



# CAMP CHIKOPI

Founded 1920  
TRADITIONAL SPORTS & WILDERNESS CAMP FOR BOYS

## Quick Facts:

**Who** Boys aged 7-17  
**What** Sports, Wilderness.  
**Where** Magnetawan, Ontario, Canada.

**When** See Enrollment form for session dates and fees.  
**Why** Adventure, Fitness, Confidence, Independence.  
**How** Complete and return the Enrollment Form.  
**Head of Program** Colette Duenkel

## Camp Chikopi: Where Boys Grow, Play, and Discover

Nestled on the shores of Ahmic Lake in the lush Almaguin Highlands of Ontario, Camp Chikopi is a family-owned camp located 185 miles north of Toronto and 30 miles east of Parry Sound. Set on 400 acres of scenic forests, our camp offers a unique setting where boys can build lasting friendships, grow in confidence, and learn respect, responsibility, and resilience.

## Background and Philosophy

Founded in 1920 by Olympic Coach Matt Mann II, Camp Chikopi holds the title as the world's first all-sports camp for boys, dedicated to helping boys develop into well-rounded individuals. At Chikopi, boys build character, strengthen teamwork skills, and learn to take safe risks in a supportive, tech-free environment that encourages them to be active and confident.

With a strong focus on outdoor sports, Chikopi is an ideal place for boys to boost fitness, gain self-assurance, and develop communication skills, all while experiencing an extraordinary summer in the great outdoors. Boys from around the world join us every summer, creating a vibrant, international atmosphere where lifelong friendships flourish.

## A Typical Day at Camp Chikopi

Our daily schedule is designed to keep boys active, engaged, and growing together as a team:

- **Morning Fitness:** Start the day with a fitness activity to get moving.
- **Breakfast:** A hearty, family-style breakfast to fuel the day.
- **Cabin Cleanup:** A team effort to keep living spaces neat and clean.
- **Morning Sports Classes:** Three classes with instruction in a variety of sports.
- **Lunch and Rest Hour:** Relax and recharge, with mail call and a stop at the tuck shop.
- **Afternoon Team Sports and Practices:** Participate in team sports like soccer, tennis, swimming, and sailing.
- **Team Competitions and Electives:** Choose from various activities for more skill-building and fun.
- **Dinner:** A delicious, home-cooked meal shared with friends.
- **Evening Activities:** Organized games, campfires, or special events.
- **Bedtime:** Rest up for the adventures to come!

## Our Program and Activities

Chikopi's program includes over 25 different land and water sports. This variety allows boys to try new activities, build confidence, and develop a range of skills. Whether your son is looking to have fun in the sun or refine his athletic abilities, he'll find something that resonates with him here at Chikopi. Our emphasis isn't just on sports; it's on the life lessons that come with them. Boys leave Camp Chikopi with increased confidence, a sense of loyalty, and the friendships they make here often last a lifetime. With a camper-to-staff ratio of 3:1, boys receive individualized attention, making it easier to develop their skills and enjoy a summer of personal growth.

## Sports and Recreation

With a wide range of land sports (like soccer, basketball, and archery) and water sports (like swimming, canoeing and sailing), there's something for every camper. Our knowledgeable and friendly staff provide personalized instruction, often with visiting Olympic and National coaches on hand to make the experience truly exceptional. Participation in sports not only improves fitness and flexibility but also builds self-confidence in boys, making Chikopi the perfect summer destination for boys of all activity levels.

- **Swimming:** Chikopi is world-renowned for its swimming program, accommodating all levels. Campers are assessed upon arrival and matched to their skill level, ensuring that every boy—whether he's a beginner or competitive swimmer—improves his water confidence.
- **Triathlon:** We provide daily opportunities for boys to experience triathlon sports (swimming, biking, and running) at their own pace, encouraging them to explore new skills in a relaxed setting.
- **Canoeing:** Surrounded by the natural beauty of Ontario, our canoeing program lets campers explore Ahmic Lake, offering them both adventure and breathtaking scenery.

## Facilities

Chikopi offers campers a comfortable, safe, and enriching experience:

1. **Cabins:** Boys stay in cabins with 2-3 counselors, ensuring supervision and fostering camaraderie among cabinmates.
2. **Home-Cooked Meals:** Nutritious, family-style meals are served in the Main House. We are a nut-free facility and can accommodate most dietary needs or allergies.
3. **Expansive Activity Spaces:** Facilities include beaches, playing fields, tennis courts, a soccer field, basketball courts, a 50-meter in-lake swimming pool, and much more.
4. **Clean, Modern Amenities:** We have flushing toilets, running water, and fully inspected water and food services to meet all health standards.

## Staff and Safety

Our exceptional 3:1 camper-to-staff ratio allows boys to receive continuous guidance and ensures their safety. Many of our counselors are former campers themselves and are dedicated to the camp's mission and values. Staff undergo thorough safety checks and hold First Aid, CPR, and Lifeguard certifications. This ensures a nurturing, supportive environment where boys can thrive.

## Medical Care

Your child's health and safety are our highest priority:

1. **Daily Health Monitoring:** Our staff carefully monitors campers' health daily to ensure they're feeling their best.
2. **24/7 Medical Access:** A medical doctor is on call for any health issues, and the camp is a short drive from hospital facilities.
3. **Comprehensive Health Files:** We keep detailed records on every camper, ensuring we're aware of any specific health needs.

## Camp Values and Traditions

Chikopi provides a non-denominational environment focused on universal values. Weekly vesper gatherings emphasize citizenship, character, and friendship, nurturing your son's development into a respectful, responsible young man.

## Enrollment and Costs

With a small enrollment of just 70 campers, Chikopi offers an intimate, personalized summer camp experience. Our first-come, first-served enrollment means spots are limited, so apply early. The camp fees are listed on the enrollment form, and itemized accounts are provided for any tuck shop balance or refund.

## Getting to Camp Chikopi

For convenience, we offer transportation from Toronto Pearson International Airport or The Four Points by Sheraton in Toronto. Families may also drive directly to camp—just 3.5 hours north of Toronto.

## Why Choose Camp Chikopi?

At Camp Chikopi, boys have the opportunity to experience the outdoors, discover new skills, and build character in a safe and friendly environment. The friendships they form here, along with the skills they learn, will stay with them long after summer ends. Chikopi is where boys can be boys, learn to be considerate, and build a foundation for a happy, healthy future.

Consider giving your son the priceless experience of Camp Chikopi—an adventure he'll remember and value for a lifetime.

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