

St. James Lanes Youth Bowling Program — Welcome Package

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the St. James Lanes Youth Bowling Program!

We're so excited to have your child join our community. Our mission is to create a fun, safe, and inclusive environment where every bowler, no matter their skill level, can learn, grow, and make lasting friendships.

Whether your child is here for fun, competition, or both, we're here to support their journey every step of the way.

We can't wait to watch them shine on the lanes!

Warmly,

Amanda Devenney

Youth Program Coordinator

St. James Lanes

2. About Us

Our Story

Our Youth Bowling Program is led by certified coaches dedicated to skill development, sportsmanship, and fun. My family has owned St James Lanes & been a proud part of the community for 30 years, offering a welcoming space for bowlers of all ages.

Our Values

- **Leadership** — Win or Lose we act with pride & dignity, leaving a positive impact on teammates, opponents & spectators. We own our mistakes and never give up.
 - **Positivity** — We maintain a positive attitude, never giving up and encouraging ourselves and our teammates and competitors
 - **Fun** — No matter how hard we work or strive to improve, we always make sure we are having fun
 - **Teamwork** — We are team players, we work together to accomplish our goals, we push each other to be better.
 - **Inclusivity** — We strive to ensure everyone always feels welcome.
 - **Start small, envision big** — We are committed to getting better everyday, setting goals, learning from each other.
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3. Program Details

- **Season Dates:** September 13th - April 25th
 - **League Day & Time:** Saturdays 10:30 am
 - **Age Groups:** Bowlasaurus 3 - 8 Bantam 9 - 11 Junior 12 - 14 Senior 15 - 19
 - **Format:** Weekly games + coaching sessions
 - **Equipment:** Bowling shoes & house balls are available at no extra cost.
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4. Policies & Expectations

Attendance

- Please notify us if your child will be absent.
- "Prebowling" is allowed. Prebowling is when you come in early to bowl your games in advance

Code of Conduct

- Respect for all bowlers, coaches, and staff is required.
- No foul language or disruptive behavior.

Safety

- Bowlers must wear bowling shoes while on the approach.
 - No food or drinks on the lanes.
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5. Communication

We keep parents updated through:

- **Email Newsletters**
 - **Private Facebook Group** (link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/16iC73dytX/>)
 - **In-Centre Notice Board**
 - **Website** <https://www.stjameslanes.ca/youth>
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6. Parent Involvement

We love having parents involved! Opportunities include:

- Volunteering for special events
 - Helping with fundraisers
 - Cheering from the stands!
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7. Important Contacts

- **Youth Program Coordinator:** Amanda Devenney — (204)979-6937 email : amandadevenney94@gmail.com
 - **Bowling Alley:** (204)888- 7586 email: stjameslanes@gmail.com
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8. FAQ

Q: Does my child need their own bowling ball?

A: Not at all — we provide everything they need.

Q: Can my child bring a friend to try bowling?

A: Yes! We have Bring-a-Buddy days and welcome guests.

Q: Can I request my child play with a specific other child?

A: Yes! We want your child to have the best time possible!

Q: What is the fundraising requirement?

A: As you probably know by now our program is 100% free this season as long as you participate in our fundraising! The big one of the season is chocolates! You will be given a case of chocolates to take home to sell, you will be asked to pay for the case in advance and then you can keep everything you sell.

Q: Can I join even if I am not good at bowling?

A: All bowlers are given an average based on their weekly scores, and to ensure that everyone is on a level playing field, most tournaments play with a pin over average scoring system. You are really working towards improving on your past performance each time you play .There's a team of coaches whose sole job is to encourage you and help you improve so you can learn and get better!

Coming Soon

- **Season Calendar : Program schedule, Optional tournament schedule**
- **Social Media & Contact Info Sheet**
- **Parent orientation & information session date & time**
- **Player Tournament Participant Agreement & Liability Waiver**
- **Parents' Code of Conduct Sheet**
- **Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet**
- **Youth Shirt & Merchandise Order Sheet**