

Hello everyone,

Happy June! We hope everyone is safe and healthy. We have some big news from our Youth Programs - here is a quick summary:

We have cancelled our 2020 Go Wild program and our August Wild Kidz camps are on standby until June 15th. To counter the loss of these programs we are launching two new online programs: Camp Pass and Campgrounds which will bring outdoor education to kids at home. We are also increasing our online and social media presence to help support our members and their children. Help us create better programming during the pandemic by participating in our survey. Participants will be entered into a prize draw. Find more details below.

Go Wild Cancelled

2020 was set to be a big year for Go Wild. We gave the program a complete overhaul, changing it from a 5-day day camp to a 9-day overnight adventure. However, based on the advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry in her press conference on May 26th, we have decided to cancel Go Wild.

We thank everyone who has applied for Go Wild this year and recommend you all apply again for 2021. We are hoping to hold Go Wild in the same location (Silverlake Camp in Summerland) at roughly the same time next year. If anyone has any questions about this decision or about Go Wild in general. Please send your questions to youth@bcwf.bc.ca.

[Click here to view Dr. Henry's statement on overnight camps](#)

August Wild Kidz Remain on Standby

Although Dr. Henry has ruled out overnight camps, she has advocated for day camps to proceed if they follow cleaning and social distance guidelines. **Our Wild Kidz camps in August are still, therefore, are still scheduled to run.**

We will continue to proceed with cautious optimism. We are closely monitoring the optional return to school that begins today for children K-5. This will serve as our benchmark on whether we believe it will be safe to proceed with Wild Kidz in August. **We will make a final decision on whether Wild Kidz camps will run at all on June 15th or sooner.**

Moreover, even if the situation seems manageable safe, we will also heed Dr. Henry's and the Ministry of Health concerns on traveling this summer. Our remaining Wild Kidz camps are set for Castlegar, Rock Creek, and Abbotsford. Two of three locations fall outside the Lower Mainland where our team is based out of. Should our host communities or the Ministry of Health not recommend travel within BC, we will follow their direction and keep our services local to keep our host communities safe.

Virtual Camps

To compensate for the loss of the July Wild Kidz and Go Wild camps, we are launching two virtual programs: Camp Pass and Campgrounds. These programs aim to bring outdoor education directly to kids at home.

Camp Pass is a subscription service that makes outdoor learning accessible to everyone from the comfort of their own homes. By subscribing to Camp Pass, families will have access to in-depth online tutorials, presentations, and resources that will grow their knowledge on contemporary environmental and conservation issues such as pollinators, climate change, and more.

[Learn more](#)

Camp Pass is only \$20.00 for the entire summer (9 weeks of programs). We will release 3 courses every week starting June 29th. These courses are self-directed so youth and family can learn at their own pace. Programs are intended to be done by kids 9 and over or as a family. On the fence, try our free sample “Hug a Tree” course or register for our virtual family trivia night on June 6th – or try both!

[Try Free Camp Pass Course](#)

Campgrounds is a virtual camp service that is meant to fill the gap of in-person camps this summer. Campgrounds will offer 5 to 9 unique weeks of programming (known as “campsites”). Once campers register, we will send them their camp kit with all the necessary program supplies for the week. When their campsite is open, campers will meet with their counselor live over Zoom along with up to four other campers, to do activities together.

[Learn more](#)

There are currently only 4 weeks (or campsites) available in campgrounds. Each campsite is \$75.00 and includes 2.5 hours of guide activities for 5 days and the shipping cost of supplies. More campsites will be added if Wild Kidz are completely cancelled for the summer.

Space is very limited (only 30 spots per campsite) – Register Now!

Increasing our reach

To service more families and youth during COVID-19 we are increasing our online and social media presence. Since May, we have been providing family resources, DIY videos, and newsletters. We are happy to announce we now have our own Facebook page!

Click below to Follow Us and receive more fun family content.

Parent Survey

With everything changing so quick, we would love some feedback on how best to proceed this summer. By participating in the survey below you will help make more informed decisions on what the membership thinks is the best way to proceed with our summer youth programming. We will be collecting response until June 8th.

As a thank you, all those who participate in the survey will be better in a draw for BCWF Prize Pack (i.e. BCWF hat, camp mug, and water bottle).