

# ***GUIDE TO DAILY CAMP ACTIVITIES***

## ***FRENCH DAY CAMP • WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE***



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## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

8:45 - DROP-OFF 	8:45 - DROP-OFF 	8:45 - DROP-OFF 	8:45 - DROP-OFF 	8:45 - DROP-OFF 
9:10 - WELCOME ORIENTATION 	9:10 - WELCOME CRÉATIVITÉ 	9:10 - WELCOME CRÉATIVITÉ 	9:10 - BUS LEAVES FOR...	9:10 - FESTIVAL DAY
10:00 - CRÉATIVITÉ 	10:00 - JEUX DE SOCIÉTÉ 	10:00 - JEUX DE SOCIÉTÉ 	SPLASH PAD DAY	
10:50 - RECESS	10:50 - RECESS	10:50 - RECESS		
11:15 - ACTIVE COOPERATION GAMES 	11:15 - ACTIVE COOPERATION GAMES 	11:15 - ACTIVE COOPERATION GAMES 	12:10 - LUNCH + RECESS 	12:00 - LUNCH & RECESS 
12:05 - LUNCH + RECESS 	12:05 - LUNCH + RECESS 	12:05 - LUNCH + RECESS 		
1:00 - BRICOLAGE 	1:00 - BRICOLAGE 	1:00 - BRICOLAGE 	SPLASH PAD DAY	1:00 - LES OLYMPIADES 
1:50 - LANGUAGE 	1:50 - LANGUAGE 	1:50 - LANGUAGE 		
2:40 - RECESS	2:40 - RECESS	2:40 - RECESS	3:00 - GRAND JEU 	3:00 - GRAND JEU 
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3:50 - WRAP-UP	3:50 - WRAP-UP	3:50 - WRAP-UP	3:50 - WRAP-UP	3:50 - WRAP-UP
4:00 - PICK-UP 	4:00 - PICK-UP 	4:00 - PICK-UP 	4:00 - PICK-UP 	4:00 - PICK-UP 

# DAILY CAMP MODULES

## MODULE LANGAGIER

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

**Why we do this:** The main objective of the language module is to consolidate oral communication and comprehension skills among our campers in a collaborative and entertaining environment, so that they develop confidence and fluency in using French outside of the classroom.

**How this supports French:** Campers will improve their pronunciation, and learn new vocabulary and common expressions through different games where expression and interaction go hand in hand.

### SAMPLE MODULE LANGAGIER ACTIVITY

**Picture Telephone:** where the first player describes a hidden image to the second person, who describes what he heard to the next person, and so on until the last person makes the final sketch, and the original photo is revealed! During the comparison between what was drawn and the original picture, the counselors review the vocabulary used and learned during the activity. What better way to practice French while having fun!



## ACTIVE GAMES

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

**Why we do this:** This promotes active living, which is critical to us and to the children's health. Often campers bring in new ideas, encouraging campers to open up and contribute to their camp experience.

**How this supports French:** French development is promoted as active listening skills are needed to understand the game. Campers develop their vocabulary specific to the human body (for example, no tagging people above the shoulders or below the hips), sports, and sport equipment.

### SAMPLE ACTIVE GAMES ACTIVITIES

**Capture le drapeau:** Capture the Flag, this sport requires teams to work together to capture the flag of the opposing team.

**Everybody's It Tag:** In this alternative version of tag, no one is out for too long!

## CRÉATIVITÉ (CREATIVITY)

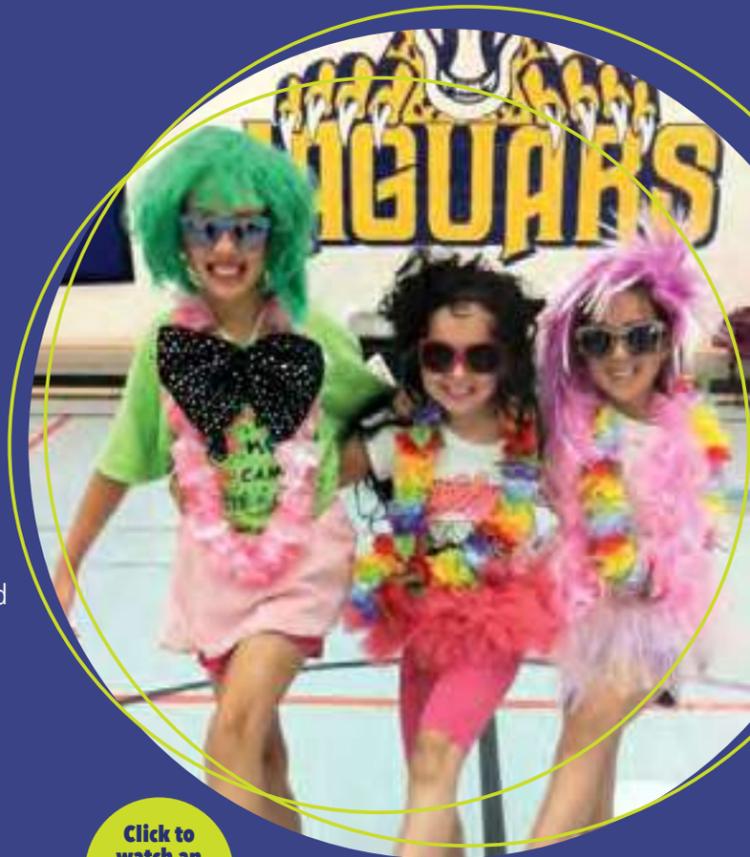
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**Overview:** Campers develop a presentation (usually a song, dance or skit) towards a specific theme during the week. On Festival Friday, every group performs to the whole camp and a winner is declared!

**Inter-Campus Contest:** Twice a summer, we hold inter-campus competitions. The entire campus will brainstorm during the week to develop a presentation and will compete with Camp Tournesol's other campuses for a trophy!

**Why we do this:** This brings campers' imaginations in a special way where they work together towards a common goal: being creative and winning the contest. Campers' strengths are highlighted as everyone's special skills are included to group's performance, boosting confidence and encouraging teamwork and leadership. It is an opportunity to perform in front of their peers, developing their presentation skills and self-confidence.

**How this supports French:** Creating something new with their French, bringing everything they know about the language together in the form of a performance is very empowering. It draws on Bloom's taxonomy of thinking, which explains that language skills are better solidified when used to create something new.



Click to watch an inter-campus performance

## JEUX DE SOCIÉTÉ (BOARD GAMES)

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

**Why we do this:** It is a real opportunity for counsellors to get on the same level as their campers to have fun in French and develop strong relationships. It is also an engaging down-time after a busy and active day.

**How this supports French:** It is unique in that the board games played really come second to the conversations the campers amongst themselves. The conversations are spontaneous and authentic, as per the Ontario French curriculum: campers are using their French speaking and listening skills to develop friendships with fellow campers.

### SAMPLE JEUX DE SOCIÉTÉ ACTIVITIES

**Échelles et serpents:** Also known as Snakes and Ladders – a favourite among campers.

**Uno:** Many campers get together in groups of 8 or more to play large hands of Uno.



# DAILY CAMP MODULES

## BRICOLAGE (ARTS AND CRAFTS)

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

**Why we do this:** This module offers a period of down-time for campers, introducing arts and craft activities and hands-on work. It also gives campers the chance to create! Something they can proudly show off at home.

**How this supports French:** During this period, campers listen actively in French, and follow the directions in French to complete the craft. It also develops their vocabulary specific to arts and crafts materials, new verbs (e.g. folding, tracing) used in the craft, and instructions (e.g. First do this, then do this).

### SAMPLE BRICOLAGE ACTIVITY

**Dream catchers:** Using a paper plate, thread, beads and other decorations, campers made a dream catcher.

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see more  
samples



## COOPÉRATION (COOPERATION)

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

**Why we do this:** Developing team building and life skills amongst the campers connects team members together to learn about one another and know they can have fun together. It focuses on building everyone's teamwork abilities and leadership skills.

**How this supports French:** Games are developed specifically to encourage children to talk to one another in French, discuss strategies, and plan together to solve problems. Campers need to communicate to be successful, and often forget that they're speaking in French!

### SAMPLE COOPÉRATION ACTIVITIES

**Le noeud humain:** Also known as the Human Knot, campers join hands resulting in a human knot that they must untangle together.

**Le Labyrinthe:** We start out with a blank grid drawn on the floor. The campers need to navigate a route in this invisible maze, as called out by the counsellor, one at a time, with the team helping the camper trying to escape.

# ADDITIONAL THEMES

## STEM

OFFERED ONLY ONCE EACH SUMMER: WEEK OF JULY 27TH ONLY!

Is your child curious about the world around them? Do they like to run their own science experiments, build structures, or jump for joy when they see rockets shoot into the air? If so, then our Low-Tech STEM add-on is perfect for them. With a new physics-based theme every day, campers will test gravity, set off (safe) explosions, build strong structures, and show off their knack for science along the way. It's perfect for scientific campers who are also looking to boost their French first wordskills!



## MOCK SLEEPOVER

OFFERED ONLY ONCE EACH SUMMER: WEEK OF JULY 27TH ONLY!

This module introduces campers to vocabulary to describe the world around them through a variety of games and activities. Each week follows a specific theme (for example, campers would learn to talk about their family by drawing a family portrait). Words learned during this module are repeated throughout the day and week, to reinforce each camper's learning.

## TAKE THE CAMP EXPERIENCE UP A NOTCH WITH 2+3

OFFERED TWICE A SUMMER: SESSION 1 JULY 13TH-17TH & SESSION 2 JULY 20TH-24TH

**2 days at traditional day camp plus 3 days in our overnight camp:** The partial week formula is unique to Camp Tournesol. Unlike most French camps, we allow campers to come for two days to one of our 15 campuses for our French day camps to meet our staff and connect with other campers. Our Tournesol buses then visit each French campus on Wednesday to pick up campers and travel together to the overnight location. This shortened overnight French immersion program is perfect for students who like discovering new places and making new friends, but are not yet ready for the full overnight experience.



# SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

**THURSDAY**

## SPLASH PAD DAY!

On Thursdays the entire campus goes on a highly-anticipated, fun-filled excursion to a local splash pad! The day typically includes a nature hike and interpretation, fun on the playground, camp games and sports, as well as splashing in the splash pad. For more information, visit [campt.ca](http://campt.ca). The splash pad your child will go to varies by campus and by week. For more information, visit our Locations page at [campt.ca](http://campt.ca).

Click here to check out which splash pad your child will go to!

Click here to check out how much fun splash pad days are!

**FRIDAY**

## Festival Day

Fridays are our festival days! The day begins with a special workshop or presentation from a French artist (for example, a drummer or a magician) then campers present their Créativité made earlier in the week. Then the afternoon is filled with obstacle courses, special games, face painting, and the highly-anticipated freezees! For more information, visit our [campt.ca](http://campt.ca).

Click here to sing along

Click here to see friday fun

Click here for face painting video

# CAMP PROCEDURES

## **DROP-OFF**

Counsellors will greet campers and their parents outside of the school at a specific location. For more information about drop-off procedures at your local campus, please see your parent handbook that will be emailed at the end of May. At 9:00am, counsellors will bring campers inside to the gym, to then partake in the Welcome.

## **WELCOME**

Monday morning begins with a welcome to all campers, including introductions to all counsellors, and an overview of camp's procedure. Campers will also receive a tour of the campus, including the art room, the bathrooms, the water fountains, and the boundaries outside. Finally, campers will be taught that campus's Rally Rap to be sung throughout the rest of the week.

## **RECESS**

Recess is 20 minutes long and happens twice during the day: once in the morning, and once in the afternoon. During recess, campers are encouraged to eat a snack, drink some water, apply sun protection and have Fun in French with their new friends!

## **LUNCH**

Lunch time is one hour long. Campers who have ordered lunch through our meal program will receive their lunch at the beginning of the hour. Campers will eat either in classrooms or outside in the shade. Lunch is followed by free time to play games with their friends and counsellors.

## **GRAND JEU**

We wrap up the day with a "Big Camp Game," a game that is extra fun the more people you have playing!

Sample games:

**Queue de taureau:** Otherwise known as "Bull's tail", this is a counsellors-vs-campers game where campers are trying to steal the tail (bandanna) from the counsellors, who are hiding in their bullpen.

**Pieuvre:** A camper-favourite, "Octopus" has a few campers acting as octopuses try to tag their friends, who are running to one end of the field. If you are tagged, you sit and join the game as a seaweed.

## **WRAP-UP**

The day ends with all campers returning to the gym to partake in wrap-up procedures. Campers receive any badges they earned for great participation, leadership, or use of French for example and we award one Campeur Étoile tattoo per group. All campers then participate in our Rally Rap before gathering their belonging to leave.

## **PICK-UP**

Campers will be brought outside by their counsellors around 4pm every day.

