



Special Needs Programs



Inclusion Program Information

The Town of Newmarket is committed to offering high quality accessible and inclusive recreation and leisure program opportunities for persons of varying abilities. Our goal is to support individual progress and interests through recreation programs and activities. Various levels of support are available through integrated and specialized adapted programs.

The Town of Newmarket is dedicated to ensuring all individuals have a successful recreation experience. There are times when a participant requires more support than our program ratios are able to provide. In these cases, we strongly recommend consulting with us about our support options. Email inclusion@newmarket.ca. Programs listed in this section of the guide are designed specifically with adapted program activities and equipment, as well as an increased staff ratio.

Is additional support required?

1:1 support is required to participate in programs when the individual:

Requires additional support to complete basic needs (dressing, toileting or feeding)
Extra Support is required at school

Does not understand danger

Has a safety plan with their educational institution

Has a tendency to exhibit behaviours to be managed (ie. biting, scratching, pinching, eloping, aggression, self-harm etc.)

Requires support for communication, mobility, comprehension or socialization

Who can provide additional program support?

Additional support can be provided by a caregiver, private support worker, family friend or a volunteer. Independent volunteers, caregivers and support staff are required to provide a Vulnerable Sector Screening, complete a registration form and sign a release of liability. The Support worker is required to participate in all activities as a positive role model for participants and adhere to the Town of Newmarket Policies and Procedures. Inclusion one to one support staff are available.

What is an Inclusion Facilitator?

Inclusion Facilitators are trained staff who will attend the program with the participant and may assist with personal care, behaviour management and encouraging program participation. Town of Newmarket inclusion staff do not provide medical interventions, supports or therapy (i.e. injections, g-tube feeding, etc). **Please Note:** We may ask that an individual be paired with a support person if we deem it necessary considering provincial regulations and the Town of Newmarket policies.



To register

Contact inclusion@newmarket.ca or **905-953-5300 ext. 2821** at least 2 weeks before the program begins to discuss program selection and support options. For **swim lessons**, contact **905-953-5300 ext 2711**.

Complete an **All About Me** information package available online or at a Customer Service Kiosk and email to inclusion@newmarket.ca. IEP and School safety plans are required for camp and full day programs to assist staff with support.

Please note: Recreation staff and Inclusion Facilitators will make every effort to facilitate programming and accommodations; however, the health and safety of participants and staff are paramount. Should behaviours occur that present potential harm to self, others or property, the participant may be denied access to the program.

Accessible equipment and assistive devices

Accessible equipment and assistive devices are available in programs, at facilities and in parks.

Please direct inquiries to inclusion@newmarket.ca or 905-953-5300 ext 2821

Interested in a rewarding experience working with individuals with special needs?

We are hiring for Inclusion Facilitators for summer employment now! Visit [This link](#), or email inclusion@newmarket.ca

You can begin your career path and make a difference for many children and youth in our community.

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The Base Summer Camp

Youth and adults with special needs will enjoy a variety of activities including physical fitness, outdoor walks, swimming, games, music, arts & crafts, and science discovery. The program will offer centre-based activity choices to allow flexibility and an opportunity to focus on personal interests, independence and leadership development. A weekly out trip or guest presenter will be planned.

The fee is based on 1:3 staff ratio. Participants requiring additional support may provide their own person or request staff support for an additional fee. Families are required to complete an All About Me package and provide an IEP and Safety Plan. A pre-camp meeting will be booked in May or June to discuss individual needs and interests. Registrations may be completed at this time.

Participants may choose to enjoy a full week camp experience, or register 1 or 2 days weekly through the summer in The Base Summer Days. Registration closes 10 days prior to the beginning of each camp week.

Age: 16+ Years

Location: Newmarket Community Centre & Lions Halls

Session(s): Summer Camp Registration Session

The Base Summer Days

This program provides the option for participants to attend The Base Summer Camp one or two days weekly throughout the summer. The Thursday program will include an out trip or in house presenter. The fee is based on 1:3 ratio. Participants may provide their own support person or request additional support for an additional fee. Completion of an All About Me Form together with IEP and Safety Plan is required prior to registration. Spaces are limited. Please schedule a meeting early in May or June to complete registration. The program will include centered base options to promote individual development and interests. A general outline of daily activities will be reviewed at the meeting.

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National AccessAbility Week Celebration

Join us on Sat. June 4, 2022 at the Newmarket Community Centre & Lions Halls from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an open house to explore and celebrate AccessAbility in Newmarket.

Avoid disappointment. Summer camp and The Base Summer program registration is now live.

Email us at

inclusion@newmarket.ca

to discuss summer plans.



To register visit

play.newmarket.ca