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## WELCOME

Welcome to Recreation Oak Bay's Camps!

Recreation Oak Bay is pleased that you are joining the programs; as we have many exciting opportunities for your child(ren). This handbook offers a brief introduction to the camps as well as the philosophies they are built on.

## PHILOSOPHY

***Recreation Oak Bay strives to make Camps a place where your child(ren) feels comfortable, happy, and excited to attend.***

At Recreation Oak Bay, staff provide a fun and safe environment while offering stimulating activities such as swimming, out trips, arts and crafts, and active play. The camps provide children with a friendly and safe play environment, with opportunities to develop social skills and enjoy the many benefits of group interaction.

## CAMP LOCATIONS

To ensure that your child's first day of camps is a happy one please be aware of the drop-off locations prior to the start of camps.

| FACILITY/FACILITIES   | DESCRIPTION   |
|---|---|
| <b>Neighbourhood Learning Centre/Oak Bay High School/ Oak Bay Outdoor Turf Field</b><br><br>2121 Cadboro Bay Road | The Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC) is attached to Oak Bay High School. The entrance to the NLC is located to the right of the main entrance at the high school. This location is home to all the arts camps (Theatre, Dance, Arts and Crafts) and some of the theme camps, youth courses and Fun Unlimited camp. There are also contracted camps that are offered on the Oak Bay High Outdoor Turf and in the High School Gymnasium. Parking is available in the small lot in front of the school and the NLC, along Cadboro Bay Road, behind the school off Cranmore Road, or in the parking lot by the tennis bubble and track at the end of Goldsmith Street. |
| <b>Oak Bay Recreation Centre</b><br><br>1975 Bee Street   | This location is the main centre for Recreation Oak Bay. There is an ice rink, pool, indoor sports field, 7 tennis courts, fitness studio, meeting rooms and much more. Many camps are offered here from Skidaddle (daily registration camp) to week long camps such as Summer in the Park, hockey camps, and tennis camps. Aquatic camps such as Jr. Lifeguard, Extreme H2O, and advanced aquatic courses are also offered. For youth/teen there are fitness orientations and outdoor adventure camps. Parking is available on Bee Street and in the parking lot at the end of Goldsmith Street.   |
| <b>Henderson Recreation Centre</b><br><br>2291 Cedar Hill X Road  | This location is home to most of the sports, golf and theme camps. There are also some contracted camps such as Badminton and Eco Quest camps. This location has a 9 hole par 3 golf course, fitness studio, gymnasium, activity rooms and outdoor tennis courts. There is also Kiwanis Playground Park which is located just off of Arden Rd or by walking on the chip trail from the Henderson building. Parking is available in the parking lot or on Cedar Hill X Road.   |
| <b>Windsor Park Pavilion and Park</b><br><br>2451 Windsor Road  | This location is home to most of the contracted camps such as Richardson Sports, Byte Camp, Crafty Camp, Director Cut, Mindful Yoga, British Soccer camp, and much more. The Preschool camps are also offered here in the preschool room. Parking is available on Newport Avenue and Windsor Road.  |

## **AGE REQUIREMENTS**

All full day camps require campers to have completed kindergarten before summer 2020 in order to register.

In order to register for school age camps or youth programs, campers must meet the minimum age requirement by December 31, 2020. Sorry, no exceptions.

In order to register for preschool aged camps, campers must meet the minimum age requirement by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for Spring Break Camps and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for Summer Camps and be toilet trained. Sorry, no exceptions.

## **CONTRACTORS**

Recreation Oak Bay contracts a variety of camps through outside organizations which enables staff to offer patrons a wide selection of camps. The following camps are run by a contracted company and not Recreation Oak Bay employed camp staff:

- Byte Camp
- British Soccer
- Crafty School of Art
- Director's Cut
- Eli Pasquale Basketball
- Engineering for Kids
- Ecoquest
- Grand Slam Golf and Tennis
- Mind in Motion – Mindful Kids Yoga
- Soccertron
- Richardson Sport
- Westcoast Academy of Performing Arts
- Vancouver Island Badminton Excellence

For any detailed camp inquiries, please contact the organization directly. All contracted companies have gone through contractor training, criminal record checks and have basic first aid and CPR C.

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

If your child is eligible for a support staff through funding by *Supported Child Development* or *Recreation Integration Victoria* please contact the Licensed Care Programmer at 250-370-7902 to arrange for support staff PRIOR to registering for a camp.

If your child/children is/are not currently supported through these funding avenues, please contact the Licensed Care Programmer at 250-370-7902 to explore options of support through Recreation Oak Bay or through other community service providers.

## **CAMP HOURS**

The camp hours vary between 8:15am-5:15pm. Most camps operate from 8:30am-4:30pm. Looking to extend your camp day? Before Camp Care is offered in the Rainforest Room at the Neighborhood Learning Centre for full day camps that begin at Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Oak Bay High School and the Neighborhood Learning Centre. Campers will be taken to their camp by a leader. After Camp Care is offered for full day camps ending at Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Oak Bay High School, Neighborhood Learning Centre and Henderson Recreation camps that are ending the day swimming at Oak Bay Recreation Centre. Campers will be picked up from their camp at the end of the day and taken to the Rainforest Room at the Neighborhood Learning Centre for pickup. Check camp listings in the summer camp section of the Active Living Guide for Before or After Camp Care symbols and register at reception.

**Please note:** Camp start times are set for a reason so that the staff are well prepared to have fun with the camper(s) for the day. Door will not open until right before the camps starts. Early Drop off before camp start time are not permitted unless you have completed Permission child to sign themselves in/out. Please see page 14 for more information about this form.

## **CANCELLATION POLICIES**

To serve you better Recreation Oak Bay has updated the camp cancellation policy.

All weekly camps credits/refunds/changes must be requested by 10pm the Thursday prior to the start of the camp.

All daily registration camps (Skidaddle and Fun Unlimited PM) credits/refunds/changes must be requested at a minimum of 72 hours prior to the start of camp. For example: By Friday at 9am if daily camp is on Monday starting at 9am.

## **CAMP SCHEDULE**

For the majority of camps, you will be emailed a schedule a week before the camp starts. Please ensure your email has [communication@perfectmind.com](mailto:communication@perfectmind.com) and [summer\\_reception@oakbay.ca](mailto:summer_reception@oakbay.ca) listed on your incoming safe list.

If you do not receive a schedule, please ask reception to send you one. There will also be copies available at the beginning of each week in the camp locations.

This handout outlines the daily activities, personal items required, camp contact information, drop off and pick up locations, and scheduled out trips.

Camp activities/schedules are subject to change due to weather and other factors.

### **What to Bring to Camp**

For full day camps, campers will need an easy to carry bag with a lunch, two snacks, water bottle, hat, sunscreen and a change of clothes. For half day camps, campers will need to bring the same as above minus the lunch. If your camper is going swimming they will need a swimsuit, towel and a quarter for a locker. The camp schedule will clearly note any other items that your camper should bring to camp.

Please label all of your camper's belongings and refrain from sending valuables to camp including cell phones and money. Campers are not allowed to use the vending machines during camp hours.

### Swim Days

Most full day summer camps swim a minimum of once a week. Each camp's swim days will be indicated on the camp schedules. Please remember to pack a swimsuit, towel and \$0.25 cents for the locker.

Reminders for parents to know about the pool:

- All Recreation Oak Bay Camp Leaders wear yellow pinnies in the pool so that children and lifeguards can identify them during the swims.
- Children are not allowed to go in to the change rooms without leader or lifeguard supervision.
- All children wear a coloured wrist band to identify which camp group they are a part of.
- Children under 7 years old must remain within arm's reach of a camp leader at all times.
- All children under 7 years old and weak/non swimmers will be identified to lifeguards by a white wrist band while in the pool.
  - Swimmers with a white wristband should remain in the small pool unless wearing a lifejacket & accompanied by a camp leader (max. 3 campers: 1 leader)
- The steam room and sauna are out of bounds to campers.
- The hot tub may be used by campers for no more than 5 minutes and they must be accompanied by a camp leader (maximum 5 campers: 1 leader)

**Swim Test** (during camp week):

White wristband swimmers **7 years and older** may challenge their non-swimmer status by completing a Lifeguard supervised swim test at the beginning of a swim. Swimmers that attempt the swim test must demonstrate the ability to:

1. Swim with their face in the water and breathe effectively
2. Swim on their front from the pool stairs to red line unassisted while maintaining a horizontal body position
3. Then tread water in a vertical position for 45 seconds (ideally, with ears out of the water)
4. And return to the stairs swimming on their back unassisted while maintaining a horizontal body position

Swimmers may attempt the swim test once during a swim session and completion of the swim test is at the On-Duty Supervising Lifeguard's direction.

### Pizza Days

Pizza days are available for most full day camps for an extra fee. Pizza Day includes: Villages cheese pizza, apple slices, chocolate milk. Please still pack a few snacks as pizza is only at lunch time. Check camp listings in the Active Living Guide for a pizza symbol and register with reception if you would like your camper to participate.

**Spring Break Camps:** Pizza orders must be placed by 10am Tuesday morning for Neighbourhood Learning camps (Art, Theme and Skidaddle camps). Pizza days are **only** offered for camps located at Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

**Summer Camps:** Pizza orders must be placed by 10:00am Tuesday morning for Oak Bay Recreation Centre camps, and by 10:00am Wednesday morning for Oak Bay High, Neighbourhood Learning Centre and Henderson camps. Oak Bay Recreation Camps have pizza days on Wednesdays, Neighbourhood

Learning Centre and Oak Bay High School Camps have pizza days on Thursdays, and Henderson Recreation camps have pizza day on Fridays.

### Out Trips

Camps participate in several walking and bus out trips. Staff will accompany children on all outings. If your child needs to be picked up before this scheduled return time on any particular day, please advise the Camp Leaders or Team Leader ahead of time and arrangements can be made for you to pick up your child from the out trip location.

### Active Play Policy

All children will engage in a minimum of **60 minutes** of daily active play broken out throughout their program routine as recommend by Canadian Physical Activity Guide. Active play will consist of un-facilitated play, facilitated games and activities both indoors and outdoors.

Staff will also incorporate Fundamental Movement Skills (run, jump, hop, skip, and throw) and injury prevention into all active play activities guided by the concepts of Physical Literacy. Physical Literacy can be defined as the motivation, confidence, physical competence, knowledge and understanding to value and take responsibility for engagement in physical activities (Whitehead, 2016). Children who are physically literate move with competence and confidence in a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy development of the whole person (PHE Canada, 2010)

### Screen Time Policy

Children will not receive any screen time in their daily scheduled routines.

Please note: Some camps will watch a movie or clips of shows for theme purposes only. This will be clearly outlined on the weekly parent schedule that will go out to each camp.

## **PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

### Staffing

Recreation Oak Bay strives to uphold a 1:10 ratio for children in preschool aged programs and a 1:15 ratio for children in school aged programs. Most camps are designed to have a 1:10 ratio.

Camp Leaders are selected for their experience, abilities and dedication to provide every camper with a safe and fun summer camp experience.

All Recreation Oak Bay camp staff must meet the following criteria:

- First Aid and CPR – C
- Police or RCMP Criminal Record Check including the vulnerable sector
- Must attend a minimum of 16 hours of training which covers topics such as behavior management, inclusive practices, safety and first aid procedures, and developmentally appropriate program planning.
- Staff who drive the buses have a Class 4 Driver's License (written and driving test with ICBC) and have taken a Road Master's Driving review course through Recreation Oak Bay.



## Illness

Recreation Oak Bay is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment. If your child is sick or displays the following symptoms, we ask that you make alternate arrangements:

- A persistent fever (38.8C or higher), unexplainable rashes, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, pink eye, or is too ill to enjoy camp activities.

Camp staff reserve the right to refuse attendance of a child who appears to be too ill to participate or who appears to have a contagious condition. During the camp, if your child becomes ill, the staff will follow these procedures:

- 1) Contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) listed on the registration form (information collected at the time of registration).
- 2) If the parent(s) or guardian(s) listed on the registration form cannot be located, arrangements will be made to contact the alternate person(s) listed.

## Head Lice Policy

Head lice are common in BC communities. Although they are a bother, head lice are not a health risk. As per Island Health Authority's recommendation, **if your child has a confirmed case of head lice they are still welcome** in Recreation Oak Bay's programs. All families in the camp will be notified that there has been a case of head lice and families will be given an information sheet on how to treat head lice and preventative measures for the future. Please contact the camp supervisor if you need more information or visit the Island Health website.

Here are some suggestions for TREATMENT (if you find lice) (cited from Island Health)

1. With the conditioner still on, pull the comb through the hair in one stroke from the front to the back of the head. Keep the teeth in contact with the scalp for the entire stroke.
2. After each stroke, rinse the comb in warm water. Check the comb for lice before you pull it through the hair again to make sure you do not put lice back onto the head.
3. Keep combing over the entire head until you find no more lice.
4. Rinse the hair to remove conditioner. Leave the hair wet. Untangle the hair with a wide-tooth comb to take out the knots.
5. Comb the whole head again with a lice comb, rinsing the comb after each stroke to make sure there are no more lice.
6. Keep repeating the steps every 4 days for a full two weeks to make sure that new lice are removed as the eggs hatch. If lice are found on the fourth combing, add one more combing in 4 days.

## Weather

Camps run rain or shine unless you are notified otherwise through email or phone call.

## Water Quality Policy

Recreation Oak Bay will check the Island Health Water/Lake Advisories on the morning of the activity. In the event the lake has an advisory posted the camp will not attend and alternate swimming arrangements will be made. Parents will be notified of the change via email or in person as soon as alternate plans have been made.

## Air Quality Policy

Air quality has a direct impact on the health of humans and the environment. As per Island Health Authorities recommendation, Recreation Oak Bay programs will monitor the Province of British Columbia's current Air Quality Advisories and adjust the programming as necessary. Please see below:

### Air Quality Health Index

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/aqhi-table.xml>

### Index levels:

| Air Quality Health Index Categories and Health Messages  |              |   |   |
|--|--------------|---|---|
| Health   | AQHI         | Health Messages   |   |
| Risk   | Index        | At Risk Population  | General Population  |
| <b>Low</b>   | range 1 - 3  | <b>Enjoy</b> your usual outdoor activities.   | <b>Ideal</b> air quality for outdoor activities.  |
| <b>Moderate (MOD)</b>  | range 4 - 6  | <b>Consider reducing</b> or rescheduling strenuous activities outdoors if you are experiencing symptoms.          | <b>No need to modify</b> your usual outdoor activities unless you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.             |
| <b>High</b>  | range 7 - 10 | <b>Reduce</b> or reschedule strenuous activities outdoors. Children and the elderly should also take it easy.     | <b>Consider reducing</b> or rescheduling strenuous activities outdoors if you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation. |
| <b>Very High</b>   | above 10     | <b>Avoid</b> strenuous activities outdoors. Children and the elderly should also avoid outdoor physical exertion. | <b>Reduce</b> or reschedule strenuous activities outdoors, especially if you experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation.  |
| At Risk Population: People with heart or breathing problems are at greater risk. Follow your doctor's usual advice about exercising and managing your condition. |              |   |   |
| * If the AQHI index has increased to 7 (high health risk), it is usually because of high concentrations of smoke particles (PM2.5) in this community.            |              |   |   |
|  |              |   | Source: Environment Canada  |

### Recreation Oak Bay's Response:

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|------------------------|--|
| <b>Low risk:</b>       | No change  |
| <b>Moderate Risk:</b>  | Monitor forecasts  |
| <b>High Risk:</b>      | Where possible limit outdoor programs activities. Long lasting high exertion activities should be limited, with regular indoor "fresh" air breaks.<br>Participants and Staff with heart or breathing issues, should use caution. |
| <b>Very High Risk:</b> | Reroute camps indoors, where possible to utilize our facilities across the District. Any camps that remain outdoors will focus on low exertion activities.   |

*Please note: Parents will be notified of any major changes in programming via email or in person as soon as alternate plans have been made.*

## Discipline Policy

1. Discipline is based on safety rules.
2. A child is not allowed to hurt themselves or others.
3. Children are given clear, simple, consistent limits regarding appropriate behavior.
4. Choices are offered whenever possible.
5. Verbal direction and re-direction are the main means of guidance and discipline.

At all times children will be treated with respect, their feelings will be acknowledged and accepted, and they will be encouraged to talk about their problems in a non-threatening supportive environment.

If it is necessary to use a 'time out' or break, children will not be removed to an unsupervised area. Children are supervised at all times.

If a child is a physical danger to themselves or others they will be removed from the situation to protect the child until self-control is regained.

Under no circumstances is physical punishment used.

If a child is unable to co-operate in a camp, staff will meet with parents to seek a resolution to the situation. A letter may be sent to the parent/guardian to follow up after the discussion. If there is no satisfactory improvement in the child's behavior, the child may be removed from the program/camp with notification to the parents/guardians. In case of severe incidents and behavior concerns, where the safety of the other children may be at risk, parents/guardians may be contacted to remove the child from the program immediately.

Recreation Oak Bay reserves the right to refuse participation in a program where the safety of others is at risk. A pro-rated refund will be given if the child is asked to withdraw from the camp.

## Accidents

Recreation Oak Bay's first priority is the safe care and treatment of the children. In the case of an emergency, accident or illness, Recreation Oak Bay will phone an ambulance, contact a parent/guardian, and a staff person will accompany the child to the hospital until a parent/guardian comes to meet the staff and child.

## Emergency Situations

Staff have been trained to follow Recreation Oak Bay Emergency Procedures during emergency situations such as a fire or earthquake. Emergency evacuation procedures are posted in each facility. Fire drills are conducted monthly at each location. Please note that programs are equipped with cellular phones and staff will attempt to contact parents/guardians during/after an emergency situation.

## Persons Authorized to Pick Up and Emergency Contacts

Camp staff will not release your child to anyone but the parent or guardian who was designated at registration and is clearly indicated on the registration form. The parent or guardian is required to notify staff **in writing** if someone other than themselves will be picking up the child. If arrangements have been made for an alternate person to pick up your child; ID must be presented upon pick up.

Emergency contacts must be kept current and should consist of family members or friends who are available to pick up your child (if you are unable to be contacted). In the event of an emergency, Recreation Oak Bay's staff must be able to contact someone to whom your child may be released. If you would like to update this information please contact reception at Oak Bay Recreation Centre or Henderson Recreation Centre.

### Sign-in and Sign-out Sheet

When dropping off or picking up a child, the sign-in/sign-out sheet must be initialed by the authorized pick-up person. Please note: Children cannot sign or initial for a parent/guardian. Early Drop off before camp start time are not permitted unless you have completed Permission child to sign themselves in/out. Please see page 14 for more information about this form.

### Custody Issues

If a custody or court order exists, a copy of the order needs to be placed in the child's file. The legal guardian is responsible for providing accurate, up to date information concerning the legal guardianship of the child. Without a custody or court order on file, the caregiver cannot deny access to the non-enrolling parent. If the non-enrolling parent is not listed on the authorized pick up list, the policy on unauthorized persons will be implemented. The legal guardian must provide all consents.

### Situations Requiring Assessment

**If a person is authorized to pick up a child and is incapable of safe care the staff will:**

1. Assess the situation.
2. Contact the other parent as an alternative.
3. Contact the emergency contact person as an alternative.

**If a person authorized to pick up a child is incapable of safe care and insists on taking the child, the staff will:**

1. Contact the Police

**If no one arrives to pick up a child 15 minutes after the camp, the staff will:**

1. Contact the parent or emergency contact(s).
2. If no contact can be made, and 20 minutes has passed, the staff may contact the Ministry of Children and Families.

**If an unauthorized person requests the release of a child, the staff will:**

1. Not release the child.
2. The child will remain under the supervision of staff and they will explain to the unauthorized individual the policy that no child will be released without written authorization by the parent or guardian.
3. Contact the parent or legal guardian for written confirmation that this person present is allowed to take the child. The parent can fax or email in a request, but the signature must be compatible with the one on file on site.
4. Make all reasonable efforts to ensure the safety of the child and other children.
5. If necessary, the police will be called for assistance.

## PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

### Before Camp Starts

Please make sure to fill out all the appropriate waivers, medical forms, and contact information that staff will need to make sure your child has a safe and positive experience at camp.

### The First Day of Camp

Please be prepared to stay a few minutes on the first day of camp to complete sign-in, meet your camper's leaders and complete any outstanding paperwork or forms that may need to be filled out. Parents/guardians are required to sign campers in and out of camp each day and provide current medical and emergency information for their camper.

### Attendance

If your child is unable to make it to camp please contact the leader's camp cell number on the weekly camp schedule or call reception at 250-595-7946 at Oak Bay Recreation Centre or 250-370-7200 at Henderson Recreation Centre.

### Medication

First aid treatment does not include any form of orally ingested medications. In order for staff to assist with medication, an *Authorization to Administer Medication form* must be on file.

### EPI Pens and Severe Allergies

A 'completed' Epi Pen information form must be submitted prior to the child's first day attending the camp. These forms are available at reception and can be emailed to you as well. The child will be responsible for carrying the epi-pen at all times. Children will **not be accepted** into the program with **expired epi-pens**.

### Clothing Requirements

There will be days when outdoor play is an activity. Ensure your child is appropriately dressed or supplied with indoor and outdoor clothing on these days (outlined in weekly camp schedule).

### Lost/Found

The camp area has a lost and found box. If the items are not collected by the end of the week at camp they will be brought to the Oak Bay Recreation Centre's main lost and found. Please note that if children are attending a camp at Henderson Recreation Centre their items will be kept on site. Recreation Oak Bay is not responsible for any lost items.

It is recommended that:

- Children's clothing and belongings are clearly labeled (name and phone number).
- Children leave precious clothing and valuable toys at home.

## Food and Drink Policy

Staff promote healthy eating and nutritional habits at all Recreation Oak Bay locations. Safe drinking water is available for all children at all times and staff encourage them to drink as much as they would like. Please make sure to pack a water bottle for camp. All centers are “nut aware zones” to help with any potential allergies children may have. Please be aware of what foods you are sending with your child. **Please refrain from sending any nut products to camp.** Campers are not allowed to use the vending machines during camp hours.

## Sunscreen Guidelines

Children must bring their own sunscreen to camps due to individual sunscreen allergies and preferences. Children must apply their own sunscreen or have a friend help them apply it. Leaders can assist with spray sunscreen but will not aid in applying it.

## Permission for Child to Sign themselves Out (walk or bike home) – Form Required

Campers 13 years of age and under must have prior permission in writing from their parents/guardians to sign themselves in and out of camp. Please fill out a Permission to Walk/Bike Home form (available from Reception) prior to the start of your child’s camp. Campers without this form on file will not be permitted to leave their camp without a parent or guardian signing them out. Camp leaders will also have forms available at the start of camp.

## Late Pick Up

Please phone the leader as soon as possible if you are going to be late to pick up your child. If a parent/guardian has not picked up a child or called by the end of their camp, the staff will try to contact the family and then the alternative person(s) from the authorized pick up list. If that person is unavailable and the parent has not contacted the caregiver 20 minutes after the site closes the staff is required to notify the Ministry of Children and Families. If late pick up becomes a problem, you will receive a warning letter. If late pick up continues to be an ongoing problem and reasonable effort has not been made to solve it a Late Pick-Up fee will be charged to your account: \$10.00 per child per 15 minutes.

## Questions or Concerns

Please contact reception at the Oak Bay Recreation Centre, 250-595-7946, or at the Henderson Recreation Centre, 250-370-7200, and a receptionist will be happy to answer your question or have a camp supervisor contact you.

Your feedback is important to us☺ Surveys are emailed each week that your child/children attends camp. Feel free to fill them out weekly or if your time is restricted, just fill one out at the end of the summer.

**Please note:** If you have feedback or a concern that you feel needs attention, please **do not wait** to fill out a survey. Contact reception and/or the program supervisor before the camp ends and staff will be happy to help you.