

# FAMILY WEEKEND ORIENTATION PACKAGE

Family Weekends are just around the corner so we thought we'd write you a letter to properly prepare for your upcoming adventure! This should give you a good idea of what to expect.

## THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome! This weekend will focus on discovering Evans Lake together as families. Our program aims to connect families with each other through a weekend of shared experiences. Open to all ages, guided sessions are geared towards adult-accompanying their children. Amongst the activity choices, there is space for your family to pick the path best suited to make this a memorable weekend together.

## PACKING LIST:

As families, you're probably experts, but here are our suggestions.

### Each Camper Should Bring:

- Pillow (Required)
- Sleeping Bag (Required)
- Pajamas
- Toiletries
- Bath towel, washcloth
- Socks & underwear
- Pair runners
- Pair of flip flops
- Pair of shorts
- Pair of long pants
- T-shirts and tank-tops
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Sweatshirt
- Swimsuit and towel
- Warm sweater

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING**  
Pets, alcohol, drugs, or  
very expensive or hard  
to replace items.

- Hat & Sunglasses
- Sunscreen & bug spray
- Water bottle
- Face-masks (optional)
- **Camping chairs**

**Note:** Please mark your name  
on your belongings.

**Lost & Found will be held for  
a maximum of two weeks.**

## ROLE OF EVANS LAKE STAFF:

The Evans Lake staff team will be here to guide the programs throughout the weekend! Our schedule will allow parents to pick activities that are best suited to their family, and our staff can preview what is coming up to help with that. Campers 0-16 years-old require parent supervision at all times.



## ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE & MEALS

**ARRIVE:** Between 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM on first day

**DEPART:** By 10:30 AM on last day

**Please arrive on time for meals, as service time is limited and meals will not be saved. Meals included:**

- **First Day** - Dinner 6:00 PM
- **Full Days** - Breakfast 8:30 AM, lunch 12:30 PM and dinner 5:30 PM
- **Last Day** - Breakfast 8:30 AM
- Children ages 0- 3 years are welcome to eat what is provided, but we suggest supplementing our meals with your child's favourites. There is limited fridge space available and you are welcome to bring a cooler. Please note: we do not have highchairs, cribs, change tables or life-jackets for this age group. We ask that you please plan ahead and bring these items with you.

## DIRECTIONS

Full directions to Evans Lake are available on our website — [www.evanslake.com](http://www.evanslake.com). Upon arrival, families will be directed to an unloading area, and shown where they can park their vehicle. Note: The final 1.5 km of the trip is on the Levette Lake Forest Service Road. Drivers are advised to travel slowly (15 km/hr) as it is a single-lane road.

## CHECK-IN PROCESS

On arrival, your group will need to check-in, fill out waivers, complete a health check. Our team will then assign your accommodations. We ask that you please do not enter other families' cabins. Also, please bring a lock for your locker or keep valuables in your vehicle. Evans Lake is not responsible for lost or stolen items.



## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PREVENTION AT CAMP

Ensuring the well-being of our campers and staff is our foremost concern at Evans Lake. Our Communicable Diseases Prevention Plan has been created to be in alignment with the guidelines outlined by the BCCDC and BC Camps Association. To view, kindly check out [our website](#). ***Should you or your child become unwell in the days preceding the camp, we urge you to contact our office promptly.***

Evans Lake has put protocols in place, including enhanced cleaning measures, to ensure campers remain safe. Keeping our site safe is a collective responsibility. These include:

- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently.
- Sanitize hands before and after meals and activities.
- If you become ill, please self-isolate and report it immediately to staff.

## CAMP RULES & EXPECTATIONS

Family Weekends involve living in a small community setting for the weekend. In order to ensure the quality of experience for everyone, we expect all family campers to treat each other, staff, and camp property with respect. Families should review the following rules and expectations 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 instructors/ hosts/ staff**.
- **Camp is a positive and inclusive space.** As such, verbal abuse, physical aggression, harassment and bullying are not permitted.
- **Pets are NOT permitted** at Evans Lake Forest Education Centre.
- **Follow all safety signage** and/or staff instruction at each activity area.
- **Quiet hours** are from 10:00 PM - 7:00 AM. Please keep noise down in cabins, as you are sharing walls.
- **Smoking/Vaping/Alcohol/Cannabis Policy:** Cannabis use is not permitted, as we are a child primary-use facility. Drugs are not permitted at any time. Smoking in designated areas only.
- **Peanuts & Tree Nuts:** Due to extreme food allergies, peanuts and tree nuts are not permitted at Evans Lake.

### Memories to Last a Lifetime

Remember that camp is a judgment-free space where all campers can have the most fun possible. We ask that you respect other campers and their privacy when posting photos from camp on social media. We will post some photos on our social media accounts after the event.



## PROGRAMMING

Please look at the itinerary given to you at registration for a full list of activity offerings and hours. All activities require adults to accompany children, as Evans Lake does not offer supervision during these camps. Some activities you can do on your own, while others will be guided.

## WATERFRONT SAFETY

**THERE IS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY AT EVANS LAKE. USE WATERFRONT AT YOUR OWN RISK.** The waterfront will be open as noted on the itinerary. **All children and youth must be supervised while using the waterfront including swimming, wading, canoeing & paddle-boarding.** At the swim dock, non-swimmers and less-confident swimmers must wear a life-jacket. Life-jackets are also required for canoeing and stand up paddle-boarding. Please read the posted safety signage before using the waterfront.





# FAMILY WEEKEND ITINERARY

## FIRST DAY

5:00 to 5:45 PM

**Arrival & Check-In** (*early arrival is NOT possible*)

6:00 PM

**Dinner** - Please arrive on time for all meals

6:30 PM

**Orientation & Safety Briefing** - Attendance Mandatory for all guests (at the end of dinner)

8:00 PM

Waterfront Closed

8:00 PM

Campfire (at main pit by the lake)

10:00 PM

**Quiet Time Begins**



## FULL DAYS

7:00 to 8:00 AM

Rise and Shine (recommended)

8:30 AM

**Breakfast**

9:30 AM

**Activities**

to 11:00 AM

+ Rock-climbing \* (meet at Rock Wall)

to 11:30 AM

+ Boat Dock (on own)

to 12:00 PM

+ Swim Dock (on own)

to 12:00 PM

+ Forest Exploration, Field Games (on own)

12:30 PM

**Lunch**

1:45 PM

**Activities**

to 2:45 PM

+ Low Ropes \* (meet at Low Ropes)

to 3:15 PM

+ Guided Hike \* (meet at OLC)

to 4:30 PM

+ Boat Dock (on own)

to 4:45 PM

+ Swim Dock (on own)

3:30 PM

**Afternoon Snack Available**

3:45 to 4:45 PM

+ Archery \* (meet at Archery Range)

3:45 to 4:45 PM

+ Arts & Craft \* (meet at OLC)

5:30 PM

**Dinner**

7:00 PM

Family Activity \* (meet on Field)

8:00 PM

Waterfront Closed

8:00 PM

Campfire

10:00 PM

**Quiet Time Begins**



## LAST DAY

7:30 AM

Rise and Shine

8:30 AM

**Breakfast**

9:30 AM

**Pack up, Clean up**

10:30 AM

**Check Out**

Overnight Summer Camp, Campers, arrive between 11:30 AM and 12:00 PM on Sunday. Please clean up your space by removing all belongings, throwing garbage into bin and sweeping out the cabin. Please depart on time, so our team can clean all spaces, and prepare camp for their arrival. We appreciate your support in ensuring a smooth transition.

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!!**

*\* Instructor-led activity.*

**PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

