



Importance of activity

Physical activity gives a lot more to kids than just rosy cheeks and a healthy weight. It helps kids build self-esteem, social skills, concentration and character. And it helps them learn how to work together, how to share, and how to lead.

Unfortunately, far too many children are not active enough. And when it comes to organized activities, how much you get to play is often limited by how much you can afford. *1 in 3 Canadian families cannot afford to enroll their children in organized sports and recreation.

* Ipsos Reid 2005

www.activehealthykids.ca



Fee Assistance

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville believes that recreation, culture and leisure experiences support healthy development both personal and at the community level. All residents should have the opportunity to access leisure services offered by the community. Options exist to those who qualify, to remove financial barriers to allow residents to participate.

JOIN IN!

Increasing access to Recreation, Culture and Leisure Participation by removing financial barriers

A community project has been developed to allow for the opportunity to participate without financial barriers. This project offers fee assistance for programs (ie: swimming lessons, summer camp, general interest programs) offered by the Dept. of Leisure and Community Services. Residents can request access to the Join IN! program by completing the Join IN! Fee assistance application form found on the Town website under the Leisure tab > registration information

How to apply: send request to leisure.services@townofws.ca or speak with Cathy Richardson, 905.642.7529 x 324

Canadian Tire Jumpstart

Strong communities include strong kids. Canadian Tire Jumpstart® program believes all kids should have the chance to run, skate, play, and grow. Canadian Tire Jumpstart® is a community-based charitable program that helps kids participate in organized sports and recreation such as hockey, dance, soccer and swimming, so they can develop important life skills, self esteem and confidence.

National in scope but local in focus, Canadian Tire Jumpstart® delivers support to children in financial need through a Canadian-wide network of local chapters. Funds are available through the local Stouffville chapter to Stouffville residents, aged 4-18, to participate in up to two programs per year – one in the fall/winter and one in the spring/summer.

How to apply: Forms available on Town website. Send request to cathy.richardson@townofws.ca or speak with Cathy Richardson, 905.642.7529 x 324



Region of York Fee Assistance Program

The Region of York, Community Services and Housing Department, Family and Children's Services Division, provides financial assistance to qualifying families to attend recreational programs. To find out if you are eligible for this funding, call the York Region KIDS LINE to see if you qualify: 1.888.703.5437