

Summer camp parent Q+A
and registration information 2019



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go on to our Facebook page and LIKE US!!!

"Don Bosco YLC" for updated news, pictures and videos about summer camp, the YLC and all our special events can be found here!



YLC hours: Monday to Thursday 3pm to 9pm (Tel) 514.648.6421 (Fax) 514.648.6404
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What is the YLC?

Since 1997! Non-profit!

The Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre was founded in 1997.

It is a non-profit youth community centre that reaches out annually to over 1000 children, youth and families in the East end of Montreal. Named after Saint John Bosco, a universally recognized educator and evangelizer of the young, the DBYLC strives to follow in his footsteps. The mission of the DBYLC is to foster the development of honest citizens with good morals and positive leaders. This mission is carried out through a variety of youth activities that have as their finality education, prevention, and leadership training.

Don Bosco used to say: "Give the most to those who have the least." The DBYLC is particularly attentive to needier youth: those from poorer families, in dysfunctional family settings, or influenced by negative and harmful peer influences. We welcome all languages and cultures in our programming.



The DBYLC receives some financial support from the Municipal, Provincial & Federal Governments and benefits from free rent in its locale. But the DBYLC is not sufficiently financed to cover its annual operating costs. In the name of the young we thank you for any financial help you can offer us.

Please speak to Theo Vecera at ylctheo@hotmail.com for how you can help and information on charity tax receipts (100\$ and more).



SUMMER CAMP

Common questions asked by Parents! (2019)

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE (UPDATED: May 10th, 2019)

Parents, don't see your question?

- Please contact us at 514-648-6421 (please leave a message) or ylcanna@hotmail.com
- Please note that on your child's first day of camp, you will receive a parent information booklet that has the program calendar and other information.
- It will also be online at dbylc.com for the whole summer.
- Your child's camp T-shirt will be given out during the first week and should be worn only on outings or special events.

Question 1: Where does my child go?

New for 2019

- **For Smiley Bunch kindergarten camp, the center will be at East Hill school.**
- **For grades 1, it will also be at East Hill school (Leonardo Da Vinci and Michelangelo schools are both renovating their gymnasiums this summer. We cannot put all the grade levels at the YLC because of space restrictions.**
- For grades 2 and 3, it will be at the YLC's 2nd floor.
- For grades 4, 5 and 6 it will be at the YLC's 3rd floor.
- For Teen Spirit (Secondary 1 and 2) and the Animator in Training program (secondary 3 and 4), it will be held at the YLC and at times the Laura Vicuna Center (Sister's house behind Maria Ausiliatrice church). More info to be given.
- Please note that entrance to the YLC's camp centers is by the parking lot.
- **Every Friday, Smiley Bunch and grades 1 will be at the YLC. So, the drop off and pick up (7am to 6pm including those in daycare, will be done at the YLC).**

Please read!

Question 2: How does Daycare work?

- Daycare is from 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm.
- It is supervised by the animators of your child's center. You can sign up for daycare anytime during the summer.
- Consistent lateness or not respecting the daycare hours registered, results in a higher daycare rate. You must sign-in and out your child at the "daycare desk".
- Daycare will be at your child's center.
- **Those daycare children from Smiley Bunch and grade 1, the morning and afternoon daycare on Friday's will be at the YLC 2nd floor. The reason being is that on Fridays, all campers are at the YLC for our "universal" special events.**
- **We will offering a free "30-minute grace period" for those parents that have children at East Hill school and the YLC. No stress to rush from one center to the other!**

Please read!

New for 2019



Question 3: Can parents volunteer on outings?

- Yes! Providing there is a need or space for extra supervision. Give your name to your child's coordinator. The center coordinators will contact you if there is a need.
- Please keep in mind that parents will NOT be put in the same group as their child. This is based on experience that we sometimes must "supervise" the parent. No snacks can be purchased by the parent on outings.
- Please notify your child's coordinator if you are interested.

Question 4: What should my child bring every day?

It is important that your child brings the following items on a daily basis in a good solid school/backpack.

- Sun block lotion (30+). You must apply the cream before coming to camp. We will reapply during the day for the younger levels. Older children are expected to put it on themselves (with our assistance if needed).
- A healthy lunch and snacks. NO PRODUCTS WITH NUTS. We do not use microwaves. Please make sure your child(ren) lunches are tightly sealed and kept fresh (put an ice pack in the lunch bag if necessary).
- A lock for bike and the public pool (grades 3 and up) when it's a bike outing.
- Bathing suit and towel.
- Water bottle. Will be refilled during the day.
- Baseball cap and running shoes WITH socks.
- **Please note that for some of the major outings for the older levels and teenagers, two bus tickets may be required. The city bus will ONLY HAVE OUR CAMPERS and will bring us from one bus stop to the other bus stop that is close to the outing/event.**
- Please keep in mind that we are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
- Most of the day will be spent outside with activities ranging from quiet to active geared towards that age group. They will take breaks throughout the day and where possible, in the shade.

Please read!

Question 5: Where will the campers go swimming?

- "Smiley Bunch" K-camp, grades 1 and 2 will go swimming at the indoor Centre Aquatique of RDP.
- **OR** the Alexis Carrel outside kiddie pool providing we have the proper supervision (ratio 1:4). The water will never be higher than the hips of a standing child.
- For Smiley Bunch and grade 1, water activities will also be planned at the East Hill water park. From our experience, children of this age group just enjoy "getting wet".
- The older levels (grades 3 and up) will go to Alexis Carrel outdoor pool or the pool at Pointes aux Trembles or the indoor pool at Jean Grou high school.

Question 6: How is the day / week structured?

- The day will range from quiet to semi-active to active activities according to the physical and social development of the particular age group.
- **The week is comprised of theme days, planned and varied workshops, sports, outings, games, songs, FaithSpace (optional), center events, "Universal special events", special animation programming, swimming and sport activities.**
- Most of the activities will take place at your child's respective center and immediate surroundings. Activities range from social, educational, moral, cultural to recreational programming.
- Animators will follow an approved daily plan from the coordinator for the day.
- You will receive a Parent Information booklet with the camp calendar and other important information describing your child's summer experience and expectations on the first day of camp. Please see online (at the moment) at dbylc.com last year's programs.

Please read



Question 7: Is camp from 9am to 4pm?

- Yes. Dismissal is at 4pm OUTSIDE. We ask all parents to be present five minutes earlier to notice your child as they leave the centers.
- **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK! THIS SELFISH ACT IS VERY DANGEROUS!** The police will be doing check-ups and giving tickets on a regular basis. Blatant and repetitive parents who double park will annul their child's camp registration with no refunds given.
- Some animators will be with the dismissed campers outside as they wait for the child to be picked up. However, please keep in mind that the animators have other duties to attend to after camp and they cannot continue to animate after 4pm.
- If you won't be able to make it for 4pm, please contact the coordinator. If need be, please pick up your younger child before the older one.
- Please call if you will be late. Consistent lateness will result in a "supervision/daycare" fee to be paid directly to the coordinator. And a recommendation to register for daycare.
- **If the parent is late, we will bring the child back into the center (around 4:15pm). Late fees will eventually be applied if it is consistent.**

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Question 8: How do outings work?

- There will be 4-5 outings during the camp program (2 universal outings which means all the centers go to that particular outing and 2 center major outing.)
- **All the outings are incorporated into the registration fee (they are free). "Major-outings" are by yellow bus and Mini-outings OR by city transportation if available. These city buses only accept campers.**
- Some outings (mini and major) may be done at the respective center.
- You will receive the outing form on the first day of camp. Please check which outings you would like your child to attend. If anything changes, let us know the latest **TWO DAYS BEFORE THE OUTING**.
- No permission slips for major outings will be accepted on the day of the outing. It is not meant to exclude campers but rather to ensure proper supervision and space in the yellow buses.
- Please follow the procedures on that particular form.
- Parents who choose not to send their child on an outing have the option of leaving their child at camp for the day. If there is less than 20% of the campers at a center staying back on a major outing, they will then be put at another center for the day.
- **No campers will be allowed to stay back on our "UNIVERSAL OUTINGS". If you choose not to send your child, they will have to stay home as the whole staff will be on these outings. Universal outings are outings that the WHOLE camps go to (from Smiley Bunch to Teen Spirit).**
- Strict rules are applied by the animators and reinforced by the coordinators for all outings and public transportation. A review of safety procedures is also done with the campers.

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Question 9: How does early dismissal and absence procedure work?

- A note is required by the parent (in advance) to be given DIRECTLY to the animator who then discusses it with the coordinator.
- **Campers will only be dismissed at the respective center.**
- In particular situations, campers can be dismissed at a different site (park, pool, outing, other center...) providing the coordinator speaks to the person who is picking up the child and approves it.
- Please share all personal matters (divorce, custody, other) pertaining to your child's safety and well-being with the respective coordinator and / or with Theo Vecera and Anna Tafuto.
- If you are aware that your child will be absent for the day, please send in a note or contact the animator/coordinator.

Please read



Question 10: Does my child have to wear the camp t-shirt every day?

- No. Camp T-shirts MUST be worn on all outings. This is to enhance identification, safety and supervision during an outing.
- In some cases, we ask the campers to wear their camp T-shirt on special events (e.g. Walk-a-thon, last day of camp, etc...)
- A t-shirt of the same color may be worn (or one of previous years) if the camp T-shirt of this year is dirty or for other reasons. A replacement fee for a lost t-shirt during the camp season is 20\$.

Question 11: What is SAFEFUN?

- This is the philosophy of our camp. Our objective is to make sure that the safety of our campers will never be compromised for the sake of fun.
- We take constructive and loving steps to curtail certain behavioural or social problems with our campers. However, we are not obliged to keep any child we feel we are not equipped to handle.
- This is to ensure the safety of other campers and the staff as a whole and to not diminish the opportunity for your child's specific needs. The more we know, the more we can help!
- **Therefore, we stress an open and honest communication between parents and staff. Let's make the camp enjoyable for all. There are possibilities of "shadows" if need be.**
- All our animators go through a 2-month city certified training, participate and agree to our "Safe Environment" protocols.
- All are first aid certified and the majority are known to us through our programming and go through a police check (18 years and over).
- We are also accredited from the Quebec Camp Association and have a very high city and parent rating!

Please read

Note: All Parent Q+A information is subject to change.

Please Notice This



Note: The receipt given at registration is a general receipt for services rendered. It can be used for income tax purposes. Replacement receipts result in a 5\$ processing fee (which will go to the YLC's after school programming). The YLC business number is (NEQ) 116 020 2231

More info? Visit also dbylc.com

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THURSDAY JUNE 13TH

Summer hours are Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm

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About *Theo Vecera*

Theo has been actively involved in the community since 1990 and is the co-founder and Program Coordinator of the Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre (YLC). Theo has been working every summer at camp since 1990 and has been responsible for the coordination since 1994.

Theo is a resident of RDP since 1980. He's been happily married for the last 14 years and has four beautiful children (ages 9 to 14). All of his children will be at camp this year.



Theo's passion is with youth; offering them different types of activities, developing their leadership skills and helping them to express their skills and talents. His personal philosophy is that "No young person is invisible. Everyone is someone."

He also enjoys providing opportunities for adults to give back to the community. Theo accomplishes this objective by addressing their social and recreational needs and in turn, challenging them to have a social responsibility and accountability to their community. **He is an active promoter of the community and is working with politicians and city officials to construct new facilities for youth and the community and to make sure the City remains accountable to its citizens. His challenge remains to highlight the east-end district of Montreal as a valuable and healthy environment to raise a family and for its business investment potential.**

His dreams continue to evolve as Theo is constantly looking at how we as a community, can reach out to more youth, adults and families. Not only in program planning but in creating awareness that all of us can make a positive impact by sharing our resources, skills and talents. Please join our Facebook groups "Sanimax SOS", "RDP Neighborhood watch and community information exchange", "Don Bosco YLC".

Theo Vecera also received from the Parliament of Quebec, a medal of recognition and merit for his 25 years of community service and was also featured in the Panoram Italia magazine.





Theo is celebrating 29 years this summer of positive community action! Theo is also the co-founder and Program Director of the Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre (YLC).

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Want to join our Governing Board? Have suggestions on how to improve the quality of life for our community?

Email Theo: ylctheo@hotmail.com or 514-648-6421



For only 50\$ a week, the YLC is offering

to secondary 1&2 (Teen Spirit), 3&4 (A.I.T) students the opportunity to be part of our camp team family! Leadership development, unforgettable moments, special teen events/outings and weekly group assistance! Our programs will provide a valuable summer experience that will benefit your teenager in their personal growth and leadership development! **Keep your teenager safe and supervised this summer** while providing them with an opportunity to grow as a leader and make new friends! Since 1993!!! 50 teens minimum every summer!!!

this is us



The "Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre" in RDP is a non-profit youth community center for all ages focusing primarily on youth and teenagers.

The YLC has been structured to develop all necessary aspects (social, cultural, moral, educational and recreational) for young people today.

We reach out to over 1000 youth/families every year and use Don Bosco's world recognized education system as our leadership approach.

PREVENTION. LEADERSHIP. EDUCATION. PRESENCE.

Visit dbylc.com for info on all our programming! Tutoring (20\$/hr.), Music, Ball hockey, Girls and Boys Club, Funky Dance, Leadership Groups, Futsal, Afterschool, Video Game Club, More for youth/teens!



OUR AWESOME STAFF

All our staff work 35 hours a week and offer volunteer hours that we call **"The Generosity clause"**! This helps keep the registration rate low so more families can benefit from our camp experience. The small profit that is made from our camp program is absorbed into the YLC's youth projects. Some of the profits create "contracts" (500\$/ for 25 sessions) for young adults who help us lead some of our activity programming (Ex: Ball hockey, Teens Clubs, Tutoring, Music, etc...).



stay up to date with all camp and YLC info!

We have the highest end parent approval survey rate with the City of Montreal supported camps. 99%!!! Our staff goes through a 3 month training that is city approved. All our staff are first aid certified. Many of them are studying to become teachers/social workers/etc...& many were once campers and teenagers at our camps and the YLC!

CHECK THIS OUT!

When you register your child, you are giving a young person in our community an opportunity to work! And we hope that one day it can be your child working at our camps!

AND REMEMBER: JUST BECAUSE YOU PAY MORE ELSEWHERE,

IT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S BETTER!!!

We offer a diverse, nurturing and dynamic sports and recreation program to keep your child engaged and active!



Low rates. 1 to 7 week program. Parent approved!

Since 1984! In RDP! Non-Profit!



SMILEY BUNCH K-CAMP
Pre-k and kindergarten
Since 2000! 76 campers last year!

HAPPY DAYS
Grades 1 to 6 (boys and girls)

TEEN SPIRIT
Secondary 1 and 2 (over 50 teens!!)

A.I.T PROGRAM
Animator in training for secondary 3 and 4.
Leadership training while being placed in camper groups!

569 campers registered last year!

★ Registration information brochure 2019
★ YLC: 11991 Pierre Baillargeon. 2nd floor. RDP



OUR CAMPS HAVE RECEIVED HIGH RECOGNITION FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED CAMPS OF QUEBEC AS A SUMMER PROGRAM WITH EXCELLENT SERVICES!

Our goal is to make sure that each child is appreciated, acknowledged, loved and has the opportunity to express their gifts and talents!!!

We use Don Bosco's prevention method focusing on reason, education and loving kindness through recreational activities. Quite simply, we are BIG Brothers and Sisters whose focus is to make sure every camper starts and ends the day with a smile!

Our objective? It's... **\$SAFE FUN!!!**

Don Bosco Youth Leadership Centre (YLC)

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(corner of Maurice Duplessis) 2nd floor

Happily working in partnership with the City of Montréal
Note: All brochure information is subject to change.



DOWNLOAD A CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM
AT [DBYLC.COM](http://dbylc.com) OR VISIT US AT THE YLC.



★ All spaces guaranteed!
(For these 2 dates)
★
Wednesday, May 15th OR Wednesday, May 29th
7:30pm to 9pm All grades (Pre-K to High school)

Late registration (in June)

Contact us 514-648-6421. Add 50\$ to late fee amount.



SPECIAL SITUATIONS?

Does your child have specific needs?
"Active"? Or do they require a shadow to ensure a great camp experience?



Please contact Anna Telford or Theo Vecera at
y/learn@hotmail.com or 514-648-6421.

1. Please keep in mind that we are very limited in our special needs/shadow grants. We will do our best.
2. In some cases, we will have to ask the parent to contribute extra funds in order for the child to be at camp. Or have your "shadow" from school come work at our camp with your child.
3. Our "Shadow animators" are not trained for specific special needs but are trained as the other animators who work at camp. Let's work together!

→ Rebates for 2nd (50\$)
→ 3rd child (100\$) for 4 to 6 weeks registered!
A FULL 6 WEEK PROGRAM IS ONLY 180\$! GRATITUDE PRINCIPLE

Low camper rate of 130\$ weekly!

Includes all outings, T-shirt & events!

(Except the Walk-a-thon. \$8 minimum contribution)



Only 50\$ per week for teenagers!

"Teen Spirit" Secondary 1+2 (completed this year)

"Animator-in-training" Secondary 3+4 (completed this year)

Note: No rebates can be added with the camp teen programs.

register now

(If space permits, add weeks later and pay the difference!)

includes all outings AND T-SHIRT

WEEK 1: Thursday, June 27th and Friday, June 28th only!
(30\$ per child for 2 days. Includes daycare)

WEEK 2: July 1st to July 5th (Note: We are open on Canada Day)

WEEK 3: July 8th to July 12th

WEEK 4: July 15th to July 19th

WEEK 5: July 22nd to July 26th

WEEK 6: July 29th to August 2nd

WEEK 7: August 5th to August 9th



	1 child	2 children	3 children	Rebates
1 week	130\$	260\$	390\$	No
2 weeks	260\$	520\$	780\$	No
3 weeks	390\$	780\$	1170\$	No
4 weeks	520\$	990\$	1460\$	Included
5 weeks	650\$	1250\$	1850\$	Included
6 weeks	780\$	1510\$	2240\$	Included
Daycare	25\$/week	40\$/week	55\$/week	Included

Note: Daycare rate regardless of how many hours needed!



Camp info!

"Frequently asked" parent questions and more camp

Info on dbylc.com

Location

Smiley Bunch & Grade 1	East Hill school (read below)
Grades 2 and 3	YLC 2nd floor
Grades 4+5+6	YLC 3rd floor
Teen Spirit & A.I.T	YLC 2nd floor

Note: Smiley Bunch pre-k + kindergarten camp (76 campers last year) AND GRADE 1 will be at East Hill school this summer. 10350 Boulevard Perras. Entrance will be from the park entrance and not the "loop".

Why? Both Leonardo Da Vinci and Michelangelo school are under renovations this summer. Because of that, the school won't meet our safety needs for the younger levels. Further east in RDP, East Hill will be a great center as we will have a huge gymnasium, the school yard, interactive park, water park equipment and a huge green space!

Don't worry! about rushing from East Hill to the YLC to pick up your child! You will have a grace period of 30 minutes to drop off and pick up your kids. They will never be left alone!



- * Grade 1 campers are those who have completed grade 1 in June.
- * 3 payments can be made. Cash/cheque. Post dated cheques by Friday, June 21st. Half must be paid at one of the registration dates.
- * NSF cheques are a 25\$ penalty. Only cash will then be accepted.
- * Smiley Bunch K-camp is coordinated by Theo Vecera through his company Centre Action Viva. This will be our 19th year.
- * By registering your child at camp, you are also consenting to first aid treatment, procedure and decisions if required by staff.
- * **Refunds before camp begins on June 27th:** 50\$ processing fee. **Partial refund:** After one full week is completed, 50% of your remaining total registration fee will be returned to you.
- * More information will be given at registration in regards to what your child must bring everyday (example: sunblock, cap, etc.) as well as "SAFETY" camp protocols. Or visit dbylc.com in the middle of May to download the registration document and all other information!

★ Our joyful camp program ★
is adapted to each grade level!

COOL ACTIVITY ZONE

We offer a variety of safe, supervised and fun programming and activities that our CITY APPROVED TRAINED STAFF animate in a vibrant and nurturing way!

ALL OUR PROGRAMMING IS
SPECIALIZED FOR EACH
CAMPERS!

1. Weekly center theme days and events.
2. "Universal" camp special events.
3. Specialized animators for special programming (Dance, Science, Music/Del hockey, More!)



"No Bully" zone.

Opportunities to be creative and expressive.

Big brother/sister" approach (every child is unique who deserves to shine brightly!).

Education /Drama / Arts and craft activities.

Different sports and swimming activities.

Camp recognition awards.

Our annual "BIG SHOW" (last day of camp, 7pm)

Indoor and outdoor games and activities.

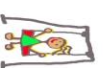
Outings (included in registration).

Daycare (Optional. Extra fee).

FaithSpace / Church celebrations (optional)

Leadership training and group help (for Sec 3+4).

Memorable teen events (For Teen Spirit, Sec 1+2).



Like us at "Don Bosco YLC" to see all that we do this summer!
More info online @ dbylc.com or call us!

1. All outings/events are included in the registration rate (except our Walk-a-thon Fundraiser and bus tickets for teens). Many of our staff have been involved in the YLC for many years!
2. Police checks are done on all 18+ staff.
3. All paid staff receive a first aid certification and our "Safe Environment protocols for working with children"
4. 75 hours of training is done under the leadership experience of Theo Vecera and Anna Telford and Fr. Richard Authier. We have been offering a summer experience since 1984. We love what we do and we do it Don Bosco style!
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MONTREAL DEK HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

5th annual YLC FUNDRAISER HONORING OUR
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***SATURDAY, JULY 20TH
9AM TO 5PM***

***COME CELEBRATE THE JOY OF HOCKEY AS BOYS AND GIRLS OF DIFFERENT AGES
WILL COME TOGETHER FOR FRIENDLY GAMES AND FUN!***

@ Don Bosco park (formally Alexis Carrel)!

Music. Food. Kid games. So much more!

Want to set up a Kiosk to showcase your company?
Local Business? Want to put up your banner on the
rink? Other ideas?

Contact Theo Vecera 514-928-7676 or
ylctheo@hotmail.com





ONLY 5\$ (OR MORE) A MONTH GOES A LONG WAY!

1 less Starbucks coffee per month may make you sad...but you'll be happy again knowing that your 5\$ (or more) monthly contribution has made an immediate impact at the YLC!

GOAL: 100 PEOPLE X 60\$ (MIN) YEARLY = 6000\$

to cover all our expenses for our teen Friday and Saturday night sports and recreation programming next year! Let's keep our teens safe and supervised and with their friends on the weekends! We want to provide "Safefun" activities, events and outings.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE 5\$ (MIN) PER MONTH AND HELP MAKE A BIG IMPACT!

1. Go to "canadahelps.org"
2. Type in "Don Bosco Youth Leadership centre"
3. And then click on white box on the left to donate!
4. Income tax receipt will be issued online!

