

Dear Leadership Camper,

Congratulations! We are considering you for participation in one of Camp Potlatch's premier wilderness leadership programs. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to learn and grow as a leader in a stunning environment. We pour a lot of time and energy into ensuring that these programs are of the highest quality. When campers are fully committed, our programs are incredibly rewarding. It's imperative we ensure that this program is the right fit for you.

So, what are you signing yourself up for? Depending on your program, at least a week without any of the luxuries of home. All leadership campers are stationed across the creek from Main Camp. A true wilderness camping experience, you'll be sleeping in a tent shared with other members of your program. All our wilderness sites are power-free (be prepared to live without your cellphone or iPod) and require campers to hike in. You'll be living communally with a group of other campers in pretty tight quarters. As a group, you'll cook most meals together (either over a camp stove or fire) and keep the campsite tidy. It may not be the lap of luxury, but you'll be surprised at how quickly you'll begin to call this slice of land home.

At Camp Potlatch, our Leadership Camps are built to challenge you socially, emotionally and physically. You'll be asked to push outside your comfort zone to allow you to grow and change in ways you never imagined. As a leadership camper, you'll also take part in at least one multi-day out-trip (either by land or sea). While physically demanding, out-trips are unbelievably rewarding. Many past campers cite these trips as a highlight of their camp career.

Please take some time to carefully read and fill out both the Leadership Camper Participation Contract as well as the Leadership Questionnaire within this package. This should take no longer than **5-7 minutes to complete**. *We ask that this package be submitted within two weeks of registering and/or no later than 30 days before the start of session.* Once we have received your package, you will be contacted by a member of the Camp Potlatch team to **CONFIRM** your place in the Leadership program.

Sincerely,

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## Choose Your Own Adventure!

*Due to the ongoing challenges with Covid-19, we have paused our Leadership Out-Trip 1 and 2, we hope to have them returned in 2023.*

Camp Potlatch's leadership programs are designed to nourish the growth of hard and soft skills to better equip you for wherever your leadership journey may take you. As outlined in the graphic below, the path you take from camper to staff member is your adventure to choose!

### Leadership Out-Trip 1

A one-week program that includes a trip to Garibaldi Provincial Park for 3 days, 2 nights of trekking through pristine alpine meadows and striking mountain scenery.

### Leadership Out-Trip 2

A two-week canoe tripping program along the Powell Forest Canoe Route, an incredible chain of inland lakes near the Powell River.

### Leadership Camp 1

A two-week program for campers who are looking to further develop camping skills learned through their time in Main Camp and for campers new to Potlatch just starting their leadership journey. LC1 campers prepare their own meals, focus on extended out-trips and learn the importance of teamwork while living in the natural environment.

### Leadership Camp 2

This is the final step in Camp Potlatch's leadership program. LC2 is an intensive counsellor-in-training program for teenagers looking to become awesome Camp staff. This program is for mature teens who feel they have the capacity and drive to work toward personal and group achievement. Participants will be given the opportunity to develop effective communication, teamwork, and leadership skills while learning the necessary tips and tricks to care for children compassionately and effectively.



## Leadership Camper Participation Contract

The Leadership Camp programs offered at Camp Potlatch are designed to challenge campers physically, emotionally, and socially to create an ideal environment for personal and group development. Participants are held accountable to high expectations and take on significantly more responsibility in comparison to Main Camp programs. Campers must be mature, willing to work as a team member, and be fully committed to the program for it to be successful.

The purpose of this contract is to clarify the type of experience and atmosphere the camper should expect. Please read carefully and initial beside each point.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am ready to commit to the physical, emotional, and social demands of this program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will try to keep a positive outlook and put my best foot forward.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am prepared to challenge myself by stepping outside of my comfort zone.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will accept responsibility for my actions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will allow my voice to be heard and be an active participant in all facets of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will respect the decisions of my leaders. If I do disagree, I know I will be able to find a time to discuss these decisions with my leaders appropriately.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will try to be inclusive with all members of the group and make every attempt to work as a team

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to share the load of daily responsibilities with the other campers in my program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will respect camp equipment and facilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will respect the feelings and privacy of others.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will allow myself to have fun and participate in this incredible experience that has been made possible for me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I cannot smoke or vape while at Camp Potlatch.

I have read and understand these expectations and agree to abide by them during my Leadership Camp stay.

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*Camper Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

I have read and discussed these expectations with my camper.

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

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*Date*

## Leadership Questionnaire

Please take some time to carefully read and answer the following questions. Your answers will help us decide if this program is a good fit for you.

1. Why do you want to participate in the leadership program this year at Camp Potlatch?

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2. What do you hope to get out of this experience?

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3. Describe a person/activity that has a positive influence on your life.

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4. What are some personal qualities or talents you can share with the Potlatch community?

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5. Have you ever had any previous leadership training? Please specify.

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6. Describe your previous Potlatch leadership experience. Who were your leaders?

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7. Describe your wilderness camping experience. How many nights have you spent in a tent?

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