

# JUNIOR TEEN 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
- An Invitation to our June Open House
- COVID-19 Safety Information

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE PROGRAM:

### *WELCOME TO EVANS LAKE!*

The fun of Summer Camp starts from the beginning! 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 also about connecting with your cabin. We're big believers that making friends between campers and staff is one of the best parts of camp, and is something that will make Evans Lake feel like your second home.



### *Eco Fun*

A main part of what makes Evans Lake unique is our hands-on Eco-Fun courses where we explore our forests to discover cool things about the trees, lake & creeks, animals & insects, and rock & soils. In small 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 hands-on, "whoa"-inspiring, discovery time!

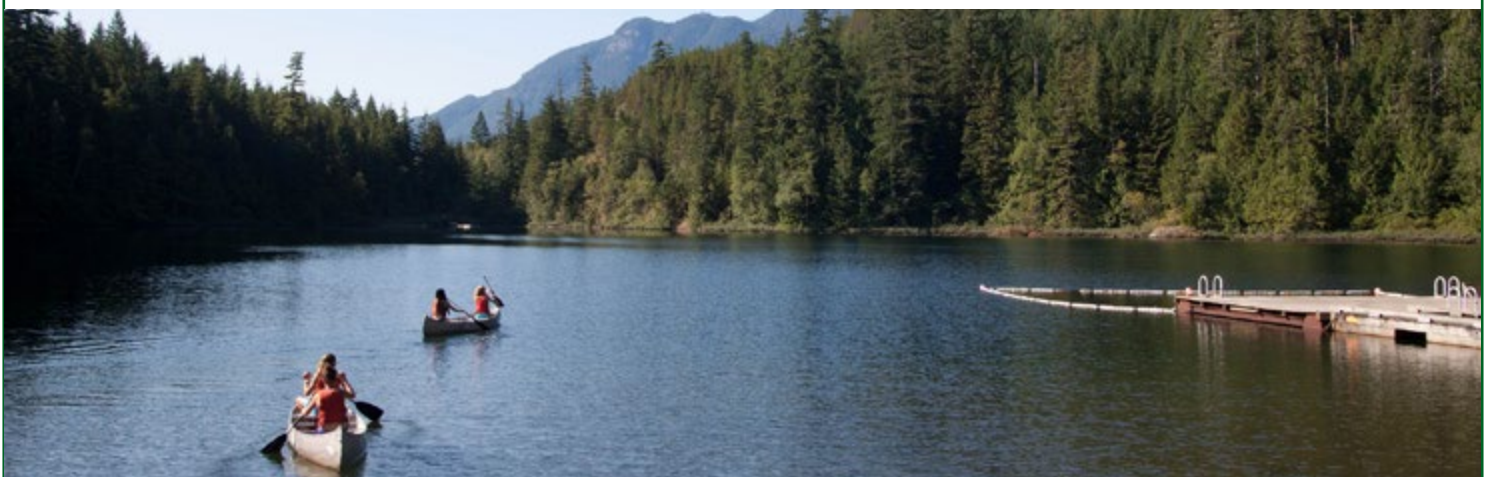
### *REC. TIME*

Rec. Time is Free Time and in Rec. Time it is your choice whether you dive into Evans Lake, try out our canoes or paddle boards, rock-climb, join a soccer game, braid a bracelet, shoot some arrows at our archery range, tackle the low ropes course, or just chill out with friends under the willow tree. Challenge yourself to try something new! 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. Campers can choose a hike that suits their abilities and enthusiasm for hiking. Whether it's to Skyline, Copperbush Extension, Levette Lake, or Hutt Lake, their hike team of campers & staff will venture out to explore the forests, have a cook out, and get in some stargazing!



## PACKING LIST:

These are the items we suggest campers should bring in order to have a fun, safe and comfortable camp experience.

### CAMPERS SHOULD BRING:

- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag
- Pajamas
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo
- Bath Towel, washcloth
- Adequate pairs of socks & underwear
- 1 pair light runners
- 1 additional pair of shoes (sandals, runners)
- 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
- Rain jacket
- Hat
- Sunscreen – not suntan lotion
- \*\*\*Water bottle
- Face-masks (3)

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

*Don't have a Rain Jacket and/or Hiking Backpack?*

Let our on-site staff team know and we can lend you a rain jacket. We can also share a backpack that can be used on the overnight hike.

**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.

## COVID-19 SAFETY AT CAMP

At Evans Lake, the health and safety of our campers and staff remains our top priority. Over the past 2+ years, we have worked diligently to modify and implement programs that follow strict COVID-19 safety protocols. Our comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan, now referred to as the "Communicable Diseases Prevention Plan", has been prepared in conjunction with the BCCDC and the BC Camps Association guidelines (our accrediting body). To find out more, please visit [our website](#).



**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 held by camp staff until the end of camp.

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 indicated in the on-line registration.

### **CHANGING YOUR BUS STOP**

If you decide to change your bus, please contact our office by emailing [info@evanslake.com](mailto:info@evanslake.com) or phoning (604)294-2267. Changes to transportation must be made no later than 4PM the day prior to travel. If the session starts or ends on a weekend you can leave a voicemail. We check it frequently. Changes may not be possible due to capacity limits.

### **ARRIVAL TIMES**

Please arrive at your bus location **30 min. prior** to the departure times listed below. Campers need to check in and have their gear stowed away properly. Due to time schedules, buses cannot wait for tardy campers.

### **BUS STOP LOCATIONS**

#### **Old Yale Road School (Surrey)**

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

**Departs for Camp:** 10:00AM

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

#### **Patterson SkyTrain Station (Burnaby)**

Located across from Central Park  
On Beresford St. at Patterson St.

**Departs for Camp:** 10:30AM

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

### **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.

### **If You Miss The Bus...**

Call (604)294-2267 to discuss options or email [info@evanslake.com](mailto:info@evanslake.com). Office Hours Mon. – Fri.: 9AM-5PM. Weekends: 9AM-12PM when traveling to camp, and 2PM-6:30PM when returning from camp.

### **CHANGES TO WHO PICKS UP YOUR CHILD**

During registration you listed names of people who may pick up your child from camp. You also noted a 'Family Pick Up Code'. If your plans change and you need to send someone else to pick up your child, simply give them this code and we will release your child to them.

#### **Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal (Horseshoe Bay)**

Meet at the entrance to the Foot Passenger loading area.

**Departs for Camp:** 11:00AM

If arriving by ferry, plan to arrive no later than 10:45AM or the first ferry prior to that time.

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

#### **Sea to Sky Hotel (Squamish)**

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

## **FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN ON THE BUS**

### **OPEN HOUSE, JUNE 26 11AM- 3PM**

We will be hosting Open House for you to see camp, try our activities, enjoy lunch (\$), and meet our incredible staff. There will also be a silent auction benefiting our Campership fund. Please check [our website](#) for additional details.

**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. 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 near Ch'iyakmesh on the unceded territory of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation)*