



Boys & Girls Club
Services of Greater Victoria

EARTH ADVENTURES SUMMER DAY CAMP

General Parent Information 2010

Parents, please read the following information. Your knowledge of this information will answer some of your questions and assist our camp in running more effectively.

Frequently asked questions:

Where is the camp?

The camp's address is 3900 Metchosin Road in Metchosin. All youth will be picked up and dropped off at one of our club locations around Victoria.

How will my child get to camp? Where will the youth be picked-up/dropped-off?

Participants may be picked-up/dropped-off at any of the following locations, please ensure you have checked the appropriate location on your registration form. The locations are:

Central Saanich Club	7162 B West Saanich Road
City Central Club	1240 Yates Street, 3rd Floor
Harbourside - Esquimalt Club	410 Macaulay Street
West Shore Child Youth and Family Centre	345 Wale Road
Metchosin Wilderness Camp	3900 Metchosin Road

What if my child misses the bus or I need to pick them up early?

If your child misses the bus please contact us as soon as possible at 250-384-9133. It is your responsibility to transport your child to the camp.

If you need to pick up your child early, please pre-arrange it with the summer program staff. Some days groups are away from the main camp area and special arrangements may need to be arranged to pick your child up early.

What should my child bring?

Since our programs are based outside, it is imperative that all participants are dressed for the weather. Activities include but are not limited to swimming, canoeing, archery, low ropes course, and climbing tower. Every day your child should bring:

- Rubber boots and a raincoat on rainy days
- Closed toe shoes for the climbing tower
- Sunscreen and a sun hat
- Comfortable clothes
- Bathing suit and a towel
- Bag lunch and snacks **Please Note:** We have a participant attending all summer with a severe peanut and cashew allergy. When packing snacks and lunches for your child, please refrain from sending your child with products containing nuts.
- 2 water bottles (a good idea is to freeze one the night before and bring it for the afternoon)
- Running shoes
- Backpack

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are marked with their name. All valuables or money should be left at home.

There will be a **Parent Info Night** held on Monday June 29, 2010 from 6-7:30pm. This will be located at 3900 Metchosin Road in Metchosin. This is a great opportunity to view our camp property and meet the summer camp staff.

***Please Note :** There will be no camp on the following days:
Monday, August 2, & Friday, September 3.

Do I need to call if my child will be away for a day?

YES. Please call between 8:00am and 9:00am on the morning of the day your child will be away. Please call the location that you drop your child off at, as we must know of all absentees for safety reasons (phone numbers attached).

How does Pre and Post Care work?

Pre and Post Care is available at all our program locations. Pre Care fee is \$10 per week and is from 8:00am - 9:00am (at camp \$5 per week and is from 9:30am - 10:00am). Post Care is \$10 per week and is from 4:00pm - 5:00pm (at camp \$5 per week and is from 3:00pm - 3:30pm). All participants not signed up for pre/post care must be dropped off at 9:00am and picked up at 4:00pm (at camp all participants not signed up for pre/post care must be dropped off at 10:00 and picked up by 3:00). There will be an additional charge to those participants that are dropped off early or picked up late. If there is a continual problem with lateness, a supervisor will contact you to discuss alternative solutions.

The 10m Rockwall Tower!

To climb the tower your child must be wearing closed toe shoes or they can bring their own climbing shoes. Please ensure your child brings these to camp everyday. Mandatory helmets will also be provided for your child's safety.

Professionally trained staff will always supervise the youth.

Privacy Protection Assurance:

At Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria (BGCS), respecting privacy is important. Our commitment to privacy is reflected in our BGCS Privacy Protection Pledge and our Privacy Code which are available on our website at www.bgcvic.org. If you have questions or concerns regarding privacy issues please contact our privacy officers at 384-9133 or email privacy@bgcvic.org.

What are your refund and safety policies?

Registration fee refunds will only be issued if cancellation of a pre-registered/pre-paid session is received no less than 10 days prior to that session's start date. Please note that a \$10 administration fee will be charged per change/cancellation.

Safety, learning and fun are our main concerns. If any children's behavior does not show respect and concern for other campers they will be shown more appropriate ways of handling the situation. If after such a discussion they continue to demonstrate disruptive behavior, we will work with parents and key community supports to create an action plan. Continued behavior and/or group disruptions may result in a child's dismissal from camp. Upon a child's dismissal from camp no refund will be issued.

Receipts

Receipts will be mailed out in October if paid by cash you will be issued a receipt once your cash is received.

Phone numbers you may need:

Registration Office:	Phone: 250-384-9133 ext 216
Central Saanich Club:	Phone: 250-652-3021
City Central Club:	Phone: 250-384-9133 ext 217
Harbourside-Esquimalt Club:	Phone: 250-380-9250
West Shore Child Youth and Family Centre	Phone: 250-391-4320
Metchosin Camp:	Phone: 250-474-5224

Emergency Only:

Lindsay:	Cell: 250-661-5375
Head Leader:	Cell: 250-686-9107