



## SUMMERDAZE DAY CAMP

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Parents and Guardians

"What a bargain!" SummerDaze, since our beginning 30 seasons ago, has always been the best bargain in Etobicoke for summertime fun activity for kids. We have always tried to keep tuition even lower than possible to provide opportunity for as many kids to join us. The community of St Benedict Parish has always been so generous to contribute in-kind donations of supplies, prizes and materials. Our "Tree of Life" fundraiser continues to be a fruitful way of receiving financial donations to off-set some of the 'start up' expenses of camp. We often seek connections and resources from the community at large throughout the year to purchase our needs at lower costs. That's how much we love SummerDaze Camp!

Over the last four years we have only increased our tuition by \$10, even though costs for camp equipment, materials, snacks, trips, buses have gone up more than that. Don't hate us, but we do have to increase tuition for SummerDaze this summer. For junior and intermediate campers, one week of camp will be \$175 (for Senior campers \$185/week). Ouch! BeforeDaze and AfterDaze fees along with the Sibling Discount **remain the same.**

Besides costs always going up never down, the two big reasons for our increase are: Minimum wage for our paid counsellors has gone up from \$11.60/hour to \$14.00/hour; and, because of recent government legislation, we do not expect to receive any government grants. It is our hope to continue to give young people a positive work experience while growing in their faith.

If you have a returning camper, you know how much he or she enjoys SummerDaze. Our camp is run with maximum fun in mind, all conducted in the best Christian environment we could provide. Our counsellors and volunteers are trained in Salesian style assistance, and are very much involved in every activity, always promoting good things to happen.

We are looking forward to another great summer camp season. And, we believe SummerDaze is still a bargain!

God bless you!  
Sincerely in Christ,  
SummerDaze Administration Team