



“The idea of wilderness needs no defense, it only needs defenders”. *Edward Abbey*

Do you hear that? It's the sound of children's footsteps exploring the shorelines of Halkett Bay Provincial Park on Gambier Island. It's the “natural” sound of kids laughing, playing, splashing, cooking and learning. It's the sound of your child having an amazing Howe Sound Ocean Camp experience.

Dear Parent and Camper,

We are writing to help prepare you for Vancouver Outdoor School's Howe Sound Ocean Camp and provide further information. It is a 5-day overnight camp on Gambier Island, BC where kids will spend their mornings exploring the shorelines and forests of Gambier Island, and their afternoons learning wilderness skills, snorkelling and other water activities. Campers will be immersed in this sensitive Howe Sound environment through exploration and play, while gaining important knowledge about the preservation and protection of our oceans.

The Details:

Dates: July 24 – 28, 2017

Ages: 8 to 12 (Co-ed)

Price: \$589 plus 5% tax per week. This includes: 24 hour supervision, tenting accommodations, water taxi from Horseshoe Bay, outdoor cooking lessons, food and instruction.

Locations: Halkett Bay Provincial Park, Gambier Island.

Drop-off: Monday, July, 24, 2017 @ Horseshoe Bay Government Dock @ 9:30am

Pick-up: Friday, July 28, 2017 @ Horseshoe Bay Government Dock @ 3:00pm

Contact Person – (Primary) Jeff Willis 604.762.7163 & Kelly Woods 604.787.6449

Our Staff are seasoned camp instructors who have a tremendous amount of experience in teaching and guiding kids in our outdoor classroom. We want the best experience for our campers, so we hire the best.

Ocean Camp Highlights:

- A 100% focus on connecting kids with Gambier's ocean shorelines and forests
- Hiking the incredible trails of Gambier Island
- Comfortable tenting accommodations
- An introduction to the basics of camping, ecology, aqua life, ocean conversation and more
- 24 hour support and supervision by experienced and skilled instructors
- Participation in a half day environmental project

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Core Ocean Camp Elements:

- Hiking • Wilderness Cooking Lessons • Wilderness Crafts • Fort and Raft Building • Snorkeling
- Tree Identification • Forest and Ocean Games • Campfires • Canoeing • Tidology • Swimming
- Endless Days of Exploring.

Trip Plan:

July 24, 2017

- Arrival at Horseshoe Bay
- Orientation and introduction to the camp staff
- Water Taxi to Halkett Bay Provincial Park (20 minutes)
- Set up camp, review expectations and safety protocols, and explore the natural surroundings
- Get to know each other games
- Swim test
- Gear check
- Ocean Skills Session: tidology

July 25, 2017

- Discovery Trip – Hike to Mt. Artaban
- Forest Skill Session: Orienteering (while hiking)
- Snorkelling
- Raft building

July 26, 2017

- Discovery Trip – Paddle the Halkett Bay shorelines and visit to an artificial reef
- Ocean Skill Sessions: What is protected in Howe Sound and why?

July 27, 2017

- Discovery Trip – In search of ancient trails
- Ocean Skill Session – Launching the raft
- Snorkelling
- Sunset photos

July 28, 2017

- Camp clean-up
- Morning paddle and snorkel
- Dismantle rafts and learn about Leave-No-Trace camping

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What to Bring List:

Miscellaneous - Must Brings		Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small day backpack (for day hikes) • Large bag (to bring and take all your stuff away) • Sleeping bag & Pillow • Headlamp with extra batteries • Bandana • Towel • Sunglasses • Whistle • Reading/writing material • Medication (2 of everything in case of damage or loss of medication during trip) • SNORKEL AND FINS • PFD (we have some if you don't) 	<p>All in Travel Size (Bold Must Bring)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comb/Brush • Toothbrush & toothpaste • Soap • Sun Block • Bug Repellent • Feminine Hygiene Products • Eye Care (if required) • Aloe Vera Cream • Personal First Aid Kit • Nail Clippers • Moisturizer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camera • Go Pro • PFD • Waterproof stuff sacks • Watch • Fishing rod • City clothes for when you are on the airport or in town • Camp chair • Favourite games
Clothing - Must Brings		Do Not Bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain Jacket • Warm Jacket/Fleece • 1 pair of hikers • Outdoor sandals with back strap • Underwear • Socks • Shorts • Long pants - no jeans • Long sleeved shirt • T-Shirts • Swimming suit (x2) • Sun hat • Toque 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable video games • Narcotics • Big bulky clothes • Cotton Track Pants • Inappropriate clothing After Shave • Cologne/Perfume • Make-Up • Hair Dryer or Hair Products • Anything that requires electricity to operate (suggestive or derogatory)

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