



2026 - Frequently Asked Questions

General Overview

What is Autism Nova Scotia Summer Camp?

Autism Nova Scotia's Summer Camp is a recreation program for Autistic children, youth, and adults across the province. Camps are designed to be fun, inclusive, and supportive, with activities tailored to each camper's interests and needs.

Each camper is supported with a 1:1 camper-to-counsellor ratio, helping to ensure a safe and positive experience. Camps also incorporate sensory accommodations and structured routines to support participation, connection, and enjoyment.

Where will Summer Camp take place in 2026?

Autism Nova Scotia's Summer Camps take place in communities across the province, with locations varying by region each year. 2026 Summer Camp locations include:

- Annapolis Valley – Greenwood & Kentville
- Central – Dartmouth
- Cumberland County – Amherst
- Pictou County – Stellarton
- South Shore – Bridgewater & Liverpool
- Strait Area – Port Hawkesbury & Saint Peters
- Cape Breton – Sydney

**Please Note: The South West region camp will be run through a community partner, YACRO. For more information on registration for this Chapter, visit www.yacro.com*

You may notice changes to camp locations, programming, and capacity in some regions. These decisions reflect our current organizational capacity and are guided by safety, staffing, and our ability to provide 1:1 support, sensory accommodations, and inclusive camp experiences.

We remain committed to supporting the Autistic community across Nova Scotia and are doing our best to ensure meaningful camp experiences for as many individuals as possible.

Are there fees associated with Summer Camp?

Program fees may vary by region due to differences in delivery costs and location-specific factors.

The price listed on the application accounts for the cost of one week of camp for one camper, in your chosen region. This cost reflects the subsidization provided by Autism Nova Scotia, along with the generous support of community partners and donors.

Payment is not required at the time of application. Payment is only required if your application is accepted. **Details regarding applications can be found below.*

Camp Application & Process

When do the Summer Camp Applications open?

Applications open on May 6, 2026, in stages by age group:

- 11:00 AM – Ages 5–12 (Central, Annapolis Valley, South Shore, Strait Area, Cumberland, Cape Breton, Pictou)
- 12:00 PM – Ages 13–17 (Central, Annapolis Valley, South Shore, Strait Area, Cumberland, Cape Breton, Pictou)
- 1:00 PM – Ages 18+ (Central, Annapolis Valley, Strait Area, Cumberland, Cape Breton, Pictou)

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How do I apply for Summer Camp?

With an account created in advance:

1. Click the application link on May 6.
 - Autism Nova Scotia will post the link in advance on May 4 via website and social channels.
2. Select “Autism Nova Scotia Summer Camp Application.”
3. Click the “2026 Summer Camp” dropdown to view available locations.
4. Choose your preferred camp location from the list.
5. Select the correct age group session, sessions will go live at:
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6. Click “Join Session Waitlist.”
 7. You will be prompted to log into your account, using the e-mail address and password you created in advance.
 8. Click “Login,” then you will be re-directed back to the application.
 9. If you haven’t already created camper profiles in advance, click “Add Person,” and enter your camper’s information: First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, Gender (optional), then press “Save.”
 - If you have already created camper profiles at time of account creation, then move to the next step.
 10. Select your camper by clicking their name, which is now populated on your page.
 11. Enter your email address and phone number at the bottom of the page. This will be used to contact you with your camper’s status by May 31.
 12. Click “Add to Waitlist.”
 13. If your application is successfully submitted, you will see a confirmation pop-up with a “Success” and checkmark. A confirmation e-mail will follow shortly after.
 14. After submitting, the platform will return you to the main page.
 15. If you have more than one camper to apply for, repeat the process for each camper. Before submitting, make sure the correct camper is selected.

With no account created in advance:

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6. Click “Join Session Waitlist.”
7. You will be prompted to create an account, using your first name, last name, e-mail and a unique password.
8. You then will be asked to verify your e-mail, and a 6-digit code will be sent to your account e-mail noted.

9. Type in the code from your e-mail and click “Verify.”
10. Click “Continue,” then click “I Consent.”
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What does the application process mean?

The application is an expression of interest for one week of our provincial Summer Camp programs. When you apply, you are submitting your interest in a specific camp location and joining a waitlist.

Why does the website say, “join the waitlist”?

All applications are added to a waitlist once submitted. Applications are timestamped at the time they are submitted and reviewed on a first come, first served basis. This means earlier submissions are reviewed first when assigning available camp spots.

If your camper is not selected, they will remain on the waitlist in the order the application was received and may be contacted if a space becomes available.

Do I need to apply right at the designated application times?

We strongly encourage families to apply as close to their assigned time as possible, as submissions are timestamped and used to determine placement order. Some locations may fill more quickly than others.

Can I choose a specific camp week?

No. If your submission is selected, a camp week will be automatically assigned.

How are camper's applications selected?

Applications are reviewed on a first come, first served basis, based on the time they are submitted.

When will I know if my child has been accepted?

All families will be contacted by May 31 with an update on their camper's status.

What happens if my child is not selected?

If your child is not selected, you will still be notified by May 31 and automatically added to the waitlist in the order your application was received.

How are Summer Camp weeks assigned?

Each age group in each region offers a limited number of camp weeks (typically 2–3 weeks per group). If your application is selected, a camp week will be assigned based on availability within that age group and region chosen at time of application.

Does applying guarantee a spot in Summer Camp?

No. Applying does not guarantee placement in Summer Camp. Spots are limited and offered based on availability and the order applications are received.

We understand how important camp is for many families and appreciate your interest and understanding throughout this process.

[New Platform & Account Creation](#)

What platform will be used for Summer Camp 2026 applications?

Autism Nova Scotia will be using a new platform called "Amilia" for Summer Camp applications.

Why has Autism Nova Scotia moved to a new application platform?

We're introducing a new registration platform to create a more accessible, user-friendly, and efficient experience for families, and to better support the registration and placement process across the province. A link to the new platform will be shared on May 4, in advance to the launch date of May 6.

When can I create my account?

Families can begin creating an account in advance starting April 30 to help prepare for launch day. View our step-by-step guide here: [Amilia Account Sign-Up Guide](#)

Create your account here: <https://app.amilia.com/en/Signup>

Accounts can be created on launch day; however, we strongly encourage families to set up their account early and add camper details ahead of time to help ensure a smooth and seamless process when applications open.

What information do I need to create an account and complete the Camp Applications?

When creating your account and completing your application, you will be asked to provide the following information for each camper:

- First and last name
- Date of birth
- Email address
- Phone number (optional)
- Gender (optional)

Families have the option to create their account and add camper details in advance starting April 30 to help prepare for launch day. This can save time during the application process, but it is not mandatory. Accounts and camper details can also be completed at the time of application on May 6.

You can only submit one camper application at a time, but multiple campers can be saved under the same account. Parents and/or guardians with multiple campers are welcome to create separate accounts if they choose.

Will I receive the registration link ahead of time?

Yes. The application link will be shared on May 4 via the Autism Nova Scotia website and social media channels, but the application will not be live until assigned times on May 6.

As a reminder, registration opens in stages by age group:

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What if I forget my account password? Can Autism Nova Scotia staff help me reset my password?

Staff are unable to help you reset your passwords with the new platform. Password resets are possible but must be done by each user through the platform directly. If you are unsure, we recommend writing your password down or saving it in a secure location.

You can use this link to manually reset your account password: [Reset Password](#)

What if I will need support or accommodations during registration on May 6?

If you require additional support, please connect with your local [Chapter Coordinator](#) in advance. They can help arrange access to technology and in-person support at your nearest Chapter office on May 6.

Please note that staff are unable to complete registration forms over the phone to assist families.

All registrations are timestamped at the time they are submitted, and staff support does not impact placement order.