

YOUTH 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 Information
- 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 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

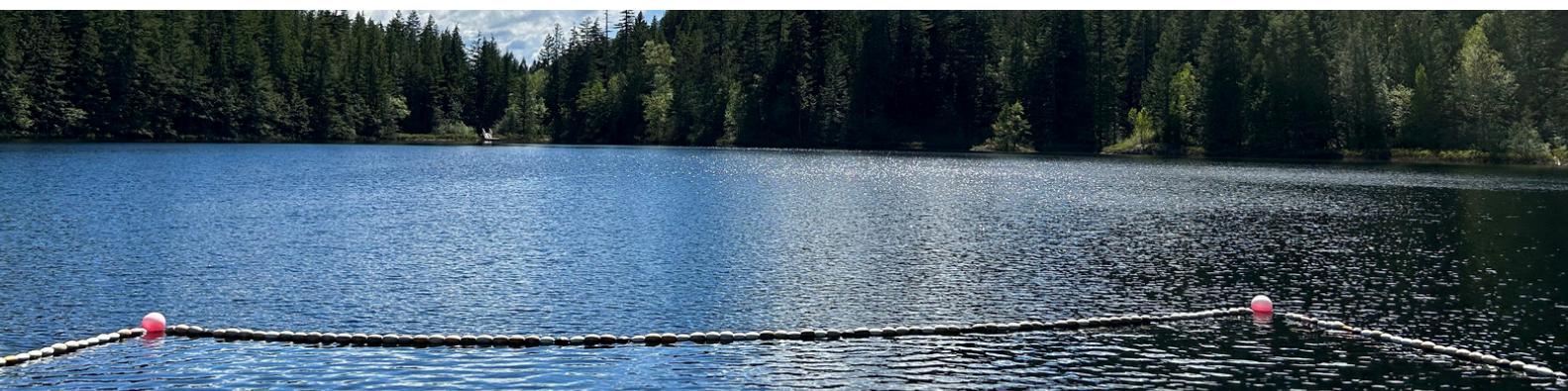
Rec. Time is Free Time and in Rec. Time it is your choice whether you dive into Evans Lake, try out our canoes or paddle boards, rock-climb, join a soccer game, braid a bracelet, shoot some arrows at our archery range, tackle the low ropes course, or just chill out with friends under the willow tree.

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 Pink Falls, Frog Hollow, Copperbush Pond, or Levette Lake, their hike team of campers & staff will venture out to explore the forests, have a cook out, and take 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
- 3-4 light-weight shirts or T-shirts
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Swimsuit and towel

- Hiking backpack (Optional)
- Warm sweater
- Rain jacket
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- ***Water bottle
- Random costumes (optional)

LOST & FOUND

Please mark your child's name on their belongings. Lost & Found will be held for 2 weeks maximum. Please contact us if you child is missing items. Email: info@evanslake.com.

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.

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.

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.

Please do not bring: Electronics (e.g. cell phones), lighters, matches, knives, cigarettes, vapes, 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.

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 Wednesday 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/text 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

- Thurs: 9AM-5PM. Sunday: 9AM-12PM when traveling to camp, and Friday: 2PM-6PM 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 'Pick Up Code' 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

Brennan Park Rec. Centre (Squamish)

1009 Centennial Way, Squamish, BC V8B 0E2

200 m west of Loggers Ln & Centennial Way, by baseball field.

Departs for Camp: 12:00PM

Return from Camp (approximate time): 3:30PM

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.

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!