

Policy: Camper Supervision and

**Ratios** 

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Camp Batawa is pleased to offer care to children and youth, ages 5 – 16. (All campers must be going into Senior Kindergarten or higher for the following school year).

Staff members stay with campers and maintain ratios at or below those listed below.

Our staff are selected based on their leadership skills, camp experience and their interest in child and youth development, among other factors. All team members have successfully passed criminal reference/ vulnerable sector checks (over the age of 18) and are certified in Standard First Aid and CPR.

Groups are created based on various factors, including age, developmental levels, biking ability, and family and friend requests. We'll make all efforts to ensure campers are placed in groups with their friends, however all factors will be taken in to account when making groups.

Regardless of camper grouping, all campers will engage in age-appropriate activities and programming.

To maintain the ratios we have committed to upholding, our groups also have a maximum number of camper spaces per group. The following is a breakdown of camp groups offered, and the developmental focus of each group.

## 5 - 6 years of age

Supervision Ratio - 10:1

Promotes a child-centered learning environment where pro-social skills will be modelled and fostered. Within this age group especially, each camper's uniqueness will be supported and the development of their competence and independence will be encouraged.

## 7 - 8 years of age

Supervision Ratio - 10:1

Activities promote the development of each camper through cooperative and structured activities. Counsellors will place an emphasis on the camper's interests as they navigate activities that encourage both active and passive play. Campers will engage in challenges that expand their strength and endurance, logical reasoning and social skills, in a supportive environment that promotes success and the growth of self-esteem. Campers will interact closely with their Counsellors to have a fun-filled week, where they will engage in learning in the most encouraging way possible - through play!



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9 - 12 years of age Supervision

Ratio - 10:1

Campers will enjoy their week in an environment that increases their independence and self-confidence. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in organized activities that promote fair play and honesty, communication and leadership. Counsellors will interact with their campers, promoting positive peer interactions, supporting the individuality of each camper and fostering new experiences.

13 – 14 years of age Supervision

Ratio - 10:1

Campers in the Leader-In-Training program will engage in meaningful activities as they navigate their emerging sense of autonomy and independence.

Counsellors will place emphasis on important developmental themes including decision-making, tolerance, and self-discovery through both active and reflective learning experiences, to ensure that campers develop essential life skills while having fun in a safe and supportive environment.