



Welcome to the YMCA-YWCA Camp Thunderbird Summer Daycamps Program

Logistics

Boys and Girls 6 - 10 years old

Monday - Friday (9:00am - 4:00pm)

Meet bus at 8:30am & 4:30pm in Langford

Meet Bus at 8:00am & 5:00pm in Victoria

All activities take place at Camp
Thunderbird

5040 Glinz Lake Rd. Sooke. BC

Bus stop locations:

In Langford (specific location to be determined)

In Victoria at 851 Broughton St.

Program

The programs at Thunderbird are active, dynamic, challenging and creative. We focus on having fun and developing skills. Campers can enjoy swimming, archery, orienteering, canoeing, rock climbing, team-building, kayaking, games, day-hikes, campfires, skits, music, drama, orienteering, arts and crafts and more!

Mission Statement

To work together to enhance individual and community potential through participation, learning and leadership.

Y Camp Thunderbird Philosophy

Camp Thunderbird is the unique outdoor branch of the YMCA-YWCA of Greater Victoria. We provide opportunities and experiences, using the outdoor environment, which promote individual growth and development in spirit, mind and body.

We believe that a natural outdoor setting combined with small group experiences can provide invaluable opportunities for individual growth and development.

Our Staff

Thunderbird staff members are the best in the business, with the perfect blend of training, enthusiasm, care and certification. They will ensure that your camper has the experience of a lifetime!



Luke Ferris has been the manager at Camp Thunderbird since 2005 and held the Assistant Manager's position from 1998-2000. Luke studied Outdoor Pursuits at the University of Calgary and Civil Engineering at Camosun College. He and his family live on-site in the summer and are available 24hrs/day to help campers, counsellors and family members with any problems or concerns.

A full-time program coordinator, an outtrip director, and three section directors round out the senior staff, providing support, direction, enthusiasm and leadership in all aspects of camp life.

Volunteer MDs and RNs live on-site in the summer.

Camp Counselors work with each activity group. They provide care and guide each camper's experience. By acting as role models, they demonstrate respect for others, themselves and for the environment. Specialized program areas are coordinated and facilitated by the program team. Their job is to provide quality, safety, excitement and challenge in all Thunderbird programs.

PAYMENT POLICY

Full payment is required upon registration to guarantee your child's spot.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations received 14 days before the start of the camp will receive a full credit note less an administration fee of \$20.00. Cancellations received after 14 days prior are not eligible for refunds. All refunds for medical purposes must be accompanied by a medical certificate.

DROP OFF & PICK UP INFORMATION

When dropping off your youth you are required to sign the youth in on the attendance sheet. Parents are responsible for informing staff when their youth will be absent from the program. Messages can be left by calling 250-642-3136ext225.

When a camper is picked up, the parent / guardian / alternate is responsible for ensuring a staff member knows that the youth is being signed-out from the program. If staff is not familiar with the person, they will ask for identification. The youth will not be released to anyone except those indicated on the Registration Form, and without written permission from the parent. If the youth is able to sign themselves out this must be shown on the registration form.

If the parent has not picked the youth up by 5:00pm, a fee of \$5 for every 15 minutes late will be charged. Staff will try and contact the parent / guardian, but if contact cannot be made by 6:00pm, staff is required to call the Ministry for Youth and Family Development.



WHAT TO BRING:

- A Back Pack
- Healthy lunch and snack (We are a nut-safe zone therefore please do not send anything with nuts or nut products)
- Hat and Sunscreen
- Bathing Suit & Towel
- Sun glasses
- Water bottle
- Extra change of clothing and walking shoes - no sandals or open toed shoes
- Cold Pack for lunch
- Weather and activity appropriate clothing including raingear. Campers will be outside all day no matter what the weather is!

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Cell phones
- iPods or other personal music devices
- PSP or other personal game players
- Expensive clothes that could get ruined in the forest
- Scooters, roller blades, skateboards or Bikes
- Candy, soft drinks or gum.
- Pocket knives

HEALTH POLICIES

If upon arrival, a participant is determined ill by a Camp Thunderbird staff member, he/she will be sent home. If the parents/guardians cannot be contacted, the alternate caregiver will be called. For the health and safety of all youth involved in our programs, we follow the policy, *"The best place for a sick child is at home"*.

If your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, written direction from a Doctor or CHR Nurse will be considered by our manager before re-entry to the program is granted. The note must include the youth's name and recommended return date.

MEDICATION

Non-prescription medication must be in the original bottle accompanied by a descriptive note stating the date, the youth's name and the dosage. (Note: Only **non-drowsy** cough medicine will be administered) Parents will be required to complete a medication form for each week that the medication is to be administered.

Prescription medication must be in the original labeled bottle with youth's name, date, dosage, and name of drug on the bottle. (Ask for two bottles when filling prescription). Parents will be required to complete a medication form for each day that the medication is to be administered.



Staff will hold onto all prescription and non prescription medication and will assist campers when they have to take their medicine.

DISCIPLINE / GUIDANCE POLICY

By approaching guidance in a positive and respectful manner we develop youth's self esteem and confidence. This approach supports families and is intended to help youth learn skills; develop self-control and sensitivity that is necessary in their relationships with others.

Prevention:

- Establish clear, consistent and simple limits and offer straight forward and positive explanations for limits
- Focus on behavior rather than the individual.
- Make a statement of expectation and allow time for child to respond to expectation.
- Re-enforce appropriate behavior both with words and gestures.

Intervention:

- Gain a child's attention in a respectful way
- Use proximity and appropriate touch
- Remind and Re-direct
- Acknowledge feelings before enforcing limits
- Model problem solving skills and offer appropriate choices
- Natural and logical consequences may include limitations for the use of equipment

Working in Partnership:

We will work in partnership with the family to support the child by engaging in open communication with the family to ensure the child's needs can be met by the program. We are committed to developing goals for the child and developing a health and safety plan. However, if we feel that the child, other campers within the program, and staff are put at risk we will reassess the health and safety plan. If the health and safety plan is unsuccessful and we feel that we cannot meet the needs of the child within the program we will ask for the child to be removed from the program.

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