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## Tick Information for Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please be advised that the City of Barrie Summer Camps has implemented a Tick Procedure in an effort to keep our campers and staff safe. Tick bites can become a health concern as ticks may carry Lyme disease. According to the Province, in Ontario last year approximately 370 cases of Lyme disease were reported.

If a camper is discovered to have a tick on them, but not attached, staff will remove the tick or rinse the tick away with water; however, if a tick is found attached, camp staff will notify the parents/guardian to come in and pick up their child to take them to their doctor, a walk in clinic, or the hospital to have the tick removed by a medical professional. Generally, it takes 24 hours of a tick being attached to transmit Lyme disease, but if the tick is removed improperly this transmission can happen right away. Please note that for the safety of your camper, camp staff will not be removing ticks that are attached to campers.

We encourage parents/guardians to check their children for ticks before and after camp, and report to a City of Barrie Camp Staff if any are found. We also encourage parent/guardians to educate their camper on how to do a self-check for ticks. For more information on ticks, including where to check for ticks, and tips to avoid getting bitten, please refer to the information sheet on the camp boards, or on the Ontario Health Unit and/or Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit's websites.

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