



KIDS COUNTRY CLUB

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER



What's New at KCC

It's been a long winter, but Spring is finally here and our team at KCC couldn't be happier to say "goodbye" to the snow and "hello" to budding trees and flowers! With this nicer weather, we have been able to focus on some much needed outdoor repairs, and are excited to share that a new deck, ramp, shed, and some updated fencing, have all recently been completed at our home. However, our backyard remains temporarily closed as we work to arrange the last of our

repairs the reconstruction of our backyard retaining wall. Together, our management team and board, are working hard on this final project to ensure the kids can get back outside for some fun in the warmer weather!

Last, but certainly not least, we are very happy to share that we will continue to welcome two children at a time for respite. This is thanks to our ongoing stringent COVID protocols and the amazing dedication of our team! We all continue to look forward to the day we are back to full capacity!

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Michelle Palmer

Executive Director

Kids Country Club's Board of Directors and Staff warmly welcome Michelle Palmer as our new Executive Director. Michelle is with Creative Team Solutions and in addition to her Executive Leadership, she brings her team who offer beneficial resources such as Finance, Human Resources and IT support, to us at KCC. Michelle is a graduate of Fanshawe College's Developmental Services Worker program and Human Resource Management program. She has also completed Queen's University Executive Leadership Program and the Ontario Leadership Consortium on Developmental Services through the University of Delaware. Michelle has worked for Community Living London since 1983, in a variety of roles. In 2018 she became the founding Executive Director of Creative Team Solutions, a non-profit organization developed to provide shared back-office supports to other non-profit agencies such as Kids Country Club. Michelle has held several past volunteer roles, including the Chair of the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities, Chair of the Southwest Executive Directors group, and Chair of the Provincial Network on Developmental Disabilities. Michelle is the current Chair of the DSW Advisory Committee at Fanshawe College and is a supporting Executive Director to the Board of OASIS. With all her knowledge and experience she has been a wonderful addition to the Kids Country Club Team, and we know you will be as excited to have her as we are!



"BELIEVE YOU
CAN AND
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HALFWAY
THERE."

- Theodore Roosevelt





Reminder...

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

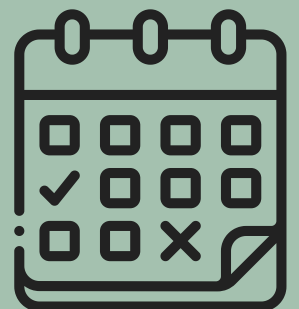
While having fun with the kids is always the focus of KCC visits we also need to stay on top of "not-so-fun" paperwork and general "housekeeping" items. Below are some important reminders for your KCC visit.



- Check the weather and pack your child's items accordingly.
- Include extra clothes. Having fun can be messy!
- Let the staff know of changes/updates to your child's Care Plan.
- Come prepared with goals for the visit. What can we help your child to work on, what are their hopes for the visit?
- Please unpack and check all your child's bags before calling the home to inquire about misplaced items.

When is that due again...?

- Medicals are required yearly. Visits cannot occur without a current medical on file.
- An updated Dental Form is requested each year.
- Care Plans are reviewed and updated before each visit.
- Consents are reviewed and signed every six months.



LET'S GET OUTSIDE!

Below are a few fun & simple ways to get outside & enjoy the spring!



Play In Puddles!

Jumping (or rolling) in a puddle is an absolute classic rite of passage for any child. So often kids are asked to refrain from getting wet and muddy. Give them the gift of freedom to explore and let them get a little messy for a day. Dress them in their rain boots and whatever else you don't care about getting wet and encourage them to splash! They'll be so excited about the opportunity and will remember this for a lifetime

Go Fishing!

Fishing is a great activity that the whole family can enjoy and do nearly anywhere there's water! If you've never fished before, we suggest you do a little bit of research first to learn any licencing requirements, what fish in your area eat, and find out when and where is best to go. Trust me, it doesn't get much better than seeing your child's face light up when they land a fish!

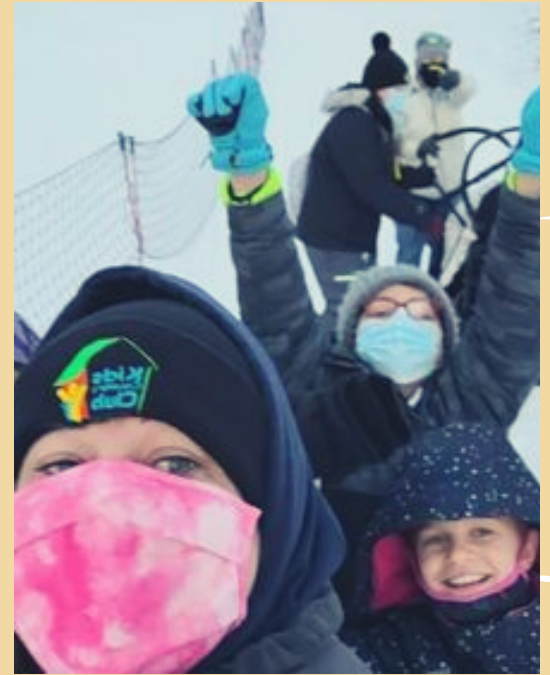


Find A Trail

Get out for some fresh air, exercise and escape to the peace and serenity of nature. Hiking or walking a trail is truly a great way to just "unplug" from the busy day-to-day, and spend quality time together. There are many accessible trails in Ontario. Take a moment and **check them out** to find some that you and your family can get out and explore together!

SIBS CLUB FUN!

Having fun and making memories with our KCC Sibs Club!



Sibs Club has been hard at work planning new and fun adventures for everyone to enjoy, in addition to the monthly craft and activity kits for participating siblings, we've enjoyed many outings together such as making memories with a night of bowling, picking pumpkins in the fall, and cutting down a Christmas Tree for our KCC home this past December! Our most recent adventure was a day of snow and tubing together at Boler Mountain. Kids and staff alike may have been frozen, but the smiles and laughter were sure heartwarming! We have many more fun events planned, but would love to hear your idea's too! Sibs Club always loves to hear your feedback and get your thoughts! If you have an idea for an upcoming adventure or a suggestion for an activity, please let us know! Our Sibs Club staff can be reached via email at sibssupportslon@kidscountryclub.org



BIG THANKS TO OUR SIBS CLUBS LEADS!
MICHAELA & HOLLY

Stay tuned...

**MORE ADVENTURES
TO COME!**

EVERYONE DESERVES **RESPECT**

We are committed to providing a safe space for all.

**VERBALLY ABUSIVE AND/OR AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR
WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**



THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART!

ADMIN ASK



We thought it would be helpful to share answers to some of the most frequently asked questions that our administrative team receives. If you ever have a question or need assistance, please don't hesitate to **contact us**. We are here and happy to help!



1. What does Medically Fragile mean?

Medically fragile means the medical condition of the child may deteriorate suddenly, rapidly or without warning. Immediate response by an appropriately trained caregiver, such as registered nursing personnel, is necessary to manage the crisis and support life. Monitoring is required on a 24 hour basis.

2. What is a technologically dependent child?

Children who are dependent on technology for life support or maintenance of a bodily function include those who use a G or GJ tube for feeding, have a tracheotomy tube for breathing, require oxygen or ventilators, etc.

3. Who is eligible for respite at Kids Country Club?

Children, birth to eighteen years of age, who are described as medically fragile and/or technologically dependent and who live in Southwestern Ontario.

4. How is Kids Country Club funded?

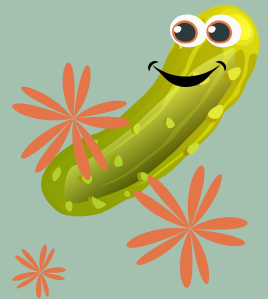
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services funds us operationally with donations assisting with our special equipment and other items.

5. Is there a cost to families for your respite?

Yes. We charge a very nominal fee of \$20.00 per night.

*Just a
little
laugh...*

**What kind of
pickles do Flowers
like to eat?**



Daffo-DILLS

**What did baby
corn say to mama
corn?**



Where's POP-corn

**What do you call
monkey's that share
an amazon account?**



Prime-mates