



# Brampton

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### **Brampton's Camp Eldorado celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Visitors head back to camp for day of traditional outdoor fun**

Brampton, ON: Summer camp memories would not be complete without storytelling and a sing-along around a roaring campfire. On July 25, Brampton residents will have the chance to participate in that, as well as other traditional camp activities, as Camp Eldorado celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"Camp Eldorado has played an important role for many young people in our community," says John Sanderson, Chair of Community Services. "Over the past 40 years, thousands of children have been able to enjoy nature, make new friends and participate in activities they would normally not have a chance to experience. This is what has made this camp so meaningful for so many of our young people."

#### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camp Day**

On July 25, visitors are invited to participate in a full day and evening of free camp activities.

10 am to 6 pm:

- Archery
- River hikes
- Field games
- Rock climbing
- Swimming 1 to 6 pm
- Crafts and beading, including a special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary craft activity

7 to 9 pm – Official ceremonies around the campfire:

Mayor Susan Fennell will bring greetings and camp staff will lead visitors in traditional camp songs and storytelling. The evening events will also include dance and musical performances and special candle lighting ceremony.

#### **Brampton's first summer camp**

Opened in 1969, Camp Eldorado was the first camp operated by the then Town of Brampton. With activities that concentrated on drama and nature education, it welcomed 700 campers a week before the city expanded to offer other recreation and themed camps.

Today, nature and the arts remain the focus at the Eldorado Adventure Camp but programming has expanded to include rock wall climbing, water hikes and a special all camp extravaganza where kids from different camps at Eldorado Park participate in a variety of activities together.

Eldorado Park is located in West Brampton, on Creditview Rd, south of Queen Street and north of Steeles Avenue.

### **Brampton Summer Camps**

The City of Brampton currently runs over 35 summer camps for kids 5 years and older, as well as special needs programs for teens and adults. For more information about City of Brampton summer camps, please refer to the Spring and Summer Recreation Guide or visit [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca) and search under Parks and Recreation.

**About Brampton:** The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor for the third consecutive year, reflecting its debt-free position, exceptional liquidity levels and excellent economy. The City's 2009 operating budget is \$400.8 million and approved funding for its overall capital program stands at \$700 million. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak over 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being the Flower City of Canada and won the 2008 International Communities in Bloom competition. It is also the first city in the GTA and one of only 10 in North America to have been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)

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