



**RECREATION AND CULTURE
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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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NOTED: D. BELL, DIRECTOR, RECREATION, CULTURE AND SPECIAL EVENTS
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RE: HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING AND FACILITY OPERATING HOURS

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2024

The purpose of this memorandum is to highlight the City of Barrie's Recreation and Culture Services' offerings this Holiday Season at our Community Centres. Our Neighbourhood Programming Teams have put together an exciting line-up of drop-in activities, workshops and events. Highlights are provided below, and a full schedule and registration is available on the City's website at barrie.ca.

Special Holiday Programming:

Ornament and Card Making – 7-12yrs – at Allandale Recreation Centre – Wednesday, December 4th
Participants will create ornaments and cards for the holiday season.

Winter Wonderland – 7-12yrs – at Allandale Recreation Centre. – Tuesday, December 10th
Participants will create winter themed crafts that are designed to learn about wintertime in this fun and creative program.

Kitchy Kids – Holiday Cookies – 8-12yrs at Allandale Recreation Centre – Tuesday, December 17th
We will teach your little ones how to make the Holidays FUN! Kids will stir, mix, measure and mash their way to a fabulous Holiday experience, while learning basic kitchen safety rules.

Red Cross Stay Safe at Allandale Recreation Centre – Monday, December 23rd (9:00am - 2:30pm)
Learn to stay safe at home and within the community. This course will focus on the importance of responsibility and respect while being accountable for yourself, the importance of setting and following safety rules when on your own, how to prepare for, recognize and respond to unexpected situations (e.g., inclement weather, strangers, and unanticipated visits) including basic first aid skills.

Red Cross Babysitting at Allandale Recreation Centre – Monday December 30th (8:30am - 4:30pm)
In partnership with the Canadian Red Cross, this course includes all the useful and reliable features parents would choose for their preteen or teen. Please bring a lunch, doll, pen or pencil. Note that to receive certification participant must attend entire class session and receive 75% on the written test. Course materials included in the fee.

Winter Break Camps (available December 23rd, 27th, 30th, January 2nd and 3rd):



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Kinder Fun (Ages 4-5yrs) – ONE DAY CAMPS at East Bayfield Community Centre and Peggy Hill Team Community Centre

This is the place to be over the Holidays. Register in this fun camp where you will participate in games, crafts and exciting activities. Please dress appropriately for the weather as some activities may be conducted outside. Participants must be washroom independent for this camp.

Winter Break Camp (Ages 6-12yrs) – ONE DAY CAMPS at East Bayfield Community Centre and Peggy Hill Team Community Centre.

This is the place to be over the Holidays. Register in this fun camp where you will participate in games, crafts and exciting activities. Please dress appropriately for the weather as some activities may be conducted outside.

Winter Break Adapted Camp – ONE DAY CAMPS at East Bayfield Community Centre

This adapted camp experience is the place to be over the Holidays. Our program provides opportunities for all kinds of fun! This camp will strengthen social skills and promote confidence and independence all while in a sensory aware environment. Campers will participate in various recreational opportunities.

An adapted environment is provided including smaller group sizes and increased group supervision, activities adapted to individual needs and goals, plus longer transition times. Participants must be able to participate successfully in a 1:3 staff to participant ratio.

Inclusion One-to-One Support: One-to-one support is available at any camp to facilitate successful participation in activities for participants whose needs are not met within large group supervision ratios. Inclusion camp leaders can provide redirection for safety reasons, allow opportunities for breaks, assist with personal care, etc. If registering into Inclusion One-to-One Support, participants need to register separately into a camp program during the same week. Registration is available at play.barrie.ca.

55+ Centre Events:

Parkview Community Centre

Holiday Craft Sale

Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday December 2nd from 10 am to 3 pm.

Holiday Cheer - Sing Along with Don McNair

Monday December 2nd from 1pm to 3pm

Open to all and no fee. Light refreshments served.

Allandale Seniors Centre

Holiday Movie

Wednesday December 4th from 1pm to -3pm

Open to all and no fee. Complimentary popcorn served.

Skating:

Be sure to visit our [Special Holiday Skate schedule](#) for additional public skate and Stick 'n Puck times over the holiday season.

Holiday Hours:

Our three major recreational facilities will be open the following hours over the holiday period:

Tuesday, December 24 th	6:00am to 12:00pm
Wednesday, December 25 th	Closed
Thursday, December 26 th	Closed
Fri.-Mon., December 27 th -30 th	Normal Operating Hours
Tuesday, December 31 st	6:00am to 12:00pm
Wednesday, January 1 st	Closed

The Recreation and Culture Services Team wishes everyone a joyous holiday season.