

DAY CAMP ORIENTATION PACKAGE

Dear Evans Lake Camper & Family,

Whether you're new to Evans Lake, or have joined us at camp before, we want to give you a snapshot of our Day Camps so your family can prepare properly for the upcoming adventure! Our Day Camp programs are inspired by some of our favourite parts of our overnight programs, while adjusting for physical distancing, and enhanced cleaning & sanitization.

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- A Snapshot of the Program
- A Packing List
- Health & Safety
- Camp Rules & Expectations
- Transportation and Drop Off & Pick Up Procedure
- An Invitation to our June Open House

A SNAPSHOT OF THE PROGRAM

WELCOME TO EVANS LAKE!

The fun of Summer Camp starts from the beginning! After meeting the other campers in your pod and joining an orientation to camp, we gear up to play an awesome camp-wide game, and kick off our first campfire! We're big believers that making friends—with the campers in your pod, and the staff—is one of the best parts of camp, and is something that will make Evans Lake feel like your second home.



Eco-FUN

Evans Lake's program features our Eco-Fun courses where we explore our forests to discover cool things about the trees, lake & creeks, animals & insects, and rock & soils. In our pod groups, we unlock some of the forest's secrets and consider how forests are connected with our everyday lives, in and outside of cities. This is "whoa"-inspiring, discovery time!

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Outdoor Rec. Time moves your pod through Evans Lake's activity areas. Whether it's a swim in the lake, hopping on a standup paddleboard, braiding a bracelet, shooting some arrows at our archery range, or trying your hand at wilderness survival skills, we'll be taking on new challenges! Our staff are here to introduce you to your new favourite hobby.



HIKES

Evans Lake lays amidst stunning coastal forest and is part of a chain of lakes centered between the Garibaldi and Tantalus Mountain ranges. On hike days, pod groups can choose a hike that suits their abilities and enthusiasm for hiking. Whether it's to Pink Falls, the Skyline lookout, a secret vista off the Laura Secord trail, Copperbush Pond, or Levette Lake, hike teams will explore the forests!



PACKING LIST

These items should be brought to camp in a small backpack/daypack.

CAMPERS SHOULD BRING:

- One full change of clothes
- 1 pair light runners (preferred over sandals)
- Swimsuit and towel
- Rain jacket
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- If you haven't pre-purchased lunch, lunch and snacks. **Note: Please Do NOT send any items to camp that contain peanuts or tree-nuts, as we are a peanut free/nut aware camp.**

Don't have a Rain Jacket?

Let our team know and we can lend you one for the week.

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

Optional: Camera. PFD (aka lifejacket). Evans Lake has a set, but if you have your own, please bring it with you.

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

When packing: Consider labelling all items and backpacks with a distinctive marker/ribbon/tag so that your child(ren) can easily identify their belongings. Lost & Found will be held for two weeks.

HEALTH & SAFETY

In assessing whether day camp programs would be feasible at Evans Lake, we consulted resources from:

- BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA)
- BC Camps Association (BCCA)
- Worksafe BC
- The BC Ministry of Health
- The BC Centre for Disease Control

Later in June, Evans Lake will share a detailed COVID-19 Health & Safety plan with all families so that they can help prepare their child(ren) for camp, and be confident that we are managing risks appropriately.

Our plan is built on the same safety measures that you are likely now familiar with: **physical distancing**, enhanced **cleaning & sanitization**, **staying home if you have any symptoms** (no matter how mild), and **limiting the size of groups that we interact with**.

As part of our assessment for each activity (e.g. swimming), Evans Lake consulted guidance documents issued by industry experts. For example, the BC Lifesaving Society produced a guidance document for swimming activities. If these guiding documents change throughout the summer, our programs will adjust to meet the new standards.

Families will be asked to ensure that someone (including an emergency contact) is always available should their camp(ers) need to be picked up.

CAMP RULES & EXPECTATIONS

The camp experience involves 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.
- Camp staff will be supportive as campers learn our enhanced health and safety measures. Along with that, campers will be expected to pay special attention to any health & safety instructions (e.g. physical distancing, hand washing).

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 depart early from the program for behavioural or safety concerns, families are responsible for picking up their child.

TRANSPORTATION AND DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURE

Here is more detailed information about the daily pickup and drop off at Evans Lake.



DRIVING TO EVANS LAKE

Directions to Evans Lake can be found at: www.evanslake.com/contact-us/ Our address is 1625 Levette Lake Road. The camp road is single lane and has some blind corners. Please drive slowly and carefully.

DROP OFF/PICK UP LOCATION

Campers should be dropped off in and picked up from the "Upper Grounds" area of camp (see map above - follow red dotted line & arrow). After you arrive on site, you will see staff and signs to help guide you there.

DROP OFF PROCEDURE

Drop-off times will be staggered between 8:00AM-9:00AM to create time and space for a friendly check in. Once you

have parked, please stay in your vehicle until one of our staff members approaches to complete our check-in procedure. After checking in, please depart slowly and safely from the parking area to open up more space for other incoming families.

PICK UP PROCEDURE

Pick up times will be staggered between 3:30PM-4:15PM to create time and space for an easy pick up. Once parked, one of our staff members will approach your vehicle to confirm the camper(s) being picked up. After your child is back in your vehicle, please depart slowly and safely from the parking area to open up more space for other incoming families.

SEE YOU SOON! We are as excited as you are to get outside, be together (at a distance), and laugh & learn together. Our team has worked hard to re-design our programs to fit the moment—we can't wait to welcome you up to camp. 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

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'yakmesh on the unceded territory of the Squamish First Nation.