



Camp Potlatch

YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE
2024



Register online at camppotlatch.com

2024 Session Dates and Rates

Subsidies Available

GST Included

MAIN CAMP · Ages 7-14

[] 1	July 1 - 6		\$780
[] 2	July 6 - 11		\$780
[] 3	July 15 - 20		\$780
[] 4	July 20 - 25		\$780
[] 5	July 29 - Aug 3		\$780
[] 6	Aug 3 - 8		\$780
[] 7	Aug 12 - 17		\$780
[] 8	Aug 17 - 22		\$780

LEADERSHIP OUT TRIP · Age 13-15

[] 1	Aug 12 - 17	Girls	\$800
[] 2	Aug 17 - 22	Boys	\$800

LEADERSHIP CAMP 1 · Age 15

[] 1	July 1 - 11	Girls	\$975
[] 2	July 15 - 25	Boys	\$975
[] 3	July 29 - Aug 8	Girls	\$975
[] 4A	Aug 12 - 22	Boys	\$975
[] 4B	Aug 12 - 22	Girls	\$975

LEADERSHIP CAMP 2 · Age 16

[] 1	July 1 - 20	Coed	\$1250
[] 2	July 20 - Aug 8	Coed	\$1250



WELCOME!

The sky's the limit at Camp Potlatch!

Experience the adventure of a lifetime at our one-of-a-kind wilderness camp site. Reach new heights on a natural rock wall, hit a bullseye at the archery range and create an artistic masterpiece in the craft hut. Our wide variety of age appropriate activities targets the interest of all campers. Accessible only by boat, Camp Potlatch offers a unique opportunity for campers to connect with nature, build self-confidence and make new friends in a stunning ocean front environment. Pack your bags and prepare to make this summer the best one yet!

Registration for all summer programs opens March 4th. Register early as space is limited and programs sell out fast!

For more information and to register, please go to www.camppotlatch.com, or give us a call: **604.324.CAMP**



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR KIDS AND TEENS AGES 7 - 16!

Located on 133 acres of pristine wilderness along the picturesque shores of Howe Sound, thousands of children have passed through the gates of Camp Potlatch over the past 75 years. Sandy beaches and unspoiled hiking territory create an idyllic environment for campers to explore and play.

Your camper's experience is our top priority. All programs are tailored to meet the needs and abilities of each cabin group and are safely delivered in a fun and engaging environment.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

WATER-BASED

Canoeing
Sea Kayaking
Swimming
Fishing
Marine Walks
Paddleboarding

LAND-BASED

Hiking
Overnight Trips
Camping Skills
Rock Climbing
Archery
Rappelling
Team Building Games
Volleyball
Gaga Ball

AND MORE!!

Arts & Crafts
Games
Campfires
Singing
Cookouts
Ecology
Orienteering
Nature Lore
Drama Games



POTLATCH: WHERE EVERYBODY IS A SOMEBODY

The Potlatch experience begins the moment campers board the boat and begin the journey to camp through the beautiful Howe Sound. Immediately welcomed into a warm and supportive environment, our friendly Potlatch staff team meets with cabin groups and helps campers transition into camp life. By the time your camper arrives on the sandy shores of camp, they already feel connected and part of this special community many veteran Potlatch campers refer to as a second home.

Fostering a sense of belonging is integral to your camper having a happy and successful camp experience. Campers are divided into cabin groups and are supported by 2 staff members who travel from activity-to-activity with the group by day, and share the same cabin by night. We do this intentionally to ensure campers have the opportunity to build life-long friendships and forge meaningful and impactful relationships with our exemplary staff. It's this sense of belonging that has kept campers coming back year after year!

With over 1,000 campers in attendance annually, we're looking forward to another sold-out summer!



INCREDIBLE PROGRAMS

At Camp Potlatch every child has the opportunity to participate in tons of amazing activities. Canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing and archery are activities that foster the growth and development of self-esteem, independence and resiliency in each of our campers. All Potlatch activities are designed with the needs and abilities of our campers in mind. We take a “Challenge by Choice” approach to programming to ensure campers have the opportunity to set achievable goals and find success.

Potlatch offers a badge program that recognizes campers who try new activities and display skill improvement. This program aligns with the physical and developmental stages of our campers. Badges are presented to campers at Council Fire on the last evening of every session. Each camper will earn a badge while at camp this summer.

EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Potlatch staff team is comprised of 50+ highly motivated and mature individuals who strive to create memorable camp experiences for each of our 120 weekly campers. Many of our staff members are former Potlatch campers themselves and graduates of the leadership program. Having experienced the impact of our program first hand, our staff team is committed to making a difference to the lives of all Potlatch campers.

The quality of care your child receives this summer is the top priority of all staff. Through a rigorous training process, staff members are taught to facilitate programs that are fun, engaging and camper focused. Supporting our staff team is the full-time Camp Director, Outdoor Centre Coordinator, and Summer Coordinator who live on-site throughout the summer.



MEALS

In our commitment to create happy and healthy campers, we strive to provide the best food service possible. As food is an integral part of your camper's overall Camp Potlatch experience, we aim to fill camper bellies with food that's both delicious and nutritious! All meals served at Camp Potlatch are "kid friendly" and carefully follow Canada's Food Guide. Meals are served Family Style and under the close supervision of camp staff. Healthy snacks are always available to offset hungry appetites.

Led by a qualified Head Cook, our team of kitchen staff are all certified under the Provincial FOODSAFE Program. We are able to accommodate most special diets with prior consultation. Please contact the Camp Potlatch Office for more information.

SAFETY

From the moment campers register in our programs, they're welcomed into the Camp Potlatch family. Our Directors take a personal approach to each camper's experience and will call families personally regarding any changes in a camper's health, or behaviour. We're committed to providing each camper with a memorable and safe camping experience. We host a 1:3 staff-to-camper ratio and ensure true 24-hour supervision. Our camp staff sleep in the camper cabins and supervise all camp areas.

Throughout the summer, we aim to employ a full-time BC Registered Nurse and ensure all waterfront programs are designed and supervised by Livesaving Society certified National Lifeguards. All our staff are certified in Standard First Aid, Bronze Cross, and have completed Criminal Record Checks.

Camp Potlatch programs, facilities, and leadership are fully accredited with the highest ranking by the British Columbia Camping Association.





CAMP ACTIVITIES

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP:

7:15 Rise and Shine!

7:35 Morning Flags

8:00 Breakfast

8:45 Cabin Clean Up

9:30 Morning Activity Rotations

11:30 Free Time

12:30 Lunch

1:15 Rest Hour

2:30 Afternoon Activity

Rotations

4:30 Free time

5:30 Dinner

7:00 Evening Program

8:30 Snack

9:00 Prepare for Bed

9:30 Goodnight Camp Potlatch!

Morning Flags:

Each morning, the entire camp gathers at our flag pole to sing some songs and have the option of running into the water for a cold but refreshing "Salmon Run."

Activity Rotations:

Cabin groups rotate through a variety of activity areas that focus on learning new skills and working together as a team. Activity areas include: Archery, Rockclimbing, team initiatives, Canoeing, Kayaking, Arts & Crafts, Hiking, Fishing, Swimming, and Paddleboarding and Camp Skills

Free Time:

Campers have the opportunity to choose how they'd like to spend this time. It could be a little more time in their favourite activity area, making friendship bracelets with their friends, reading a book or playing games on the field—gaga ball is always a favourite!

Evening Program:

The entire camp gets together to enjoy games such as capture the flag, or to enjoy a campfire where campers learn new songs & get to perform a skit or song with their cabin group.

OUR PROGRAMS



MAIN CAMP

ages 7 - 14

At Camp Potlatch, it's all about adventures, campfires, and dreams! Canoe calm ocean waters, run with the salmon, or rappel down a natural rock face. Mountains of possibilities await campers in our Main Camp program!

All activities are fun, age appropriate, and closely supervised by our enthusiastic and highly trained staff team. Your camper's physical, social, and emotional needs are our top priority.

In addition to a wide variety of camp activities, each camper in the Main camp program participates in a 24 hour off-site camp out. Travelling to one of our many wilderness camp sites either by land or sea, campers sleep under the stars in this once in a lifetime out-trip experience.

Find out what Camp Potlatch tradition is all about!



LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Highly specialized, Potlatch's Leadership Camps target motivated individuals and nourish the development of hard and soft skills. Campers in these programs have opportunities to take part in longer and more challenging out-trips, learn the power of team work and to set and achieve individualized goals. Our Leadership Camps inspire campers to be the best people they can be and to recognize the value they have to the world.

The variety of programs we offer at this level is intentional by design. It's imperative each camper has the opportunity to shape their own leadership journey based on individual interest and needs. Participation in all Leadership Camps share the same desired outcome: to build future Camp Potlatch leaders. Keep the tradition alive this summer!



LEADERSHIP OUT TRIP

ages 13 - 15

Looking for more adventure? For campers keen to learn what it takes to thrive in the woods on a multi-day expedition, check out Camp Potlatch's Leadership Out-Trip program! The program is physically demanding and designed specifically for campers prepared to spend an extended period of time in remote wilderness destinations. You'll spend some days at Potlatch preparing for trip and honing the necessary skills to safely navigate your route. Prepare to experience our BC landscape at its best!

LOT1 is a one-week hiking trip into Garibaldi Provincial Park. Explore pristine alpine meadows, glacial lakes, and striking mountain scenery. Highlights include Garibaldi Lake, Cheakamus Lake, and The Black Tusk. You might even see snow in the summer!

The LOT program is a great way to kick start your Leadership Camp Journey, or for Main Camp campers who are looking for a new challenge.



LEADERSHIP CAMP 1

ages 15

Start your leadership journey this summer at Camp Potlatch! Our two week Leadership Camp 1 (LC1) program is designed for outdoor enthusiasts ready to reach new limits in wilderness adventure. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, ecology, and hiking. Hone your leadership skills and work as a team.

This program requires participants to step out of your comfort zone through a number of physical, emotional and social challenges. Travel by foot or by sea on two extended out-trips and let your eyes feast on the natural wonders of the Howe Sound.

Commit to this opportunity to prepare for a life-changing experience.

Due to the focus on extended wilderness camping skills, it is important that all campers arrive at Camp Potlatch with the proper gear to ensure a successful two weeks in the woods.

Every accomplishment starts
with the decision to try



LEADERSHIP CAMP 2

ages 16

Dreaming of the day you'll finally be Potlatch staff? Take strides in your leadership development and learn what it takes to be a rock star camp counsellor in our Leadership Camp 2 (LC2) program this summer! Live across the creek in this intensive three-week counsellor-in-training program on a remote wilderness site. Master your canoeing, rock climbing, and backcountry hiking abilities during extended out-trips and acquire the skills necessary to positively motivate and encourage children to do their best. Add a wealth of games and activities to your back pocket while trying your hand at leading various summer camp programs. Cap your LC2 experience by putting all your skills to the test in a multi-day cabin placement under the close supervision of Camp Potlatch staff.

This day is a journey, this very moment an adventure.

Designed for mature and highly motivated individuals, this program is perfect for candidates ready to face a multitude of challenges, listen to feedback with an open ear, and stretch outside their comfort zone in a supportive, team-focused environment.

*** All leadership campers must complete an additional application to secure a spot in these programs**

CAMP POTLATCH OUTDOOR CENTRE/RENTAL INFORMATION

Corporate Retreats. School trips. Outdoor Education. Professionally delivered programs tailored to fit your group

Every Spring and Fall, the Outdoor Centre hosts a variety of different groups. This includes School groups, typically grades 5-7 or highschool. Camp is an amazing place to get to know your new classmates with an emphasis on team building, or to celebrate the end to an amazing school year. We provide the programming so teachers get to have fun too!

SITE AND FACILITIES:

Camp Potlatch is on 133 acres of pristine wilderness along the picturesque shores of Howe Sound. Renowned for its sandy beach, 1km of shoreline, and unspoiled hiking territory, Camp Potlatch's location provides an exceptional wilderness environment that will enhance each participant's individual growth and experience. The Potlatch staff guarantees the highest-quality program designed to meet your group needs!

Our spacious Lodge, which includes a large fireplace, provides additional meeting and educational space and Camp Potlatch features a fully equipped 1400 sq. ft. kitchen and a 200-seat dining hall. We have FOODSAFE certified staff that can meet any of your food service needs.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Camp Potlatch has 14 cedar panabode cabins. Each cabin comes equipped with 6 bunk beds and can accommodate a maximum of 12 participants. Camp Potlatch enjoys a modern centralized washroom and showering facility-with hot water. Private accommodations (some with a private bath) for group leaders are available.

TRANSPORTATION:

Camp Potlatch is located in Sea-to-Sky Country and can be easily reached by chartered boat from downtown Vancouver or by water taxi from Horseshoe Bay.

BOOKING INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS:

Camp Potlatch is open to facility user groups between the months of April and October. We offer competitive prices and flexible rates.

For Outdoor Centre bookings and rentals, or to discuss availability, costs, and program options, please contact the Outdoor Centre Coordinator at: 604.324.CAMP / adventure@bgcbc.ca.



Come join us for another amazing summer!



Registration opens March 4th!

Register online at
www.camppotlatch.com

Registration is also available by phone at 604-324-2267, between 9:00am – 4:00pm, or by picking up a form from our office, or any Club location.

You can also register by phone or in person using the contact information listed below.

CAMP FEES

The true cost for one week at Camp Potlatch is \$1,250 per camper. For decades, we've offered a lower "regular rate" because of our fundraising efforts. Those "regular rates" are listed with the session dates. As always, we ask you to pay what you can (including the full, true cost if you're able). If you need more help with camp fees, please call us. We believe that every kid who wants to go to camp should get to go.

REFUND POLICY

Campers who cancel late or no-show to Camp, take away the opportunity for a child on our waitlist to attend Camp. As a result, Camp Potlatch requires advance notice of cancellation (prior to the start of registered session) to provide the following refunds:

100% refund = 4 weeks prior

50% refund = 2 weeks prior

*If your camper is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 or any illness, or has tested positive for Covid-19 prior to the start of their registered Camp session, please contact the Camp Office to discuss options.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.camppotlatch.com