

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, incl. tips on Ideal Clothing/Fabric
- Camp Rules & Expectations
- Transportation Information
- An Invitation to our June Open House
- COVID-19 Safety

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 2-4

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!

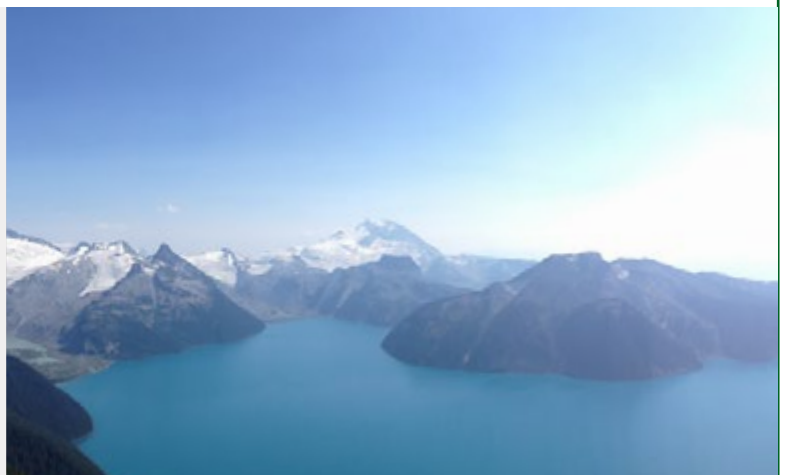


DAY 5-6

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.

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](#).



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 bright)
- ***Face-mask x 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?

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 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 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. 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)

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT****BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN
LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**Parent's
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INITIAL

Use child's
information

Child's Name

Child's Age

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Use parent's information

Use parent/
guardian's
information

Full Name

Use child's
information

Telephone

Email Address

Use child's information

Home Address

City

Province/State

Postal Code/Zip Code

Note: Provincial laws require that anyone participating in whitewater rafting be **at least 13 years old on the day of the rafting trip**. The rafting company does not have flexibility to interpret this rule, even if your child is turning 13 a short time after the rafting day.

IAN OUTBACK RAFTING CO. LTD. (hereinafter referred to as "the OPERATOR")

The term "River Rafting Activities" shall include all activities in any way related to the river rafting trip, but not on and instruction sessions, transportation or travel to and from the river, loading and unloading of vehicles and while on the river.

INDEMNITY – RIVER RAFTING SAFETY

I have been advised to wear a helmet and lifejacket while river rafting. Instruction as to the proper use of the helmets is available from the guides. I am aware that the physical exertion required of river rafting and the forces exerted may aggravate or aggravate pre-existing physical injuries, conditions, symptoms or congenital defects. I have been advised to wear a helmet if I know or suspect that my physical condition may be incompatible with river rafting.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

River Rafting Activities involve many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: accidents which occur on or travel to and from the river: entrapment by trees, logs, rocks or equipment; hypothermia due to exposure to the overturning or upsetting of rafts; falling from the raft into long sections of continuous rapids; impact or collision with logs, deadfall, rafts or other vessels, and rafting equipment; encounters with domestic or wild animals; negligence and NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE OPERATOR, INCLUDING THE FAILURE BY THE OPERATOR TO PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF RIVER RAFTING ACTIVITIES. I FREELY AND FULLY ASSUME ALL RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH RIVER RAFTING ACTIVITIES

AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of THE OPERATOR agreeing to my participation in River Rafting Activities and permitting my use of its equipment, vehicles, parking and other rafting facilities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the recipient and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against **THE OPERATOR AND ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, GUIDES, INSTRUCTORS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, SUB-CONTRACTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS** (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as the "RELEASEES") **AND TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer, as a result of my participation in River Rafting Activities, **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS' LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, C. 337 ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, AND FURTHER INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF RIVER RAFTING ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE;**

Parent's initial

INITIAL

2. **TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any property or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in River Rafting Activities;

3. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next to kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;

4. This Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and

5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

MARINE LIABILITY ACT

The Marine Liability Act, S.C. 2001, c.6, may limit the liability of the Operators in the event of an accident resulting in injury or death.

In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of River Rafting Activities, other than what is set forth in this agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

Signed this July day of 21, 2022

Signature of participant

CHILD NAME

Use child's
information

Use July 21, 2022 (the day the rafting takes place)

Print name clearly

PRINT PARENT NAME

Use parent/
guardian's
information

*Note: Activity guides will witness here on day
of activity

Signature of guardian
(for participants under 19 yrs of age)

PARENT SIGNATURE

Witness

**CANADIAN OUTBACK RAFTING CO. LTD.
RIVER RAFTING TRIP**

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Full Name	Age	Telephone	Email Address
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Home Address	City	Province/State	Postal Code/Zip Code
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DEFINITION

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