



Youth Leadership Camps

Leadership 1 (LD1) JULY 11th – 22nd
Leadership 2 (LD2) AUGUST 15th – 26th

Parent Package 2011

Welcome to Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria's Leadership Camps! These day camps take place at our property in beautiful, rural Metchosin. The camp will be facilitated across 98 acres of forest, ponds, trails, meadows and a whole lot more! We will also utilize the climbing tower, low ropes course, archery range, and our fleet of canoes to ensure that youth have the opportunity to try a variety of activities while focusing on developing their leadership skills.

Each regular day will start off with the youth arriving at their pick up location and meeting their leaders. From there we will travel in Boys & Girls Club vehicles to the Metchosin Camp. At the camp, the days will be spent focusing on leadership development, while at the same time learning skills and earning certifications that will help build up the youth's resume. At the end of the day, youth and their leaders will return to their drop off location.

The finale of the program will be an expedition that the youth have planned themselves. Under the guidance of their leaders, youth will organize the trip, arrange the food and pack the equipment needed for a trip experience specifically tailored by them. Youth and their leaders will practice skills from basic camp crafts to risk management to "debriefing techniques" that will give them a camp experience that they will never forget.

Boys & Girls Clubs Leadership Camps are designed to give youth the chance to form lasting relationships, experience a variety of activities and discover their unique leadership style. All this takes place under the supervision of our dedicated camp leaders, who will ensure this important experience of challenge and discovery takes place in a safe and fun program setting. Please read the FAQs for more details about what to expect and how to prepare youth for our Leadership Camps.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should my youth bring everyday?

Our Leadership Programs are entirely outside for the duration of the program. It is imperative that all youth are dressed appropriately and prepared for the weather. Every day your youth should have with them:

- Closed toe shoes
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Comfortable clothes that will probably get dirty
- Bathing suit and a towel

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- Bag lunch and lots of snacks
- 2 water bottles (a good idea is to freeze one the night before and bring it for the afternoon)
- Rubber boots and a raincoat (on rainy days)

Where and when should I drop off and pick up my youth for the program?

There are two pick up/drop off locations:

- Harbourside Club - 410 Macaulay Street, V9A 5Y3 (drop off 8:30am, pick up at 4:30pm)
- Westshore Child Youth and Family Center – 345 Wale Road, V9B 2W3 (drop off at 9:00am, pick up at 4:00pm)

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

Contact the leaders of the program as soon as possible at 250-686-9105. If a youth has missed our bus, it will then be the parent's responsibility to transport their youth to the camp. If you need to pick up your youth early, please pre-arrange it with the program leaders.

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

YES. Please call the program leaders between 8:00am and 9:00am on the morning of the day your youth will be away. We must know of all absentees for safety reasons. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please inform the registration office.

What are your refund policies?

Cancellations made ten (10) days prior to your registered session start date will receive a refund, minus a \$10 administration fee.

Do I get a receipt?

Receipts will be mailed out in October, unless you pay by cash, in which case the receipt will be issued at the time of payment.

What are your behavioral policies?

Safety, learning and fun are our main concerns. If a youth's behavior does not show respect and concern for the other participants, Boys & Girls Clubs reserves the right to dismiss youth temporarily or permanently to ensure the safety and integrity of the other youth and the program. Parents will be responsible for picking up their youth should this occur. **NO** refunds are available in the event of a dismissal from program.

Allergies

We encourage families with allergies to work together with the program to create an environment that is safe for the youth and not unduly restrictive for other participants or campers. If your youth has an allergy please talk to the program leaders about developing an anaphylaxis plan. Boys & Girls Clubs does **NOT** guarantee an allergen-free site.

Please pay special attention around potential or existing environmental allergies and provide any medications necessary for your youth to ensure they have a positive outdoor experience.

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Medications

We do not administer medications to children while they are in the care of Boys & Girls Club Services. If your child has been prescribed a medication, we ask that you fill in and sign the ‘Medication Consent Form’ and give to the camp leader or admin office. Your child will be responsible for taking his/her own medication under the supervision of staff. All medications must remain in their original medical containers and will be stored in a secure location at camp.

EMERGENCY PLANS AND PROCEDURES:

Boys & Girls Club Services has emergency procedures and plans. All clubs/camp are equipped with earthquake and first aid kits. In the event of an emergency you may contact the downtown administration office at 250-384- 9133. If the phone lines are inactive, you can pick-up your child at club/camp locations or at the specified “SAFE” areas.

Safe Areas are as follows:

	Westshore	Harbourside	Camp
Primary	Parking lot entrance	Fence adjacent in the club parking lot.	Camp parking lot 3900 Metchsoin Road
Secondary	Parking lot exit	Across the street in the vacant parking lot.	Secondary camp entrance - 3780 Brotherstone Rd
Long Term	Juan De Fuca Recreation Centre	Esquimalt Parks and Recreation Centre	Juan De Fuca Recreation Centre

Phone numbers you may need:

- Registration Office: 250-384-9133 ext. 201
- Yates Street Boys & Girls Club: 250-384-9133
- Metchosin Camp: 250-474-2449
- Harbourside Esquimalt Club: 250-380-9250
- Program Leader: 250-686-9105 (cell)

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