

# FAMILY WEEKEND ORIENTATION PACKAGE

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

## THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Introduction
- Packing list
- Directions, Arrival times, Check-in & Meal times
- Waterfront safety
- An invitation to our June Open House
- Camp rules & Expectations
- Itinerary



## 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
- **Camping chairs**

### LOST & FOUND

Please mark your child's name on their belongings. Lost & Found will be held for 2 weeks maximum.

## ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE & MEALS

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

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

\*Check out for September dates is 12:00 PM

**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 3 and under 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.

## ROLE OF EVANS LAKE STAFF:

The Evans Lake staff 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.



## 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

Upon arrival, your group will need to check in and fill out waivers. 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.

## 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 family campers to treat each other, the 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 leaders/ hosts/ staff**.
- **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.
- **Follow all safety signage** and/or staff instructions at each activity area.
- **Peanuts & Tree Nuts**: Due to extreme food allergies, peanuts and tree nuts are not permitted.
- **Quiet hours** are from 10:00 PM - 7:00 AM. Please keep noise down in cabins, as you are sharing walls.

## 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.



### 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.

## 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 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. Occupancy limits are posted on the swim dock. Please read the posted safety signage before using the waterfront. We will have the campfire beach area available for wading only, withing buoyed area.



### 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.





# FAMILY WEEKEND ITINERARY



## FIRST DAY

5:00 - 5:45 PM

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

6:00 - 6:30 PM

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

8:00 PM

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

8:00 PM

**Waterfront Closed Campfire** (at main pit by the lake)

10:00 PM

**Quiet Time Begins**



## FULL DAYS

7:00 - 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

to 12:00 PM

+ Swim Dock

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

to 4:45 PM

+ Swim Dock

3:30 PM

**Afternoon Snack Available**

3:45 - 4:45 PM

+ Archery \* (meet at Archery Range)

3:45 - 4:45 PM

+ Arts & Crafts \* (meet at OLC)

5:30 PM

**Dinner**

7:00 PM

Family Activity \* (meet on the 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 and 12:00 pm on Sunday. It is imperative that you 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 sanitize and 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**