



## Toronto Children's Summer Camp

Preparing your precious ones for successful integration into Canadian higher education and society through summer socialization and learning opportunities

Early Childhood Development Initiative (ECDI) has partnered with reputable community organizations, universities and colleges in Toronto to provide integration and socialization opportunities for international students, through fun, skills building summer camp experiences.

Our camps are especially tailored to enable international children socialize and build authentic lasting friendships with Canadian peers, understand Canadian social norms, explore and discover community, challenge their own capacities and gain leadership skills, while learning.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How will my child be kept safe?

The summer camps are designed to conform to Ontario Ministry of Education and Ontario Parks and Recreations standards with regard to quality, programming, equipment and adult/child ratios.

ECDI further provides additional animators to ensure a ratio of no more than 5 children to a responsible adult during all campus activities and tours.

#### What types of activities will my child be engaged in?

Children will have the opportunity to participate in Art and Crafts, Science, and Sport activities, based on their preference, during the days. Fun games, activities and tours will run during the evenings and weekends. A detailed schedule will be provided at a later date

#### What are the Camp Dates?

Itinerary	Camp Session 1 28 July – 10 August (2 weeks)	Camp Session 2 11 - 24 August (2 weeks)
Departure from Nigeria	Saturday 27 July	Saturday 10 August
Arrival to Toronto	Sunday 28 July	Sunday 11 August
Camp Starts	Monday 29 July	Monday 12 August
Camp Ends	Friday 09 August	Friday 23 August
Departure from Toronto	Saturday 10 August	Saturday 24 August
Arrival to Nigeria	Sunday 11 August	Sunday 25 August

#### I would like to keep in contact with my child?

Parents will be provided with phone numbers at which they can reach their children between the hours of 6:00-9:00pm EST during the week and 10:00am-10:00pm EST during the weekends.

Please note that each phone line will be shared by 10 children therefore parents will be asked to limit conversations to no more than 15mins per call during the week and 1 hour per call during the weekend.

### **What do the fees cover?**

The CAD 5,500 fees cover in-Canada transportation and accommodation, medical insurance, feeding, camp fees, tours, entertainment and community engagement activities. It also covers a 5% non-refundable fee to be remitted to your child's School/Consultant for facilitation of the registration process.

### **Payments/Cancellation/Refund Policy**

We recommend that parents make full payment upon application in order to secure a spot for your child. Spaces are filled on a first come-first served basis, determined by full fee payment. Full fees must be received, alongside fully completed registration forms on or before 27 January, 2024.

**Note: Please ensure that the full names of your child (including first, middle and surnames) and Date of Birth is quoted in the notes of your payment.**

All requests for changes/cancellations must be initiated by the parent/guardian in writing via email to [programs@ecdinitiative.org](mailto:programs@ecdinitiative.org).

- a) For cancellations before June 14th, 2024: **75% of the fees are refundable.**

The non refundable administrative charge of 25% is utilized for expenses including the 5% registration processing fee remitted to the school, wire transfer fees, non-refundable costs for medical insurance and other required holding fees for camp space and accomodation. Great facilities are taken quickly. In order to maintain our standard of quality, we must make non-refundable financial commitment early.

- b) For cancellations after June 14th, 2024: **NO REFUND**

### **Why do I have to pay so far ahead of the camp start date**

Various components of the camp must be paid for several months before the Camp start date. These include reservation of camp spaces, booking quality accommodation facilities and purchase of medical insurance.

### **How will I purchase the flight tickets?**

ECDI has partnered with an experienced travel agency in Abuja to coordinate the purchase tickets for the group. We encourage all parents to contact the agent for a booking. All tickets must be fully paid for by 30 March 2024. A preliminary ticket search for travel between July-August 2024 (search conducted in September 2022) has ticket estimates at:

1. Lufthansa	N2,093,160
2. QATAR	N 786,694
3. Ethiopian	N 683,323
4. Turkish	N2,243,786

Ticket prices include airport group protocol and transfer. Please note: These prices are estimates only. The agent warns that these prices are not a commitment. Airlines are hesitant to commit to fares for flights so far ahead of time, as a result of the volatility in the industry. Prices will be whatever is current at the time of purchase. Please note also that proof of ticket purchase will likely be required for visa application.

### **What about the visa processing?**

ECDI has partnered with an experienced agent to facilitate the processing of visas. All visa applications must be submitted to the agent by **31 January 2024**. Canadian visa processing time is currently 124 days (approximately 5-months) for Nigeria.

### **I would like to accompany my children to Canada?**

Parents are welcome to bring their children to Canada and still have them participate in the camp. Once in Canada, children will need to report to camp by 5:00pm latest on the Sunday evening before camp activities begin and remain resident through the week. Parents may pick their children up from 5:00pm on Friday for the weekend, however, children must be returned to camp by 5:00pm latest on the Sunday ending the weekend. The integrated socialization experience offered is designed around children being resident and participating in all organized activities.

### **What types of food will children be offered?**

Children will enjoy a mix of Canadian and Nigerian meals, with lunch or dinner prepared daily by a Nigerian cook. A variety of healthy snacks such as fruits, vegetables, crackers and cheese will be available at regular intervals between meals.

### **How do I make payment of the fees?**

Account information has been provided in the registration package.

### **What COVID-19 protocols are in place?**

Canada's Public Health Agency provides the guidelines for ensuring the safety of Canadians. At this time, all COVID restrictions have been removed. ECDI monitors and will follow public health guidelines. In addition, PPEs will be made available for individual preferences.