

Summer Child Care Guide 2026



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Come home to community

Dear Caregivers,

Welcome to Brockton Child Care Centre's Summer Program!

This Handbook is your guide to 10 full weeks of Summer Child Care. Our goal is to provide the best experience possible for your child this summer. Please take the time to read thoroughly, and keep it handy as an information resource.

New for 2026

Our Summer Child Care Program is designed to provide families with high-quality, licensed child care throughout the summer months. This program offers a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children can learn, play, and build meaningful relationships while maintaining consistent care routines.

Designed for Kindergarten and School-Age children, the program delivers age-appropriate activities that are both fun and developmentally supportive. Children are encouraged to explore their interests, build social skills and enjoy a balanced summer experience through thoroughly planned programming that supports physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development.

All programming is delivered by Registered Early Childhood Educators and operates as a licensed child care program under the Ministry of Education, in accordance with the Child Care and Early Years Act. This ensures families can feel confident knowing their child is receiving care that meets provincial standards for quality, safety, and well-being.

Looking forward to a wonderful summer of Fun and Play!

Brockton Child Care Centre Staff

Programming Dates and Topics

Brockton Child Care Centre provides care from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.

Pizza day is every Friday for the program. If interested, please bring \$2.50 per slice in cash to camp before Thursday each week.

Daily local walking trips to places such as Centennial Park and the Splash Pad, Tot-Lot Park, The Bruce County Library (Walkerton Branch), and more may be planned.

Week #	Program Week – Full Descriptions Available Online
1	June 29-July 3  Mad Scientist Week
2	July 6-10  Around the World fun, hands-on activities.
3	July 13-17   Community Helpers / Future Me
4	July 20-24   Christmas in July
5	July 27-31  Birthday / Party-Time Week
6	August 4-7  Rumble in the Jungle Week
7	August 10-14  Music & Movement Week
8	August 17-21  Brockton Mini-Olympics Week
9	August 24-28  Art Explosion Week
10	August 31- September 2  Water Works Week

Drop -off and Pick -up Locations

St. Teresa Of Calcutta Catholic School, 81 Cemetery Rd, Walkerton

Brockton has implemented a **Safe Arrival and Departure** experience, where your child will be dropped-off and picked-up in a secure location daily.

Most camps include local walking to places such as Centennial Park and the Splash Pad, Tot-Lot Park, The Bruce County Library (Walkerton Branch) and more.

Child Care Centre Hours

6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Our hours of operation are designed to fit into your busy work day.

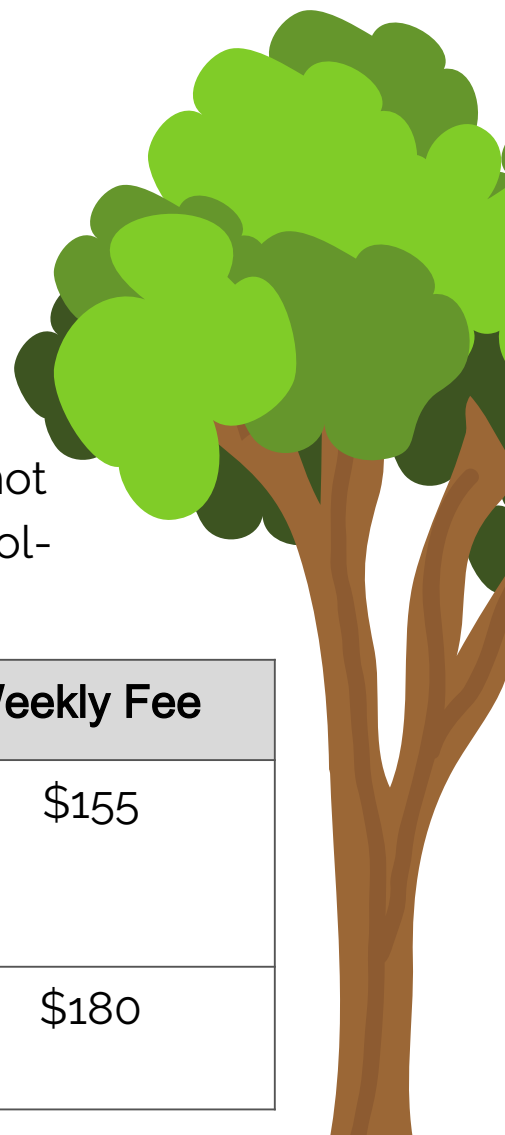
Registration & Fees

Brockton has 10 weeks of exciting child care programming this summer!

You do not need to be an existing child care client to take part in the summer program.

****Participation in the summer program does not guarantee a spot in the Kindergarten or School-age program during the school year.**

Program Type	Weekly Fee
Kindergarten (enrolled in kindergarten in the 2026/26 school year – up to 72 months of age)	\$155
School-Age (73 months to 10 years of age)	\$180



Payment Options

At the time of registration, a **\$25 non-refundable registration fee** is due.

1. Fee Payments

- Fees are billed on the **1st of each month** for weeks scheduled for the current **month**.
- Invoices will be issued electronically on the date of billing.
- Payment is expected **by the 20th day** of the month.

2. Payment Options

- Families may choose to pay **weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly** as long as the full balance is paid by the due date.
- Accepted payment methods include cheque, cash, or e-transfer through your bank (**Municipality of Brockton Child Care**).
- Receipts will be issued annually for **income tax purposes**.

Communication & Absenteeism

Email is the primary form of communication for camp. Please email **aniesen@brockton.ca** anytime. Please ensure an accurate family email is provided upon registration.

If a camper will be **absent**, it is the responsibility of a parent or guardian to **inform the Child Care Centre by 9:30am**.

Coordinator contact information will be provided in a pre-camp email the week before.

Child Information

At the time of registration please ensure all questions are completed fully with accurate information.

Sunscreen Applications

Please note that sunscreen is not provided at camp, and each camper must bring their own sunscreen. Spray sunscreen is not permitted!

Please practice with your child at home, so they become comfortable putting on sunscreen themselves. If support is required, educators will offer assistance.

Sunscreen is reapplied throughout the day. Most often, sunscreen is applied before outdoor play, with constant monitoring from educators throughout the day.

What to Bring...

- Backpack
- A reusable water bottle
- Hat and Sunscreen
- Indoor and Outdoor Shoes
- Change of clothes
- Lunch that is peanut/nut-free (and litter-free, if possible)



We provide **2 snacks each day**. Please let us know if there are any dietary restrictions well in advance of your program participation.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Updated 2026

All cancellations or changes made after registration and more than 14 days before the program start date may be:

- Issued as an account credit (no expiry) OR
- Refunded to the original method of payment

Cancellations made within **14 days of the start date** will **forfeit the full program fee**.

No refunds, transfers, or credits will be issued.

All cancellation and refund requests must be submitted **in writing by email** to afijol@brockton.ca.

Please note: Low enrollment may result in cancellation or general program changes. We reserve the right to cancel or modify programs if necessary, including due to unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be made to avoid these changes.



Program Policies

Lost & Found

The Municipality of Brockton is not responsible for lost or stolen items. The lost and found will be emptied weekly.

Program Readiness

It's important that campers attending Municipality of Brockton summer programs are "program ready" to ensure the best possible experience. Our goal is to ensure the safety of all campers at all times.

Upon registration, please make sure your child is ready for camp by confidently answering "yes" to the following questions:

- Child is able to take instructions from a staff person and participate in planned activities.
- Child is successful at doing daily activities (such as using the washroom) without a known guardian present.
- Child feels comfortable interacting in a group environment, to the best of their ability.
- Child can participate in a way that is safe for themselves and others.

Children at camp who are not ready may be withdrawn at the discretion of supervisory staff.

Late Fees

If a child is not picked up by the end of the Child Care day (6:00 pm), an additional \$5 fee will apply for every 15 minutes you are late, past 6:00 pm. This fee will be added to your account.

Repeated late pick-up may result in reevaluation of your enrollment status.



Participant Code of Conduct

Every person has the right to feel safe in any municipal recreation program. When behaviour issues arise or challenges present themselves, we resolve them on an individual basis. All children are responsible for conducting themselves in accordance with our **Participant Code of Conduct** :

- Show respect and consideration for staff, instructors, leaders in training, volunteers and other participants in the program.
- Be cooperative and willing to participate in programs with the understanding that all participants have varying abilities.
- Respect the rules and regulations to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.
- Include others in activities when possible.
- Play without bullying or teasing others.
- Use equipment safely and appropriately
- Use appropriate language.
- Adhere to a "hands-off" expectation by not touching or making physical contact with other participants, staff, instructors, leaders in training and volunteers.

Behaviours that are not tolerated:

- Physical aggression – behaviour causing or threatening physical harm towards others.
- Damaging property – deliberate behaviour aimed at destroying, altering or defacing property and/or public spaces.
- Inappropriate language – language that is considered to be impolite, rude or offensive.
- Social behaviour – any behaviour that aims to use social power over other program participants, staff, instructors, leaders in training and volunteers.

The Municipality of Brockton reserve the right to dismiss a participant without warning if, in their opinion, the participant compromises the physical and emotional safety of themselves, other participants, staff, educators, and volunteers or has failed to cooperate with any rules or code of conduct.

Behaviours and Additional Support Requirements

If your child has a particular diagnosis or may be in need of additional support while attending summer day camp, **please contact our Supervisor of School -Age Programs** (Tammy Kieswetter) well in advance by emailing tkieswetter@brockton.ca or calling 519-881-3123. Please note that a more detailed questionnaire may need to be completed to determine the needs of your camper.

Additionally, all communication remains confidential, and Brockton will provide additional support while keeping safety as our top priority, including the safety of your camper, other campers, and Brockton summer staff.

The County of Bruce has a **Special Needs Resource Program** that supports the inclusion of children with special needs, and is a voluntary program with no cost to parents/caregivers. Please complete their online referral form found at:

<https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/services/human-services/resource-program>

We Have a “Duty to Report”

As a child care provider, we are committed to the safety and well-being of every child in our care. In accordance with the Child Care and Early Years Act, we have a legal duty to report any suspicions of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities. This is not only a legal obligation but also a crucial part of protecting your child's best interests.

Please know that any concerns will be handled with the utmost sensitivity and prioritized to protect your child's safety and well-being. Our goal is always to foster a positive and supportive environment for all children, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Behavioural Policy

Brockton has implemented a **Behavioural Policy** which includes preventative measures such as re-direction of behaviour, documentation of behaviour and consistent communication with a parent/guardian.

- **First Warning** : If inappropriate behaviour occurs, the child is removed from program to discuss behaviour and camp guidelines. Child will return back to programming.
- **Second Warning** : Re-occurring behaviour, the child is removed from program to discuss behaviour and camp guidelines. A more thorough discussion takes place, and depending on severity a parent/guardian is informed. The child will return to programming.
- **Third Warning:** Re-occurring behaviour, the child is removed from program to discuss behaviour and camp guidelines. A "Time Out Talk It Out" will take place. A behaviour checklists will be completed and provided to parent/guardian upon pick-up. Summer Camp Supervisor and the Recreation Programming Supervisor will determine if next steps are required.
- **Removal of a Participant from Program:** Depending on severity or recurrence of behaviour, while taking into account the safety and well being of all campers and staff.

Subsidy and Financial Assistance

To apply for **Child Care Fee Subsidy** , you must complete an application on the County of Bruce website at:
<https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/services/human-services/child-care-fee-subsidy>

Safe Arrival and Dismissal

The Brockton Child Care Centre has a **Safe Arrival and Departure** experience, where campers will be dropped off and picked up in a secure location daily.

Our Safe Arrival and Dismissal Policy also ensures that children are released only to their parent/guardian or to an individual designated by the parent/guardian at the time of registration (Emergency Contacts).

Families may add individuals to the list at any time by contacting the Supervisor – School-Age Programs at **tkieswetter@brockton.ca**.

Parents, guardians, and caregivers must present photo identification when picking up their child daily to ensure the child is released to the appropriate caregiver.

Please notify program staff if your child will arrive late to the program or be absent. It is the parent/guardian who is responsible for notifying staff of any absenteeism.

Photo Consent & Use of Pictures

Pictures and videos are taken daily at all programs. Photos and videos are used for the promotion of programs on municipal social media platforms, website and print promotions.

At the time of registration, please indicate if you do not want your child's photo used in any publications.

Program Policies

Nut -Free Program

The Brockton Child Care Centre is strictly a nut-free program. We ask that all staff and participants refrain from bringing peanuts and other nut products into the program.



Electronic Devices

We ask that children leave their electronic devices at home for the duration of the program.

The Municipality of Brockton is not responsible for lost or stolen items.



Program Policies

Inclement Weather

Summer programs operate rain or shine! Alternative activities and locations are used in the event of inclement weather. Educators will use discretion in determining appropriate activities for the day.



Snacks & Food Activities

Some program activities involve food. Parents of children with food allergies will be notified before camp begins to ensure activities are safe for their child. Additionally, all special treats given to campers by camp staff (i.e. popsicles) are all purchased from nut-free facilities.

Medical Information

Health and safety are priorities for Brockton. Please ensure your child's information is accurate at the time of registration by completing the registration package.

The Municipality of Brockton does not administer medication to program participants. Should your child require medication while at camp, please make alternative arrangements.



Thank you

We are looking forward to seeing you
this summer in Brockton!



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