

DAY 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 your 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 and Drop Off & Pickup Procedure
- An Invitation to our June Open House
- Communicable Diseases Safety Plan Details

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 a hands-on, "whoa"-inspiring, discovery time!

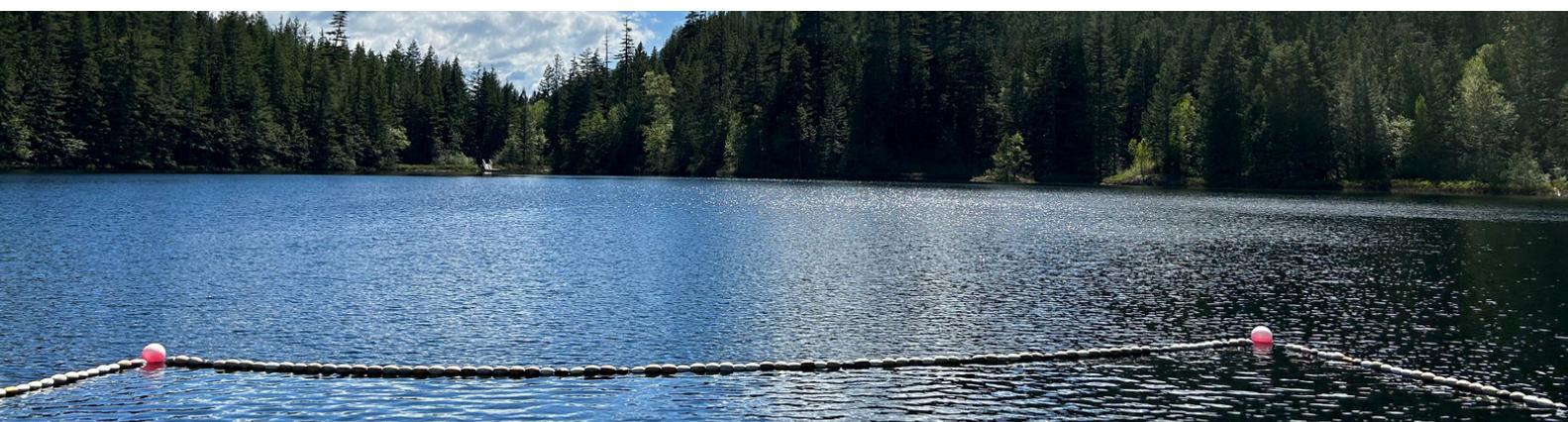
REC. TIME

Outdoor Rec. Time moves your pod through Evans Lake's activity areas. Whether it's a swim in the lake, hopping on a stand-up paddle-board, 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/day-pack.

Campers Should Bring:

- One full change of clothes
- 1 pair light runners (preferred over sandals)
- Swimsuit and towel
- Rain jacket
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle

• 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.

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 one for the week.

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

Optional: Camera. PFD (aka life-jacket). 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 labeling 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.

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 align with the guidelines outlined by the BCCDC and BC Camps Association. To view, kindly check out [our website](#). **Should your child become unwell in the days preceding the camp, we urge you to contact our office promptly.**



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 selected in the on-line registration.

Changing Your Bus Stop

As our buses have set capacities, changes may not be possible. Please email support@evanslake.com and we can take a look to see if your change can be accommodated.

Arrival Times

Please arrive at the bus locations 15 min. prior to the departure times noted. Campers need to check in and complete a health check. Due to time schedules, buses cannot wait for tardy campers.

Bus Stop Locations (Per your registration)

A: Squamish Bus: Early Drop off & Pick up (\$35/week)

8:05 am drop off. 3:15 pm pick up.

Families are asked to drop off at Brennan Park Baseball Field at 8:05 am (1009 Centennial Way, Squamish, 200 meters west of Centennial Way & Loggers Lane intersection, beside the Baseball Field Washrooms, [See Map](#)). The bus will depart at 8:15 am sharp.

Return transport will arrive at Brennan Park at 3:15 pm. We ask that you please pick up your child at this time.

B: Camp Bus: Drop off & Pick up at the Bottom of the Camp Road (\$0/week)

8:35 am drop off. 3:45 pm pick up.

For camp drop off/ pick up, please drop camper off at the junction of [Paradise Valley Road and Levette Lake Forest Service Road](#). Our team will be there to greet campers. Campers will be loaded onto the bus to go to camp at 8:45 am sharp.

Return transport will arrive at the bottom of the hill at 3:45 pm. We ask that you please pick up your child at this time.

**** LATE PICK UP'S ARE SUBJECT TO A FEE OF \$100 PER OCCURRENCE ****

Evans Lake's Vision, Mission & Values

Vision: Our community has an intimate connection to, and understanding of, the natural environment.

Mission: We offer immersive nature experiences, where children, youth, and community engage in play, connection, and learning.

Values:

Respect: We demonstrate respect for the forest and environment, for one another, land, history, reciprocal relations and learning.

Empower: We empower leaders of the future and enable responsible stewards/citizens through education.

Explore: We learn through exploration, having fun, getting our hands dirty, community building, personal experiences and relationships.

Sense of Belonging: We nurture a sense of belonging, through inclusion, cultural, physical, emotional safety, and accessibility.

Transport Delay

If the bus returning from Evans Lake at the end of the day, is delayed 25 minutes or more, we will send an email or text to all families to notify them of the delay.

If You Miss the Bus...

Please call (604)898-3832 to discuss your options.

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 'Pick Up Code' and we will release your child to them.

Open House, June 21, 11 AM - 3 PM

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.



Memories to Last a Lifetime

Your camper(s) will return home with countless stories about their camp experience! To help you piece them together and have some keepsakes, we'll share photos during camp on Instagram and Facebook. After each session, parents will receive a Flickr link to that session's photos.

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!