



APPLEBY COLLEGE CAMPS & ACADEMIES

Boarding Program — Frequently Asked Questions

Programs & Eligibility

Q: Who can attend Appleby Camps & Academies' Summer Boarding Programs?

A: International participants ages 12–17 of all English levels are eligible to attend the Summer ESL Program, students ages 12–17 with high English fluency are eligible to attend the Summer Enrichment Camp, and those who are ages 10-12 with all levels of English are eligible to attend the Canadian Experience Camp (CEC). All three programs share afternoons, evenings, weekends, and most excursions.

Q: When does the program run in 2026?

A: There are two 4-week sessions for Summer ESL: **July ESL (A)** arrives Sunday, June 28 and departs Saturday, July 25, 2026. **August ESL (B)** arrives Sunday, July 26 and departs Saturday, August 22, 2026. The Summer Enrichment Camp and CEC have a 3-week session in July (July 4-25), a 3-week session in August (July 26 – August 15) and a 4-week session in August (July 26 – August 22). We do not offer 2-week sessions.

Arrival & Departure

Q: How does my child get from the airport to campus?

A: Airport pick-up and drop off at Toronto Pearson (YYZ) is included in program fees. Staff travel with participants to campus by school vehicle or private bus. Once registered, all participants are required to complete the Travel Information Form One Month prior to Programs start to ensure travel accommodations can be organized.

Q: What about Unaccompanied Minor (UM) service?

A: Should you require UM service, it should be purchased through your airline. Submit all UM arrival details via the Travel Form. Appleby provides the name of the staff member meeting the participant at least 5 days before arrival, and proof of UM payment must be provided in advance for departure.

Q: Can my child be dropped off or picked up on campus instead?

A: Yes. Drop-off is 7:00–9:00 pm on arrival day; pick-up is 10:00 a.m - 12:00 pm on departure day. Park in the main lot and follow signs to the John Guest Student Commons. The guardian's ID must match the name on the Travel/Permission form.

Accommodations & Daily Life

Q: Where will my child live?

A: Participants share a double room with a roommate of the same gender who speaks a different first language. Roommates are matched by nationality/language, age, grade, and program. Male and Female boarders live in separate houses.

Q: What is provided in the room?

A: Each participant's bed is dressed with a fitted sheet, flat sheet, light blanket, and pillow. Each room has a desk, chair, dresser, and clothing hangers for each participant. Each boarding house has a shared fridge, microwave, kettle, and water bottle refill station, in the common room, plus free-to-use washing machines (detergent and lessons provided).

Q: Will my child be supervised at night?

A: Yes. With 24/7 supervision, our caring and dedicated boarding staff live alongside participants in clearly identified rooms within the boarding houses and take part in all daily activities and excursions, offering constant support and connection. All participants are required to return to their designated boarding house by 9:30 pm, with lights out at 10:30 p.m.

Q: What is the cell phone policy?

A: To promote physical and cognitive health, focus, well-being, and genuine connection with peers, boarding Participant device usage will be limited to designated time blocks throughout the programming day, as outlined in the Code of Conduct. During periods when Participants do not have access to and use of their personal devices, personal devices will be kept in a secure location. [Policies as outlined in the Code of Conduct](#) are in line with Appleby College academic year policies.

Q: Can my child leave campus or have visitors?

A: Yes, with advance approval. Parents or legal guardians must email a completed Permission Leave form to SummerBoarding@appleby.on.ca at least 24 hours ahead. For weekend leaves or visits, all requests must be made by 12:00 p.m. on the Friday before the weekend. The person picking up must show ID that matches the name on the form.

Q: How is laundry done?

A: Participants take care of laundering their own clothing and bedding. There are free laundry facilities in each boarding house, and detergent is provided for Participant use. Participants will be shown how to use the machines and will be given time in the schedule to complete their laundry.

Meals, Health & Activities

Q: What about meals and dietary needs?

A: Our beautiful dining hall serves three nutritious, buffet-style hot meals daily, all prepared on-site by Appleby's exceptional culinary team. Fresh fruit and snacks are always available, and we are able to accommodate most dietary needs and allergies with care and attention. We ask that applicants please list all restrictions and allergies at the time of application, and reach out to us with specific concerns.

Q: What happens if my child gets sick or needs a doctor?

A: All boarding participants are covered by emergency medical insurance during their stay. An Appleby nurse is on-site in the Health Centre 7:30 am–7:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Should care be required after hours, boarding staff escort participants to an after-hours clinic or hospital as needed, and communication with the family is maintained.

Q: What about my child's medication?

A: All medication is collected on arrival, stored securely, and administered by staff according to the Medical Form — except life-saving medication such as EpiPens, which stays with the participant. For any new or undisclosed medication, parents must email SummerBoarding@appleby.on.ca with the medication name, dosage, frequency, and written permission.

Q: What activities and excursions are included?

A: Evenings feature activities like Olympic Games, karaoke, campfires, tie-dye, and the House Cup Challenge. Excursions span 4 weeks and include Niagara Falls, the CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium, Canada's Wonderland, a Toronto Blue Jays game, trampoline park, movie theatre, university tours for ESL (McMaster, Brock, OCAD), and more. A semi-formal Farewell Dinner closes the program (all July participants and all B session August participants)

Q: How much money should I send with my child? Is cash or card preferable?

A: The amount of money each Participant brings is at their family's discretion. As all meals and snacks are included, even on excursions, money is used only for personal spending on souvenirs and shopping. While many locations accept cash, cards are recommended where possible.

First Day(s) of Programming

Q: What does arrival day look like?

A: As our Boarding staff will be receiving participants at Pearson airport throughout the day, our arrival day on campus is a non-program day where 24-7 supervision is provided, but limited active programming is offered. Participants are fed all scheduled meals corresponding with their arrival time. The day will be spent getting settled in their room, passive games run by the Boarding Team, and a casual tour on campus. A formal tour with all participants takes place during the first full day of their program.

Q: What does the first day of classes/programming look like?

A: For ESL participants, the first day of classes consists of English language assessments conducted by our team of English teachers. They will be placed in classes for the following day, and remain in those classes for the duration of their session. For Summer Enrichment Camp, the first day is a regular start to the week, with participants attending the first day of their first week of Enrichment programming alongside other international as well as Canadian participants. Our CEC Campers' first day is spent immersed in their first week of camp alongside Canadian and occasionally other international campers. At the end of the first programming day, participants photos are taken and the first evening together is spent with a campus and program orientation, where the routines and rules of campus and the program are explained to all participants. At the end of subsequent program days, starting at approximately 3:30 pm, all international participants – from Summer ESL, Summer Enrichment Camp and CEC – join together for afternoon and evening programming, as well as dinner and downtime.

Practical Notes

Q: My child is registered and I still need more information – where can I get it?

A: Ahead of program start dates, we send a comprehensive handbook to all registered participants and their families. Additionally, our team can always be reached by emailing SummerBoarding@appleby.on.ca or calling **905-845-4681 ext. 179**

Q: What are the most important things to pack?

A: Passport (6+ months validity) and Appleby Letter of Acceptance during travel. As noted, we will send a comprehensive handbook and packing list a month ahead of program start.

Q: What is not allowed in boarding rooms?

A: Nut products (campus is nut-aware), unsecured medication, open or perishable food, large electronics (TVs, stereos), and personal cooking appliances such as kettles or toasters.

Q: Where can I find the Code of Conduct and Refund Policy?

A: The [Code of Conduct can be read by clicking here](#), and the [Refund Policy by clicking here](#). Both were signed during registration and can be reviewed in your online account. Serious or repeated breaches of the Code of Conduct may result in removal from the program without refund.

Q: How do I contact the program?

A: Email SummerBoarding@appleby.on.ca or call **905-845-4681 ext. 179**. Campus address: 540 Lakeshore Rd W, Oakville, ON L6K 3P1, Canada.