



# SENSORY CAMP 2018

## About Sensory Camp

This August marks our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Sensory Camp. Sensory Camp enables children from the community who have sensory processing difficulties, to have a fun, sensory-based camp experience. This camp is intended to support campers aged 5 – 21 with complex disabilities.

Life is a sensory experience. Every moment we take in sensory information from our bodies and the world around us. Are you too cold? Is there too much noise? What about the smells around you? Do you like what you see? How does food taste?

Our sensory-based program provides an environment which enables each child to explore his or her individual sensory needs. Our camp is planned and lead by our team of occupational therapists and trained support staff. Throughout the camp programming, the following skills are supported: communication, self-care, daily living skills, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and social interaction/play.

### Camp Location:

111 Anthony Road, Toronto, M3K 1B7  
(closest major intersection Dufferin and Wilson, near Yorkdale mall)

Session 1: August 13-17, 2018

Session 2: August 20-24, 2018

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We have many areas which are set up to invite exploration of the senses. These areas include:

- Multi-Sensory Room
- Snoezelen Room
- Outdoor Playground and Water Play areas
- Garden and Greenhouse
- Music Room
- Gymnasium
- Art Room
- Relaxation Room
- Kitchen/Cooking Room

### Sample Schedule

8:45 am	Camper drop-off
9:00 am	Transitional activities
9:15 am	Morning group
9:45 am	Oral motor kits
10:00 am	Snack (not provided by camp)
10:20 am	Rotation between sensory stations
12:00 pm	Lunch (not provided by camp)
12:30 pm	Relaxation and free play
1:00 pm	Large group activities
1:45 pm	Outdoor play or community walk
2:15 pm	Snack (provided by camp)
2:30 pm	Closing group
2:50 - 3 pm	Camper pick-up

\*A more detailed schedule of daily programming will be sent to campers who are accepted to Sensory Camp prior to start of camp

## Important Information

- Sensory Camp is for children ages 5 – 21. Pricing is based on 3:1 support. If 1:1 support staff is required, an additional charge of \$689.50 for each session will apply. If your child comes with their own 1:1 support staff, medical and police record checks including VSS screen and insurance information will be required prior to camp to ensure safety of all campers. A waiver (addressing requirements) will be provided to yourself or the agency/organization that will be providing support to your child. The signed waiver must be received prior to camp. Unfortunately, if the waiver is not received prior to the start of camp, your child will not be able to attend camp.
- Does your child have a 1:1 already? If yes:
  - 1:1 support workers cannot include family members or close friends for liability reasons.
  - 1:1 staff from an agency (e.g. WM&A) will have insurance, police checks (including VSS), and medical through their employer. The employer must sign a waiver that this information regarding the employee is valid.
  - 1:1 support staff from your child's home (residential setting) will have insurance, police checks (including VSS), and medical through their employer. The employer must sign a waiver that this information regarding the employee is valid.
- Full payment must accompany this registration form to ensure consideration. Spaces cannot be held without receiving payment or letter from funding source verifying funds. Admission will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- The deadline for registration is **May 31, 2018**. Once payment is received, you will be sent a confirmation letter and an information package. Please send this package back to us no later than **July 6, 2018**.
- Refund or cancellation: Written notice you would like to withdraw your child from camp must be received by Aptus no later than July 6, 2018. A refund, minus a \$40 processing fee, will be returned. Should you withdraw past the July 6, 2018 deadline, no refund will be given.
- If the minimum attendee requirements are not met, Aptus reserves the right to cancel the camp. In this event, refunds will be given accordingly.
- Transportation is not included in the cost of camp and is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. Lunches are not included in the cost of the camp and must be sent with the camper daily. Please note: we are nut-free facility.
- Attendance to a scheduled orientation day is **mandatory** for all new campers and their parents/guardians. If the new camper does not attend orientation, Aptus reserves the right to withdraw them from camp and issue a refund.

## New Campers?

In an effort to get to know your child, to ensure that we properly meet his or her needs, and to make parents feel more secure about sending their children to our camp, we hold camper orientation/parent information sessions. It is mandatory for all new campers to attend this session so we can provide you with an overview of the unique sensory camp program we have developed. Please email [sensorycamp@aptustc.com](mailto:sensorycamp@aptustc.com) to schedule your session. If your child has previously attended camp, please let staff know of any changes or important information which have occurred since they last attended our camp.

As well, this session also provides our staff with an opportunity to meet your child and see how he or she acts in and responds to, our facility.

Through observing and interacting with your child, our staff will be better able to plan camp to meet his or her capabilities and needs with respect to staffing levels, proper support and appropriate activities. We want to be prepared to provide a positive camp experience for your child!

If you have any questions, please email them to [sensorycamp@aptustc.com](mailto:sensorycamp@aptustc.com) or call at 416-633-3971.

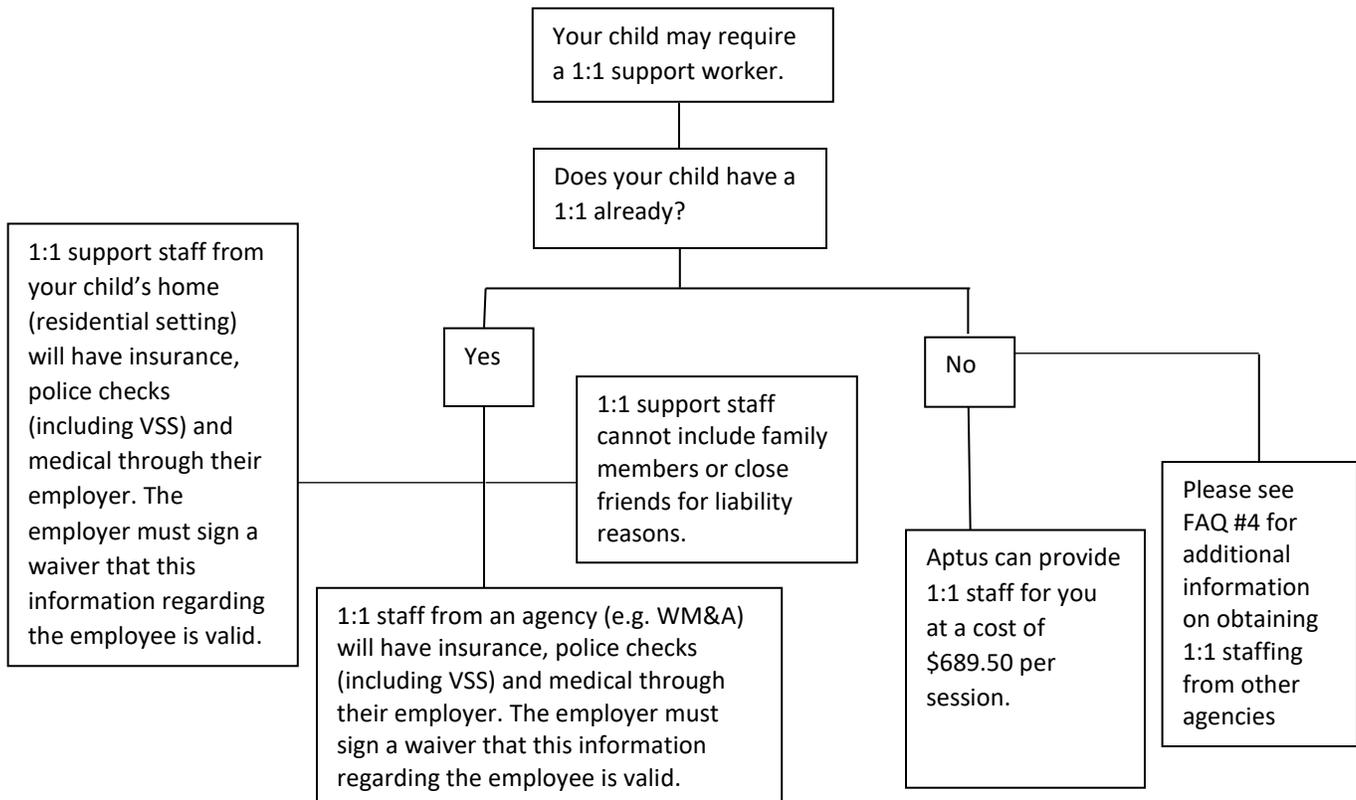
## Sensory Camp Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Who can attend Sensory Camp?

Sensory Camp is open to the community (you do not have to attend any other Aptus programs) for children ages 5 – 21 with developmental disabilities. Please call or come to one of our orientation dates to determine if this camp will be a good fit for you and your child.

### 2. Does my child need a 1:1 worker?

Typical behaviours which may require a 1:1 worker include behaviours or needs which pose immediate safety or health risks for self or others (aggressive towards self or others, medical issues requiring special care, elopement concerns). We can help you determine whether a 1:1 will be required at our orientation date when we meet you and your child.



If you are uncertain whether or not your child will require a 1:1 support worker, please contact us to discuss it further. We will ask you additional questions and may help determine over the phone the best course of action. If it is not clear over the phone, we may ask you to come in with your child

where we can make that assessment in person. Though we try to meet each camper's individual needs, this camp may not be a good fit for all campers.

3. *My child has a 1:1 worker at school, do they need a 1:1 for camp?*

It depends. Typical behaviours which may require a 1:1 worker include behaviours or needs which pose immediate safety or health risks for self or others (aggressive towards self or others, medical issues requiring special care, elopement concerns). Sometimes schools will require a 1:1 if they do not have necessary resources to support your child without. If you are uncertain whether or not your child will require a 1:1 support worker, please contact us to discuss it further.

4. *My child needs a 1:1 worker, but I do not already have one. What are my options to get a 1:1?*

Aptus can provide a 1:1 staff for your child. We charge an additional \$689.50 per session for 1:1 staff. There are also other agencies where you can find a 1:1. Please contact Krista at 416-633-5775 at ext. 135 to learn more about 1:1 staffing options.

5. *My child has attended camp in the past, do I need to come to an orientation session?*

An orientation session is strongly suggested for new campers. This helps us learn about your child and let them learn about us as well. If your child is a returning camper, orientation may not be necessary unless you feel that your child is quite different than they were the previous year (e.g., major changes we would need to know about) or if they haven't been to camp for a year or two. If you are unsure, please speak with one of our OTs and we can make the decision on an individual basis.

6. *How much does sensory camp cost?*

Camp costs \$400.00 for each session (August 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> or August 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>) and \$800.00 for both sessions (August 13<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>). If you require Aptus to provide a 1:1, it is an additional \$689.50 per session.

7. *Is there funding available for camp?*

At this time, we cannot offer funded spaces and require families to pay for their own space by some means. You may obtain funding from other sources (i.e. charities, grants) that are available each year through various organizations (i.e. Jennifer Ashleigh, President's Choice Children's Charities, etc.) Please contact Krista at 416-633-5775 at ext. 135 to learn more about funding options.

8. *Is transportation provided?*

No, unfortunately not. If you are unable to meet pick up/drop off times, please arrange for another reliable person to help you. There are also taxis or other means of transportation that can help with transportation (e.g. WheelTrans). We can help unload/load children into taxis if they are safe to ride alone. Please speak to us about this. Transportation costs are the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

## Sensory Camp Registration 2018

*Please return completed forms by May 31, 2018*

By email: [sensorycamp@aptustc.com](mailto:sensorycamp@aptustc.com)

By fax: 416-633-9255 Attn: OT

By mail- Aptus Treatment Centre

111 Anthony Road

Toronto, ON M3K 1B7

### 1. Camper Information

Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

### 2. Contact Information:

Same as above

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (home/work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

Contact Person Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Communication Preference:

My communication preference is:

E-Mail

Fax

Mail

Upon Registration, an intake package will be sent to you. It is important that this intake package is filled out in its entirety and sent back before **July 6, 2018**

#### 4. Sensory Camp Session Dates I would like to register my child for:

- Session 1: August 13 – 17, 2018
- Session 2: August 20– 24, 2018

#### 5. 1:1 Staffing Needs for my child:

- Not required
- 1:1 staff provided by camper (**must** provide valid medical clearance, VSS police check and insurance)
- Requires Aptus to supply 1:1 staff (additional cost of \$689.50 per session)

#### 6. Payment Information:

I have provided payment for:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Session 1: (August 13-17, 2018)	\$400.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Session 2: (August 20-24, 2018)	\$400.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Session 1 & 2: (August 13-17 & 20-24, 2018)	\$800.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aptus to provide 1:1 staff for session 1 add	\$689.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aptus to provide 1:1 staff for session 2 add	\$689.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aptus to provide 1:1 staff for session 1 & 2 add	\$1379.00

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Method:

Cheque (payable to Aptus Treatment Centre)      Cheque Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa               Mastercard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/YY) CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice required for funding from: \_\_\_\_\_