

OAK CAMP ORIENTATION PACKAGE

Dear Evans Lake Camper & Family,

Summer Camp is just around the corner so we thought we'd write you a letter to make sure you can prepare properly for the upcoming adventure! We've focused our years of camp experience to craft a "What to Bring" list, as well as some general tips and tricks that are sure to make your camp a blast!

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- A Snapshot of the Program
- A Packing List
- Camp Rules & Expectations
- Transportation Information
- Some Tips on Ideal Clothing/Fabric for Out-Tripping
- An Invitation to our June Open House

A SNAPSHOT OF THE PROGRAM:

WELCOME TO EVANS LAKE!

Outdoor Adventure Kamp (OAK) is an unforgettable journey into some of the Sea-to-Sky regions favourite backcountry adventures and hidden gems! After an orientation to camp, we gear up to play an awesome camp-wide game, followed by a swim and our opening campfire! The first day is designed to connect our OAK staff and team for the journey ahead.



DAY 1

The first day of OAK is all about meeting the OAK team (of campers & staff), and getting oriented with the out-tripping gear! Once at camp, the OAK staff will take you on your own unique orientation, distribute our camping equipment and teach the group how to use it, introduce concepts like "Zero Trace" hiking, and lead the group through team-building exercises. Whether we are setting up tents, firing up stoves, or properly loading our packs, we cover it all.

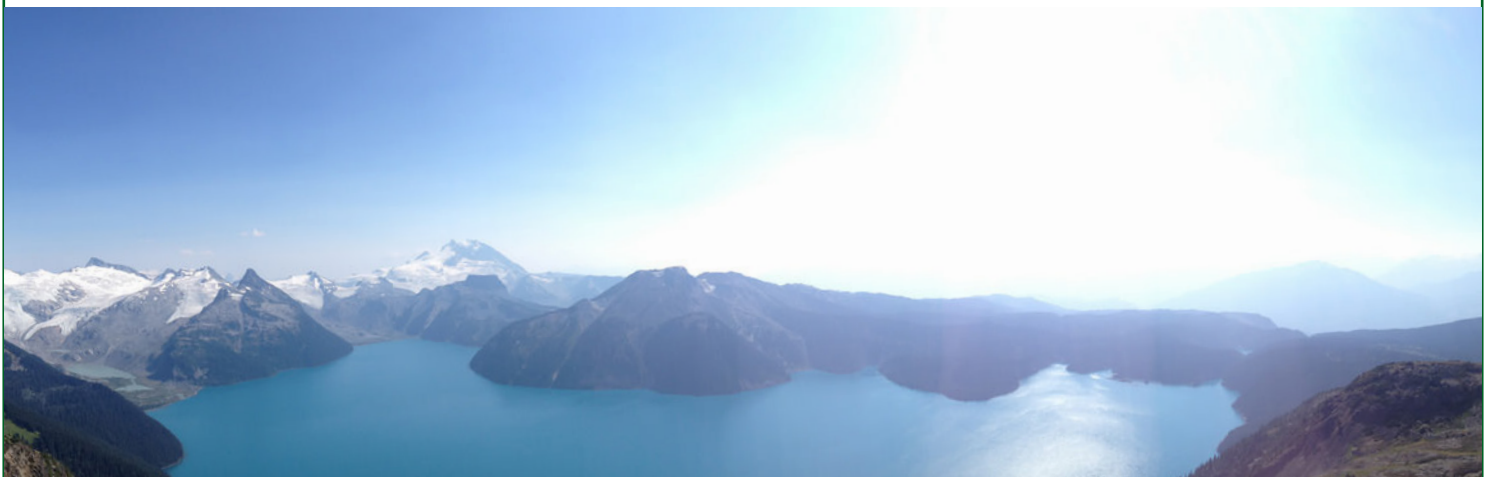
DAY 2-5

Whether it's resting on the shores of Garibaldi Lake, treading through meadows of alpine flowers, passing through the shadow of Black Tusk mountain, or setting foot atop Panorama Ridge, every view will be richer as you and your OAK teammates have earned it one step at a time. Brave enough to dip your toes in a glacier-fed lake? There's only one way to find out!



DAY 6-7

With a night's rest at Evans Lake, we'll take on the white water rapids of the Elaho River. Working together, we will navigate down through waters that emerge from the Pemberton Ice Fields and end in Howe Sound. After an action-filled week, we'll pack up all of our remaining equipment, and say our goodbyes to close a very memorable OAK camp.



PACKING LIST:

These are the items we suggest campers should bring in order to have a fun, safe and comfortable OAK experience. On top of the packing list, Evans Lake will provide all participants with: foamie, all cooking utensils and supplies, tent, and an internal-frame backpack (if needed). *If the sleeping bag you bring is not sufficient for the conditions, Evans Lake can loan one from our camp set.

CAMPERS SHOULD BRING:

- Pillow (if desired, must be small)
- Sleeping Bag*
- Internal-frame backpack*
- Pajamas
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo
- Bath Towel, washcloth
- Adequate pairs of socks & underwear
- 1 pair light runners
- **1 pair of hiking boots**
- 2-3 pairs shorts
- 2-3 pairs long pants
- 4-5 light-weight shirts or T-shirts
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Swimsuit and towel
- Hiking backpack
- Warm sweater
- Toque (suitable if we encounter residual snow)
- Rain jacket, rain pants
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- ***Water bottle
- Sunglasses (*glare from the snow can be quite bright)

Note: Please mark your child's name on their belongings. Lost & Found will be held for two weeks.

Don't have a Rain Jacket?

Let our on-site staff team know and we can lend you a rain jacket.

Please do not bring: Electronics (e.g. cell phones), matches, knives, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, very expensive or hard to replace items, food items (including gum), money.

Optional: Lock (with 2 keys), camera, flashlight, insect repellent, book/journal.

Note: Digital or film cameras are preferable to cell phones being used as cameras.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ON OAK

Consider fabrics such as wool, polypropylene, or fleece over cotton as they will keep you warm even if they become wet. Also, consider bringing several layers of clothing so that you can adjust your body temperature while we hike and at night.

Hiking boots with proper ankle support are mandatory to participate in the OAK program. If you are bringing new hiking boots, they must be worn in by the time your child arrives at camp.



GENERAL NOTE ON WEATHER

As on any hiking trip, participants should be prepared for changing weather conditions including heavy rain, wind, and residual snow pack. Having clothes that will keep you warm and dry are essential for both your happiness and your effectiveness as a hiker!

When packing: Consider marking all luggage with a distinctive marker/ribbon/tag so that you can easily identify your luggage at the transport point on the return from camp. Where possible, black plastic garbage bags are *not* recommended as they can be easily mistaken for another camper's belongings.

CAMP RULES & EXPECTATIONS:

The camp experience involves living in a small community setting for the week. In order to ensure the quality of experience for everyone, we expect all campers to treat each other, the staff, and camp property with respect.

Families should review the following rules and expectations with their child prior to arrival at camp:

- The Evans Lake Forest Education Society is proud to uphold human rights, we value the inclusion of all members of our community, and we strive to create a fun environment for everyone to explore forests.
- Campers are expected to follow the instructions of camp leaders.
- Camp is a positive and inclusive space. As such, verbal abuse, physical aggression, harassment and bullying are not permitted.
- Smoking, vaping, drinking alcohol or consuming drugs is not permitted at any time.
- Items on the "Please do not bring" list that find their way to camp may be confiscated by the camp staff.

In the past, we have found the vast majority of campers at Evans Lake have an exciting and rewarding experience. Many return year after year and eventually take part in our Leadership Program or join our staff team! Unfortunately, on rare occasions, we have had to send campers home early for behaving in a manner that was considered a threat to their own safety or the safety of others, or inconsistent with the behaviour expectations detailed here and during the Orientation on the first day of camp. To avoid the disappointment of a camper returning home early, we ask families to review the camp rules with their child. In the event that a child must be depart early from the program for behavioural or safety concerns, families are responsible for picking up their child.

TRANSPORTATION:

Here is more detailed information about the locations to meet the bus to Evans Lake, and returning from Evans Lake.

PICK-UP/DROP OFF LOCATION

Your child will be picked up and returned to the location that you have indicated in the online registration.

CHANGING YOUR BUS STOP

If you decide later to change the departure or arrival location, please contact the office in Vancouver either via email (info@evanslake.com) or phone (604-294-2267). Changes to return transportation arrangements must be made no later than 5:00PM the day prior to departure day. If the session starts or ends on a weekend you can leave a message on our voicemail system.

BUS STOP LOCATIONS

Old Yale Road School

10135-132 St, Surrey
132nd Street & Old Yale Road, 1km West of King George Hwy

Departs for Camp: 10:00AM

Return from Camp (approximate time): 5:30PM

Patterson Skytrain Station

Located across from Central Park (Burnaby) on Beresford Street at Patterson Street

Departs for Camp: 10:30AM

Return from Camp (approximate time): 5:00PM

If You Miss the Bus...

Call our Head Office (604-294-2267) to discuss the options. Our office is open Monday – Friday: 9AM-5PM. Weekends: 9AM-Noon when the bus is traveling to camp, and 2PM–6:30PM when the bus is returning from camp.

OPEN HOUSE - JUNE 21:

Every year, Evans Lake hosts an Open House and we're inviting you to bring your family up to the lake for the day. From 11AM-3PM on Sunday, June 21, we will be hosting campers & their families, Evans Lake staff & alumni, and interested members of the public to enjoy a variety of our summer activities, a BBQ by donation, a silent auction to benefit our Campership Fund, and other great activities. Check out our website for more information.

SEE YOU SOON! Whether this is your first year or your eighth, we've spent the whole year making camp a perfect place to spend time this summer. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the summer. Our staff is truly looking forward to meeting you all and crafting some unforgettable memories!

BRAND VISION/ PROMISE

We are committed to **INSPIRING** youth

By providing **OUTDOOR** experiential opportunities
Instilling **CORE VALUES** and a **RESPECT** for the **FOREST**
and the **ENVIRONMENT**

We **EMPOWER** and **EDUCATE** leaders of the future
In a **CHALLENGING, SOCIAL** and more importantly
FUN natural setting

VISION STATEMENT

Evans Lake - Your Home in the Forest!
Evans Lake - The Ultimate Camp Experience

ARRIVAL TIMES

Campers must arrive at bus locations 15 minutes prior to the bus departure times listed below. Campers need to be checked on to the bus by camp staff and their gear stowed away properly. Due to time schedules, buses will not be able to wait for late arrivals.

TRANSPORT DELAY

If, as the buses return from Evans Lake on the final day of camp, there is a transport delay of 30 minutes or more, we will send an email to all families to notify them of the delay and provide them with a new estimated arrival time.

Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal

Meet at the entrance to the Foot Passenger loading area.

Departs for Camp: 11:00AM

If arriving on the ferry, arrival should be planned for no later than 10:45AM or the first ferry prior to that time.

Return from Camp (approximate time): 4:30PM

Sea to Sky Hotel

40330 Tantalus Way, Garibaldi Highlands

Access from Highway 99, 4km north of downtown Squamish.

Departs for Camp: 12:00PM

Return from Camp (approximate time): 3:30PM

MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME

We are certain that your camper(s) will return home with story after story about their camp experience. To help you piece together those stories, and to have some keepsakes, we will be posting photos during and after our Summer Camps. After a camp session, parents will receive a link to that session's photos on our Flickr page. During the camp, we will post occasional photos on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

We hope you enjoy!



We acknowledge that Evans Lake is located at Ch'iyakmesh on the unceded territory of the Squamish First Nation.