Week, Space Week, Once Upon a Time, Holiday Week or Olympics Week. Crafts, games and camp challenges are matched to the weekly theme.

Do the children go on field trips ?

Our day camp organizes field trips beginning after the second full week of camp. Outings may include local park visits, ice cream outings, biking, bowling, cinema trips, as well as larger excursions such as visits to the Biodome, beach days, or introductory fishing activities. In order to ensure a safe trip, for all groups leaving the Benny campus, children attending any outing must be capable of listening to their counsellor and following instructions at all times.

The types of trips planned vary depending on the age group, as well as the interests and behaviour of each group. When multiple groups participate in the same outing, a member of the coordination team will also attend to help ensure the activity runs smoothly and safely.

HEALTH & SAFETY : Allergies, Sunscreen, Safety and Behaviour

How do you handle behavioral issues?

Our camp has an established Camper's Code of Conduct. We address behavioural challenges through a structured three-step process that actively includes campers & parents. Please note that violence of any kind will not be tolerated, and we reserve the right to refuse a camper if they are putting their safety and wellbeing or that of others in jeopardy. There are no refunds for days missed because of behavior unless a replacement camper registers to take the spot.

How do you handle food allergies? Are foods containing peanuts/nuts allowed in the camp?

Our camp is peanut and nut-free. We prohibit food sharing and strongly encourage families to avoid sending foods that may trigger allergies in other campers. Each group also discusses the importance of allergy awareness.

Are meals provided by the day camp?

No, we do not provide meals or snacks.

What is your camp's sunscreen policy?

Staff will assist younger campers with applying sunscreen when needed. All campers are given scheduled times throughout the day to apply sunscreen.

My child needs to take medication during the day; how will the camp handle such a situation?

When parents are registering in Benny Camp, they are required to identify and keep up to date any medical needs, any allergies or medicines that their child has.

Before the start of camp, parents must inform the coordinator if their child needs medication during camp hours, to ensure that appropriate protocols can be put in place.

What is your camp's sick policy?

If a camper is sick in the morning, we ask that parents keep them home for the day. If your child develops a fever or other symptoms of illness during the day, you are expected to come and pick them up from camp.

My child does not know how to swim; how will the staff ensure that activities involving water remain safe for them?

Our camp places a strong emphasis on water safety. Every camper will take a basic swim test on their first pool outing. Non-swimmers will be required to wear a lifejacket in the pool. Lifejackets will be provided by our camp. If a child's swimming ability improves, parents or guardians may request an update to their child's file by emailing jeunessebenny@gmail.com and informing the counsellor via ClassDojo.

Benny Swimming Guidelines:

On regular camp days, children in the 6 and 6-7 age groups use the wading pool.

Children in the 8-9 age group must complete a swim test to be permitted to swim without a life jacket. Those who choose not to take the test or who do not meet the lifeguard's requirements must wear a life jacket at all times in the pool area. If a parent indicates that their child is not able to swim safely and independently, counselors will ensure that the child wears a life jacket at all times, regardless of age group.

Regardless of age, any child wishing to use diving boards or access the deep end must successfully complete a swim test. For safety reasons, children required to wear life jackets are not permitted in these areas. If a child's swimming ability improves, parents or guardians may request an update to their child's file by emailing jeunessebenny@gmail.com and informing the counsellor via ClassDojo.