

Wild Kidz Camp

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Welcome to Wild Kidz Camp!

Welcome to the B.C. Wildlife Federation's Wild Kidz Camp family! Our team is excited to create an unforgettable camp experience for your child. It is a great privilege to be able to work alongside youth from across the province and share our passion with them. This package will tell you more about our camp and our organization, and what you need to do before coming to camp.

We strive to help our campers become independent, well-informed leaders in their community and make valuable connections with other campers and the environment. Our unique program provides a real-life connection between youth and conservation initiatives. Your child will gain knowledge about the local environment through fun, hands-on outdoor activities and collaborative learning methods, while picking up leadership skills along the way. We hope the memories your camper makes this summer last a lifetime!





COVID-19 Response

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In response to COVID-19, the BCWF Youth Program Team is dedicated to doing everything possible to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our participants. We understand the concerns you may be experiencing with having your kids attend Wild Kidz this summer. With your child's safety as our number one priority, we want to assure you that we will be adhering to all guidelines and recommendations put forth by Provincial and Federal Governments and by WorkSafe BC.

According to the BC COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Strategy, studies have shown that children within the ages of 0-19 are less likely to contract the virus and if they do, they are more likely to have been infected from adults, rather than other children. Despite this, the BCWF Youth Program Team has carefully assessed the risk of running in-person camps and has established a clear plan to minimize, as much as possible, the transmission rates of COVID-19 among children and staff.

As a result, all attendees at our camps this summer must become accustomed to a "New Normal", which includes the following:

- * **No handshaking, touching, or hugging others**
- * **Maintaining good personal and hand hygiene (i.e. frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizers, avoid touching one's face)**
- * **Keeping physical distance, approximately 2 meter (i.e. 6 feet) , from each other as much as possible**
- * **Extra hand washing stations and hand sanitizers will be placed strategically around the day use area**



COVID-19 Response *Continued*

Below are some extra measures that will be implemented during camp this year:

- **Routine daily symptom screening.** All staff and camper will be asked if they have exhibited cold or flu like symptoms each day before entering the camp venue.
- All campers must fill out and agree to the [COVID-19 Agreement and Declaration Form](#). Campers cannot attend Wild Kidz without agreeing to this form.
- **Each participant will be provided with a personal Clean Hygiene Kit** that will be equipped with hand sanitizer, face masks, wipes and gloves and will always be on the child's person
- **Ensuring clean practices**— common, frequently used surfaces will be sanitized regularly and contact with frequently used surfaces will be minimized
- **We will not be providing shared lunches** for participants this year; each participant will bring their own personal lunch
- **Extra hand washing stations and hand sanitizers** will be placed strategically around the day use area
- **There will be an emphasis on low to no contact, outdoor sports**
- Should a participant or staff member develop COVID-19-like symptoms, they will be removed from camp activities immediately and will undergo a secondary assessment
 - ⇒ If symptoms persist and they do not seem to be caused by a known medical condition (e.g. allergies, asthma, anemia, etc.) as declared in the camper or staff medical form, they will be sent home
 - ⇒ Depending on the level of exposure (i.e. when we first notice the camper or staff being sick, their proximity to others prior to diagnosis, type of symptoms they were exhibiting) we may choose to either resume or cancel the camp entirely
- For more information refer to the [BCWF COVID-19 Camp Policy](#)



COVID-19 Response *Continued*

If you, your child, or anybody in your immediate circle is more susceptible or at increased risk due to illness, compromised immune system or underlying chronic medical conditions, please take them into consideration prior to registering your child for camp. We also offer online camps for the summer - **Camp Pass and Campgrounds** - should you need other educational programming for your child that can be completed from home.

We appreciate your understanding and acknowledge the inconvenience this may cause your family. Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding the COVID-19 situation and how we will be implementing safety measures at camp, please refer to our [COVID-19 Camp Policy](#) or contact Chris Lim, Youth Program Manager, at chris.lim@bcwf.bc.ca.

Our team is also available to discuss the matter with you further and our contact information can be found on the next few pages.

Sincerely,
BCWF Youth Program Team

About Us



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Chris Lim

Chris is the Youth Program Manager for the BC Wildlife Federation. He has over 10 years experience in guiding and teaching kids and youth about the outdoors. Though he hails from the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC's Camp Potlatch, he now works full time with BCWF creating and managing their youth programs from Go Wild and Wild Kidz camps to the National Archery in the Schools Programs (NASP BC). Outside his experience with the outdoors (see what he did there?), Chris received a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of British Columbia.



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Kelly Halverson

Kelly is the Assistant Youth Program Coordinator. She grew up in BC and really came to appreciate the unique beauty of this province after moving away for University. She is happy to be back and bringing her background of working in camps, environmental education, and school outreach in Washington state to BCWF's Youth Program. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Jamestown (North Dakota) and can usually be found on a trail or exploring the shoreline.

About Us



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Celine Coschizza

Celine is an Assistant Camp Coordinator for the Go Wild and Wild Kidz programs. She has a variety of experience working and playing outdoors – from hiking and snowboarding to beekeeping, tree planting and tree climbing (yes, it's a job!). Celine graduated from UBC with a degree in Environmental Sciences and is curious about how we can foster interactions with the natural world in fun, safe and sustainable ways. She has volunteered at various nature camps and is excited to share her passions and knowledge with kids and youth from across the province. When not working you can find her gardening, doing yoga, or taking a nap in the grass.



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Natalie Varga

Natalie is an Assistant Camp Coordinator for the Go Wild and Wild Kidz programs. She grew up loving the outdoors which led to her involvement in Girl Guides for over 10 years. Some of her favourite activities include running, snowboarding, hiking and of course, camping! Natalie also has a passion for working with kids and youth as she has been teaching swimming lessons at her local recreation centre for the past 5 years. In terms of academics, she is currently a fourth-year student pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science and a Master's Degree in Business Management at the University of British Columbia. Natalie is excited to get to know the kids and start this new learning journey together!

Our Volunteers



Canadian Wildlife Federation and
Conservation Corp Volunteer

Caleigh Lehan

Caleigh is a participant in the Canadian Conservation Corps (CCC) program doing an internship with the BCWF. She loves being outside and some of her favorite outdoor activities are cycling, hiking and camping. Last year she used her bike to cycle out to a remote camp site on Saturna Island. With the CCC, Caleigh went backcountry snowshoeing for 12 days to practice leadership skills and learn about the environment of New Brunswick. She is excited to teach others what she has learned.



Canadian Wildlife Federation and
Conservation Corp Volunteer

Kage Bellerose

Kage is a participant in the Canadian Conservation Corps (CCC) program doing an internship with the BCWF. Kage has always had a love and appreciation for the outdoors, he enjoys exploring the wilds and learning about natural medicines and plants! He grew up learning a lot about the outdoors and the relation it has to my Native American heritage. Many of the lessons and skills he has learned have helped him become a very productive outdoorsman and has taught him to respect the natural world. He loves teaching youth about the outdoors and introducing them to the wonders of nature! He believes that the more we educate and let young people explore the outdoors the more likely they will grow up with a larger appreciation for what we have on this earth and have a sense of adventure and wonder in their hearts.

About the BC Wildlife Federation

The BC Wildlife Federation is a province-wide voluntary conservation organization representing all British Columbians whose aims are to protect, enhance and promote the wise use of the environment for the benefit of both present and future generations.

While our origins can be traced back to the 1890's, the BC Wildlife Federation was incorporated under the B.C. Societies Act in 1951 and became a registered charity in 1969. The Federation is British Columbia's largest and oldest conservation organization.

The Federation's membership is made up of over 100 separate and distinct clubs from across British Columbia, ten regional associations, and direct members, for a collective membership of about 43,000. The BCWF is made up of different committees that coordinate the advocacy efforts of members with respect to conservation issues relating to fish, wildlife, and habitat.



BCWF Strategic Objectives

1. To ensure the sound, long-term management of British Columbia's fish, wildlife, park and outdoor recreational resources in the best interests of all British Columbians, and to coordinate all the voluntary agencies, societies, clubs and individuals interested in that objective.
2. To develop and support a comprehensive educational program to make all British Columbians aware of the value of British Columbia's fish, wildlife, park and outdoor recreational resources, and to arouse in the public conscience a recognition of, and a respect for, the place of fish, wildlife and outdoor recreation in the wise integrated use of the nation's natural resources.

Before Coming to Camp

Please detach the **P.E.R.C.H.** Contract on page 17 at the back of this package and bring it to the first day of camp. In addition, here's a check list of things you need. We will have a secure place for campers to keep their Go Bags to ensure that it's available when needed. We will also do a gear check to make sure that nothing is missing from their required materials.

Things to Bring: *Your Go Bag*

- ☐ Bagged lunch*
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen)
- ☐ Appropriate closed-toe shoes (e.g. hiking boots or running shoes)
- ☐ Light rain gear (activities happen rain or shine!)
- ☐ A change of clothes
- ☐ Any medication/ emergency treatment (EPI pen, asthma puffer etc.)
- ☐ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hand sanitizers**

Things **Not** to Bring!

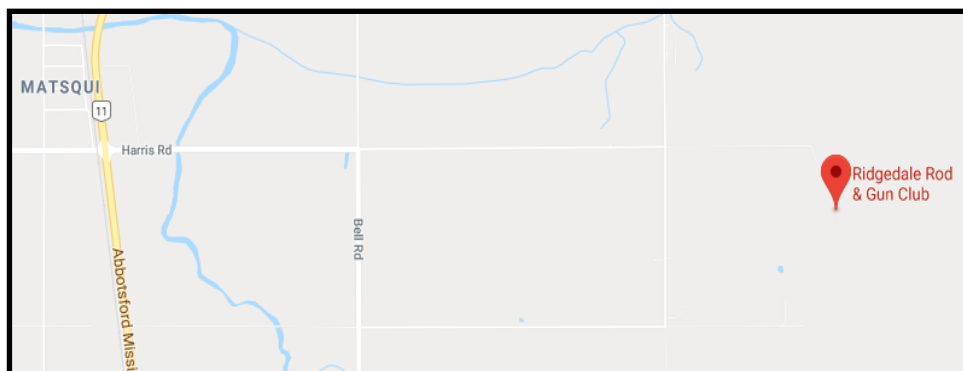
- ☐ Nuts
 - We are a nut-aware camp, and out of consideration of campers who may have nut allergies, we ask that you do not bring nuts or products that contain nuts
- ☐ Valuables (jewelry and electronics, unless necessary)



*In order to minimize the risk of COVID-19, we will not be providing lunches to participants this year and apologize for this inconvenience.

** Staff will have disposable facemasks, face shields, and hand sanitizer on hand but we encourage families to provide children with their own since all are in limited supply.

Drop-off and Pick-up



Ridgedale Rod and Gun Club

35606 Harris Rd, Abbotsford, BC V3G 1R7

Attached is the link to driving directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/JfS225sKb6LqX7Yh8>

Drop off: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Pick up: 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM (Early pick-up on Friday only)

***Please remain in your vehicle upon arriving.** A BCWF staff member will bring the sign in/out form to you and pick up/drop off your child(ren). This policy is to limit the points of contact at camp.*

IMPORTANT: On Friday, there is an early pick up time of 2:00pm.

Due to COVID-19 we are not able to offer our usual barbeque lunch and family archery.

You have the option to drop-off and pick-up the participant or have them arrive and be released from camp by themselves. In order for us to release the participant, you must check off the box indicating so in the "Pick-up/Drop-off Information" section of the registration forms.

Please note: we will only release the camper to those authorized in the "Pick-up/Drop-off Information" section of the registration forms. If there may be anyone else picking up the camper on your behalf, please write their information on the form or give us a call ahead of time. Otherwise, we will call you before releasing the participant.

Camp Schedule

This is the general schedule of our camps. Please note that activities are subject to change.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Drop-off, sign-in, registration	Drop-off, sign-in	Drop-off, sign in	Drop-off, sign-in	Drop-off, sign-in
9:00	Introduction & Icebreakers <i>Giant Foosball</i>	Icebreakers <i>Camouflage</i>	Icebreakers <i>Keys and Sticks in the Middle</i>	Icebreakers <i>Minefield</i>	Conservation Project 3 <i>TBD</i>
9:30		Archery 2 <i>Safety Orientation</i> Games 2 <i>Nuclear Reactor Tanks</i>	Archery 4 <i>Open Range</i>	Conservation 8 <i>Greenhouse Gases</i>	
10:00	Games 1 <i>Electric Maze</i> <i>Silent Opera</i>		Conservation 5 <i>Intro to Climate Change</i>	Conservation 9 <i>Environment Engineering</i>	
10:30					Outdoor Skills 1 <i>Shelter Building</i>
11:00	Outdoor Skills 2 <i>First Aid</i>				
11:30					
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30	Conservation 1 <i>Intro to Wetlands</i>	Conservation 4 <i>Dragonfly Pond</i>	Conservation 6 <i>Native Bees</i>	Archery 5 <i>Make your Own Target / Tournament Groupings</i>	Archery 8 <i>Tournament Finals</i>
13:00					
13:30	Archery 1 <i>String Bows and The 11 Steps to Archery Success</i>	Outdoor Skills 3 <i>Fishing 101</i>	Outdoor Skills 4 <i>Fire Building</i>	Conservation Project 2 <i>TBD</i>	
14:00					
14:30	Conservation 2 <i>Types of Wetlands</i>	Conservation 5 <i>Waterfowl</i>	Conservation 7 <i>Raptors (Owl Pellets Dissection)</i>	Archery 6 <i>Tournament Preliminaries</i>	
15:00					
15:30	Conservation 3 <i>Cervids</i>	Archery 3 <i>Open Range</i>	Conservation Project 1 <i>TBD</i>	Conservation 10 <i>Forest Management</i>	
16:00					
16:30	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	

Code of Conduct

We are excited to be partnering with **Ridgedale Rod and Gun Club**, to offer in-depth outdoor education and a day on the club's ranges! During this camp, safety is our number one priority. There will be tools and equipment related to our restoration projects present at work sites, and your child must be prepared to act safely. It would be appreciated if you discuss with your child how they can safely and appropriately conduct themselves at work sites. Our BCWF Wild Kidz staff are certified in First Aid and CPR-C. Due to COVID-19, we will not be running a Range Day since we are not able to maintain proper physical distancing between campers and our instructors.

Behavioural Expectations

- Please use appropriate language. There should be no fighting, swearing, put-downs, name calling, or cliques at camp.
- Wild Kidz has zero tolerance for bullying.
- It is okay to be angry, but it is not okay to hit or hurt anything or anyone at camp.
- If you are angry or upset, talk to a friend or staff member for help. Listen to others and they will listen to you.
- Show respect to other campers, staff, the environment, and any equipment used.
- We will not allow destructive pranks.
- Regardless of swimming ability, all campers will be required to wear life vests. Please cooperate with us, as it is to ensure your safety.



Code of Conduct continued...

On the rare occasion that campers choose to consistently break these rules or display behaviours that put themselves or other participants in danger, we may not be able to keep them at camp for the entire session. We make every effort to contact families to discuss problems prior to having to make any decision about sending a camper home early, but in some cases we may not be able to reach family prior to making a decision. No refund will be given to campers leaving camp before the end of the session.

Electronic Devices

We encourage our campers to remain engaged during our activities and appreciate the natural environment. Therefore, will be regulating the campers' use of electronic devices by collecting and placing them in a locked box during activities. We will give them back for short periods of time throughout the day. While it is acceptable to use technology for educational purposes or to capture awesome memories, we ask that campers limit usage of their devices and be respectful when doing so.

Instructors will have phones on their person at all times in case of an emergency.





P.E.R.C.H. Contract

Dear Camper,

We are so excited to have you at Wild Kidz Camp! It's going to be a blast! We plan on having an amazing time this week, while acquiring valuable conservation and leadership skills.

However, in order to make this camp successful for everyone, we have to set expectations we want everyone to follow called **P.E.R.C.H.**:

Participation

Participate enthusiastically and to the best of your abilities. You get what you put in, so make the most of your time at Wild Kidz Camp by fully participating in the awesome activities we planned for you.

Environmental Manners

Leave nature as it is and preserve the environment. Avoid unnecessary contact with the natural environment such as breaking branches or carving trees. Most importantly, take all garbage with you and throw them out properly. Absolutely no littering!

Respect

Respect yourselves, others and your surroundings. We want everyone to have a good time and we can't do that without respect. Language and behaviours should always be appropriate and inclusive. Listen to instructors at all times too!

Cooperation

Work with each other and the instructors. You're all great individuals, but imagine what we can achieve when we come together. Teamwork makes the dream work.

Have Fun!

Camp is a fun and safe space to be in—enjoy!



P.E.R.C.H. Contract continued...

On this page, when you check off the boxes and write your name at the bottom, you are agreeing to act in a way that follows **P.E.R.C.H.**

I, _____ promise to:

- ☐ Participate in all activities to the best of my ability
- ☐ Leave the environment as I found it
- ☐ Treat everyone with respect
- ☐ Cooperate with camp staff and listen to their instructions
- ☐ Do my best to have a great time!

Signature

Date

