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It might be hard to imagine summer right now, as temperatures dip and snow piles up in our driveways. But, here at The Foundation, we are knee-deep in summer dreaming! Today, we opened up the application process for summer camp grants.

KIDS TO CAMP GRANT APPLICATIONS - NOW OPEN!!



Now Accepting Grant Applications for Children & Youth Summer Camp

We are now accepting grant applications for our Children & Youth Summer Camp Program. Visit our [grants schedule](#) for application guidelines and to complete a grant application form.

PLEASE NOTE! The deadline is earlier than in previous

years!! We will be accepting applications until Friday February 12, 2016 at 4:00 PM.



In 2015, our Summer Camp Grant Program granted almost **\$16,000** to help provide children with a camp or swim experience, which in turn led to new skills, new friendships, and wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. Our grants for summer camp programs can range between **\$500 - \$3,000!** Camps are encouraged to start their

applications NOW to meet the earlier deadline this year.

Since The Guelph Community Foundation began granting in 2001, over **\$184,000** has been granted to help send kids to camp.



Photos above: Camp Stella Puella 2015, Creative Encounters with Science 2015 and Camp Stella Puella 2015.

[You could help send a kid to camp this summer!](#)



A camp experience can be life-changing for kids who would otherwise not be able to afford to go. Camp can offer opportunities and friendships to kids who desperately need it, and make an impactful difference in their life. **Would you consider helping to send a kid to camp this summer?** Anyone can donate to the Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund, managed here at The

Guelph Community Foundation. Gifts of ANY SIZE can make a BIG difference. For some camps, a donation of \$50 could subsidize a child for one full week of camp, and a gift of \$150-\$350 can send a child for an entire month. Simply mail a cheque, made out to The Guelph Community Foundation, with a note at the bottom "Guelph Mercury Kids to Camp".

We draw from a handful of funds here at The Foundation to grant money to camps each summer: The Guelph Mercury Kids-to-Camp Fund, The Bonnie Ewen Fund, Camp Discover Fund and GCF Children & Youth Fund. These funds were established to ensure summer camp programs are available for disadvantaged and at-risk children and youth, now and forever. Thank you to all of our kids-to-camp donors who have supported (and continue to support) this worthy initiative over the years.



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