

# Welcome to Smiley Bunch and Grade 1

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

SUMMER 2022



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**To add weeks, please contact the camp directors, NOT your child's coordinators**



Now that the school year has come to an end and that the warm weather is approaching, this can only mean one thing: summer has officially begun! On behalf of the entire Smiley Bunch and Happy Days team, we would like to welcome you to our camp family! We cannot wait for all of the fun, laughs and memories that this summer will bring.

The coordinators for Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1 are **Claudia Massaro** and **Davide Clemente**. With several years of camp experience under our belts, we will ensure that your children have a great summer, filled with fun activities and exciting theme days!

We are excited to meet your children and get to know them on a personal level through the games, songs and other activities that we have planned for the summer. We look forward to discovering each one of their individual gifts and talents. We hope that you will collaborate with us in ensuring that your child arrives on time (9am) at the center, which will be located at the **Leonardo Da Vinci Academy Elementary School**. We ask you to please use the gym entrance when dropping off and picking up your child. Every day, your child should be bringing a healthy lunch with many peanut-free snacks, plenty of water, a bathing suit, towel and, of course, a cap and sunblock (minimum SPF 50).

**Important:** We also ask that your child bring a Ziploc bag filled with a change of clothes. We will keep these bags at the center. They will all be identified with the camper's name, group and telephone number. This bag will be returned to you at the end of the summer. It will only be used in the case of an emergency.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at (438) 458-4174. It will be our pleasure to help you so that we can all have a **SAFEFUN** summer!



**-Claudia Massaro & Davide Clemente**

<b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>MONDAY</b> MAKE IT MONDAY	<b>TUESDAY</b> TUESDAY TREATS	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> WEDNESDAY WONDERS	<b>THURSDAY</b> THEME DAY THURSDAY	<b>FRIDAY</b> FAITHFUL FRIDAYS
<b>WEEK 1</b>  NEW YEAR'S EVE	4  CREATE YOUR BIRTHDAY CAKE	5  ICE CREAM BAR	6  SMILEY FEST	7  DANCE PARTY	8  UNIVERSAL CAMP DAY!
<b>WEEK 2</b>  HALLOWEEN	11  MAKE YOUR OWN PUMPKIN	12 <b>TRICK OR TREAT</b> TRICK OR TREAT	13  MOVIE OUTING!	14  SCIENCE DAY	15  JOE TORTORICI CUP
<b>WEEK 3</b>  CHRISTMAS	18  MAKE YOUR OWN ORNAMENT	19  COOKIE DECORATING	20  BIODOME	21  CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND	22 <b>25 YEARS</b> 25 YEARS OF THE YLC!
<b>WEEK 4</b>  VALENTINE'S DAY	25  PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT	26  CUPCAKE DECORATING	27  MAGICIAN	28  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	29  CAMP CARNIVAL
<b>WEEK 5</b>  EASTER	1  EASTER EGG DECORATING	2  EASTER EGG HUNT	3  PLANETARIUM	4  WATER DAY	5  WALKATHON
<b>WEEK 6</b>  THANKSGIVING	8  ANIMATOR APPRECIATION DAY	9  S'MORES DAY	10  BYE BYE BYE GALA	11  BIG SHOW PRACTICE	12  <b>BIG SHOW</b>

**WE DISMISS OUTSIDE AT 4pm (for those campers not part of daycare)!** To facilitate the dismissal of the campers, we ask that you please respect this time and wait for your children at the gym entrance **OUTSIDE**. At that moment, we will accompany them outside (by grade level and by group) and you will then be able to pick up your child. Please note that campers **will not be** dismissed to parents waiting in their cars. We ask that you pick up your children at the entrance.

**Dismissal can become very hectic**, and we understand that finding a parking spot around the school and YLC may not be an easy task. However, for the safety of all our campers and to simplify the dismissal process, we ask that you please not double park in front of the Leonardo Da Vinci Academy Elementary School and YLC entrances. Police will be doing regular checks and issuing tickets. Don't take the risk. Park your car, walk to LDV and get some sunshine!

### **Bullying Definition at the YLC summer camps**

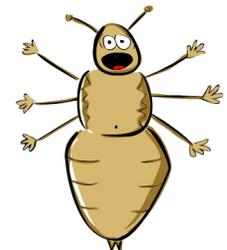
The approved interpretation of what our summer camps define as bullying is; The conscious and deliberate and consistent effort by a camper or campers to belittle or damage the self-worth of another camper.

"Teasing" or random name calling is not bullying. It is at times, a common practice by children regardless of their age. The YLC is very attentive and supportive to those children who may be suffering from bullying at their schools. Please share any information about your child's self-esteem and reputation at school. We will help them (if they are the bullies and/or getting bullied). Our goal is to empower each child in our care to become beacons of light who all have unique gifts and talents and who are considered and encouraged to realize that they are all awesome kids!!!



**No NUT products allowed!** Due to many severe allergies, we ask you not to bring any products that contain or may contain peanuts, nuts or traces of any other nuts to camp. Parents who have children with nut allergies, please be advised that we cannot guarantee that our center locations and other children's lunches will be nut free. We will be vigilant but please advise your child not to share or accept snacks and food from others. Please share with us the severity of the allergies.

**Got Lice? Had Lice? Think your child has lice?** Please alert your child's coordinator immediately! Do not send your child to camp unless they have had treatment for at least 3 days. Do not jeopardize the participation and attendance of our camps for other children! Lice spreads quickly in a big camp setting! We know that this may put your family in a difficult situation but it's just the right thing to do! Please be aware that if as a camp team, we feel you have knowingly put other children in jeopardy, we will ask you to reimburse the days those children have missed camp. Failure to comply will then have an effect on your child missing camp days. Please let us work together for a lice free summer! Thank you



**TWO TIPS: TIE THE HAIR IN A PONYTAIL AND WEAR A BASEBALL CAP EVERYDAY AT CAMP!**

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Please note these activities and outings are subject to change due to modifications because of covid protocols and/or weather. We will be sure to provide you with regular updates if and when necessary.

## **Week 1: New Year's Eve**

This week is dedicated to New Year's Eve as we celebrate the start of a brand-new summer camp season. In the form of some fun icebreakers, campers will be getting to know their animators and their peers. They will be coming up with group names and creating their chants. We will be kicking off this first week with some ice cream, a carnival and a dance party!



## **Week 2: Halloween**

Halloween week will be packed with themed activities from beginning to end, including some kid-friendly tricks and treats for all to enjoy. We will break up the week with a camp-wide movie outing and end it off with a fun YLC tradition: The Joe Tortorici Cup.

**Week 3: Christmas** There might not be any snow on the ground, but Christmas has come early for these good little campers. This week will include plenty of Christmas themed activities as well as a special visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus. This week will also include a fun trip to the Montreal Biodome!



**Week 4: St-Valentine's Day**



Following the theme, the animators and coordinators will be showing their appreciation for these great campers as we plan some fun activities and surprises throughout the week: a scavenger hunt, some cupcake decorating and a little bit of magic! To top it all off, Friday will be a camp-wide carnival day where more surprises await these kids.

**Week 5: Easter**

This week is jam packed with activities. Every single day is a new adventure as we begin with Easter egg decorating followed by a classic Easter Egg hunt. The week only gets better from there as we take the kids to visit the Montreal Planetarium! We end off our week with an exciting water day, sure to cool off our campers and animators in the hot sun. Finally, on Friday, we will have the annual DBYLC Walkathon: an active and fun way to support an important cause.



**Week 6: Thanksgiving**

Like the holiday, we are spending our last week giving thanks to the campers, animators and coordinators who made this summer so unforgettable. The week begins with a special surprise for our animators to show our gratitude followed by yummy smores and some favorite camp stories. We will end off the week in style as we throw one last party: a black-tie

affair with campers dressed in their absolute best! Finally, it is time to prepare and practice for the camp-wide Big Show where we will certainly impress you with our excellent dance moves.

# SPECIAL EVENTS - SMILEY BUNCH & GR. 1

## **Make It Monday**

Time to get artistic! Every Monday, the kids will get a little creative with an activity that requires drawing, coloring or painting. At the end of the summer, campers could take their creations home to showcase their amazing hard work.

## **Tuesday Treats**

Nothing better than a sweet treat to brighten any Tuesday afternoon! After a full day of exercise and activities, the campers will spend Tuesday afternoons decorating and eating delicious creations which will almost always reflect the theme of the week.

## **Wednesday Wonders**

Wednesday Wonders are our special mid-week outings for these young campers. These outings include two in-house activities where a special guest comes to us: a magician and some friendly animals. There are also two outings where the kids will get a chance to venture outside of Rivières-des-Prairies. They will have the opportunity to go to the local movie theater as well as the Montreal Science Center.

## **Theme Day Thursday**

Every Thursday, campers can expect a series of games awaiting them in the morning or the afternoon. These games are generally linked to the week's theme and include a series of fun activities for the kids to do. Under coordinator supervision, these theme days are planned by the camper's very own animators who go out of their way to make sure these kids are having SAFEFUN!

## **Faithful Fridays**

On Fridays, the children will take part in a beautiful universal celebration to highlight the togetherness of our camp family, sharing similar values. These joyful ceremonies are generally followed by fun camp activities that all grades take part in, bringing the centers together for camp-wide celebrations!

# HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We are always looking for donations and supplies. Help us make this the **best summer ever!** Any donation or contribution is greatly appreciated and valued. We can pay you back in high-fives and hugs.

## We are looking for the following items:

- Art Supplies
  - Toys
- Coloring Books
- Markers, Pens, Pencils
  - Reading Books
  - Slip and Slides
  - Soccer Balls
  - Mr. Freezes
- Nut-free Snacks
  - Buckets
  - Baby Pools
- Anything else you think we might need!



*Thank You*

# SMILEY BUNCH/GRADE 1 OUTING FORM 2022

Please cut along dotted lines and put this permission form in a sealed envelope with your child's name and group. Please give this form to your child's animator. Thanks!

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## Major Outing & Special Events Permission Form 2022: K-camp and Grade 1

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

Please check the YES or NO column below for the outings that you expect your child(ren) will attend.

Week	Activity	Date	Yes	No
<b>Week 1</b>	Smiley Fest (LDV) – Hot Dogs	Wednesday July 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2022		
<b>Week 2</b>	Cinema Guzzo - Buzz Lightyear	Wednesday July 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022		
<b>Week 3</b>	Montreal Biodome	Wednesday July 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2022		
<b>Week 4</b>	Magician (LDV)	Wednesday July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2022		
<b>Week 5</b>	Montreal Planetarium	Wednesday August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022		
<b>Week 6</b>	DBYLC Big Show (Location TBD)	Friday, August 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2022		

Please take note of the following:

- For all outings, campers **must** wear their camp t-shirt for identification and security purposes.
- If your child does not attend the outing, they will be put into another group or center for the day. This does not apply to the movie outing at Cinema Guzzo on week 2 (July 13th). This is a universal outing so all centers will be closed on that day. We ask that your child not attend camp if you do not wish for them to participate in this outing.

Camper name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_