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Wild Kidz Camp

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Wild Kidz

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Over the course of our summer, we were gathered on the traditional and ancestral lands of several First Nations across the province. We are thankful for the opportunity to live, work, and play on these lands. We offer our gratitude to the First Nations across British Columbia for their teachings, culture, and stewardship of the land.



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B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION

The B.C. Wildlife Federation (BCWF) is B.C.'s oldest and longest lasting conservation group. Representing 43,000 members province-wide, including over a hundred hunting and angling clubs, BCWF members are on the front lines of B.C.'s wilderness. Education is a critical value for the BCWF. The BCWF aims to develop and support comprehensive educational programs to make all British Columbians aware of the value of 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 province's natural resources. By providing scientific and fact-based information through presentations, games, and activities, Wild Kidz prepares its youth participants to not only understand but also to share and use the information they receive with their local communities. Wild Kidz is part of BCWF's long-term mission to protect, enhance, and promote the wise use of the environment for the benefit of present and future generations.



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GLENN FLYNN

BCWF Wild Kidz camps ignite curiosity, nurture compassion, and foster a genuine, lasting connection to the natural world. Through these experiences, campers grow into young leaders, champions who stand up for wildlife and protect the habitats that sustain them.

Opening the door for children and teens to experience the wonder of the outdoors, and to recognize the vulnerability of the natural world, is a guiding purpose of the B.C. Wildlife Federation. When young people form genuine connections with the land, the water, and the wildlife that depend on them, they grow into powerful voices for conservation. The sense of care they build now becomes the foundation for the thoughtful stewardship that will protect British Columbia's wild places for generations to come.

In a setting buzzing with discovery, teamwork, and excitement, youth jump into hands-on adventures that showcase the wild's incredible beauty and the real challenges facing B.C.'s fish, wildlife, and habitats. And the impact is undeniable: countless former campers are now stepping into adulthood with purpose and confidence, ready to act as passionate young conservationists.

Give your child an experience that can shape who they become. A Wild Kidz youth camp is more than time outdoors; it's the beginning of a lifelong bond with nature and a journey that builds courage, character, and care for the wild places we all depend on. Enroll them today and stand with us in raising the conservation leaders who will protect British Columbia's future.

GLENN FLYNN

President B.C. Wildlife Federation



WILD KIDZ 2026

In summer 2026, the BCWF Youth Team successfully delivered five Wild Kidz camps across B.C. in Port Alberni, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Creston, and Langley. The camps encouraged youth to explore the outdoors while building knowledge and skills through hands-on activities such as archery, wilderness survival, and environmental education.

Throughout the summer, participants engaged in a wide range of hands-on activities, including archery, wilderness survival, and environmental education sessions focused on local ecosystems and wildlife. By welcoming both new and returning campers, we were able to introduce fresh experiences while reinforcing skills and knowledge from previous years. This approach helped youth build confidence, develop practical outdoor skills, and strengthen their connection to the natural world.

This year, we also strengthened partnerships with local conservation organizations and professionals. Campers in Port Alberni participated in tree planting and workshops with a Conservation Officer and firefighters, while OASISS in Kelowna led discussions about invasive species. These partnerships provided valuable real-world learning opportunities and helped youth understand how they can contribute to conservation in their communities.



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OVERVIEW

Five Wild Kidz camps ran throughout July and August 2026, with programs hosted in Port Alberni, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Creston and Langley.

Wild Kidz welcomed youth aged 8–12, offering fun, hands-on opportunities to explore environmental conservation and outdoor recreation. Campers built skills in activities such as shelter building, wayfinding, fishing, and archery. They also took part in interactive conservation sessions, learning about wetlands, wildlife identification, pollinators and cervids through engaging presentations and hands-on activities.

WILD KIDZ CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- 102 CAMPERS
- PORT ALBERNI, KELOWNA, NANAIMO, CRESTON & LANGLEY
- 5 BCWF STAFF
- ARCHERY, OUTDOOR EDUCATION, CONSERVATION PROJECTS



WILD KIDZ: SUMMER SCHEDULE

Though each camp followed the same basic schedule, activities were tailored to the specific location to better leverage place-based learning methods.

WILD KIDZ I: JULY 6 - 10

The first week of summer was hosted in Port Alberni with youth enjoying a week of outdoor learning and adventure. Campers participated in fishing, archery, and wilderness skills, while also taking part in a tree planting project. They had the opportunity to learn from local Conservation Officers and firefighters through hands-on workshops, gaining a better understanding of conservation, safety, and their role in protecting B.C.'s natural environment.

WILD KIDZ II: JULY 13 - 17

The second week of Wild Kidz was held in Kelowna, with campers enjoying a variety of outdoor activities and hands-on learning. Along with wilderness skills, campers took part in a range day, archery, and a full day of fishing. Campers also had the option to complete their CORE certification, providing an opportunity to develop their hunting knowledge and skills. The week also included conservation-focused activities and discussions about local wildlife and invasive species, helping campers build outdoor skills while learning more about their local environment.

WILD KIDZ III: JULY 27 - 31

The third Wild Kidz camp was hosted in Nanaimo. Highlights included archery, fishing, bushcraft skills, and a bird box project, where campers learned about local wildlife and created habitat for birds. The week provided plenty of opportunities for youth to build outdoor skills while developing a deeper appreciation for conservation.







WILD KIDZ: SUMMER SCHEDULE

WILD KIDZ IV: AUGUST 17 - 21



The fourth Wild Kidz camp was held in Creston at a new camp location, welcoming campers for a week of outdoor adventure and learning. Highlights included a range day, shelter building, archery, and a variety of wilderness and bushcraft activities. The new location provided campers with opportunities to develop practical outdoor skills while exploring and learning about the surrounding environment.

WILD KIDZ I: AUGUST 24 - 28



The final Wild Kidz camp of the summer was held in Langley. Campers learned about salmon and their life cycle, while taking part in hands-on environmental education activities. The week also included a fishing day at Derby Reach Regional Park, giving campers the opportunity to put their angling skills into practice while exploring the local environment.



WILD KIDZ CAMP PROGRAMS

We offered a variety of fun and educational programs at all of our camps. Activities were broken into five categories: outdoor skills, conservation, range skills (archery & firearms), games, and our conservation project.

Each week's schedule varied based on our location, club and volunteer schedules, available transportation, and other factors. This allows us to better provide place-based learning and engage campers in activities and skills that are relevant to them. Every camp also participates in its own conservation project, undertaking an initiative that benefits and enhances its local area.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Skills

- First Aid
- Fishing
- Shelter Building
- Orienteering

Conservation

- Cervids
- Invasive Species
- Cetaceans
- Raptors
- Wetlands
- Aquatic Invertebrates
- Pollinators

Range Skills

- String Bows
- Safety Orientation
- Technique Practice
- 3D Targets
- Tournament Qualifiers
- Range Day (firearm station rotations)

Games

- Octopus
- Capture The Flag
- Phobia
- Electric Maze
- Migration Games
- Tanks & Minefield
- Predator & Prey



Conservation Projects

- Invasive Species Removal
- Tree Planting
- Invasive Species Workshop
- Swallow Nesting Boxes

CORE WILD KIDZ CAMP SCHEDULE

In addition to our Wild Kidz programming, the Kelowna camp piloted a youth-oriented Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) component. Campers had the option to participate in CORE lessons each morning, with afternoons typically dedicated to Wild Kidz activities and group programming. This provided campers with the opportunity to work toward their CORE certification while still taking part in the full range of Wild Kidz outdoor and conservation activities.

Activity times and programming varied throughout the week based on weather, camper interest, and other factors.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Drop-off, sign-in	Drop-off, sign-in	Drop-off, sign-in (Mission Creek)	Drop-off, sign-in	Drop-off, sign in
9:00	Introductions & Expectations	Conservation	Fishing & Outdoor SKills	Firearms Safety	Written Exam
9:30	Indigenous Peoples & Hunting				
10:00		Laws and Regs			
10:30	Ethics				
11:00					Practical (Firearm) Exam
11:30					Conservation Activity: Pollinators
12:00					
12:30	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
13:30	Archery	Archery	Lunch	Range Day	Archery Tournament
14:00			Animal ID		
14:30					Early Pick Up - 2:30
15:00	Bird ID	Outdoor Survival			
15:30					
16:00				Games / Free Time	
16:30					
17:00	Pick Up	Pick Up	Pick Up	Pick Up	

CLUBS WILD KIDZ CAMP SCHEDULE

Our Kelowna, Nanaimo and Creston Wild Kidz camps partnered with local Rod & Gun Clubs, and, therefore, included a range day component. Camp schedules followed a very similar structure. However, each camp's schedule differed slightly due to volunteer and transportation availability. Below is an example of what one of our camp weeks looked like.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Drop-off, sign-in	Drop-off, sign-in	Drop-off, sign-in	Drop-off, sign-in at Kidd Creek Range	Drop-off, sign in
9:00	Introductions & Expectations + Quiz	Game: Phobia	Fishing	Game: Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament	Quiz
9:30	Game: Octopus	Conservation: Salmon and Fish Ladders		Range Day	Game: Electric Maze
10:00	Game: Tanks & Minefield				Archery Qualifiers
10:30		Snack	Snack		
11:00	Snack	Conservation Activity: Wetlands	Conservation Activity: Aquatic Invertebrates		Conservation: Pollinators
11:30	Conservation: Raptors				
12:00					
12:30	Lunch 12:15 - 13:00	Lunch 12:15 - 13:00	Lunch 12:15 - 13:00	Lunch 12:15 - 13:00	Lunch 12:15 - 13:00
13:00	Game: Paranoia Tag	Game: Wink Assassin	Game: Do You Like Your Neighbour?	Game: Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament	Archery Tournament
13:30	Archery	Archery	Outdoor Skills: Shelter Building	Outdoor Skills: Survive Outside	
14:00					Game: Snail Trail
14:30	Outdoor Skills: Orienteering	Conservation: Cervids	Outdoor Skills: First Aid	Conservation: Invasive Species	Pick Up
15:00					Pick Up at 2:30
15:30	Game: Capture The Flag	Game: Predator & Prey	Game: Amazing Machine		
16:00				Game	
16:30	Pick Up	Pick Up	Pick Up	Pick Up at Kidd Creek Range	

LEARNING OUTCOMES

To show the value of the programming we deliver, we asked campers to take a pre- and post-camp quiz. This allowed us to gauge what they knew and what they learned. This provided us with metrics that can help show the value and effectiveness of our camps. The following pages describe our methods and present the results and collected data.

METHOD

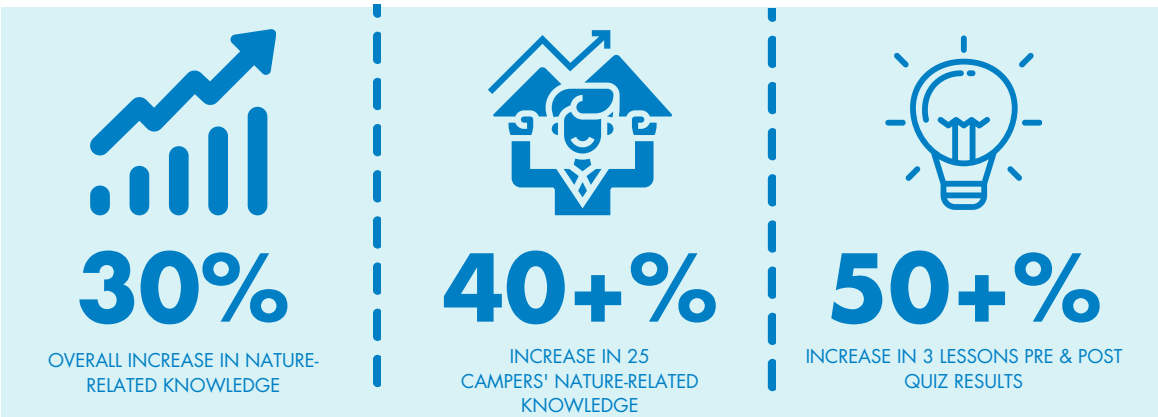
During the first portion of the first day of camp, campers took a pre-camp quiz. This quiz had 15 questions, approximately one question per lesson, that they were to participate in during the week. Campers took the same quiz at the end of the week to compare learning throughout the week. The scores of the pre- and post-camp quizzes were compared to show the learning that occurred.

RESULTS

Over the course of four camps, 80 campers participated in both quizzes. The average pre-camp score was 58%, while average post-camp score was 88%. The overall average of the five camps' improvement increased by 30%. 11/11 lessons had a positive percent improvement.

CONCLUSION

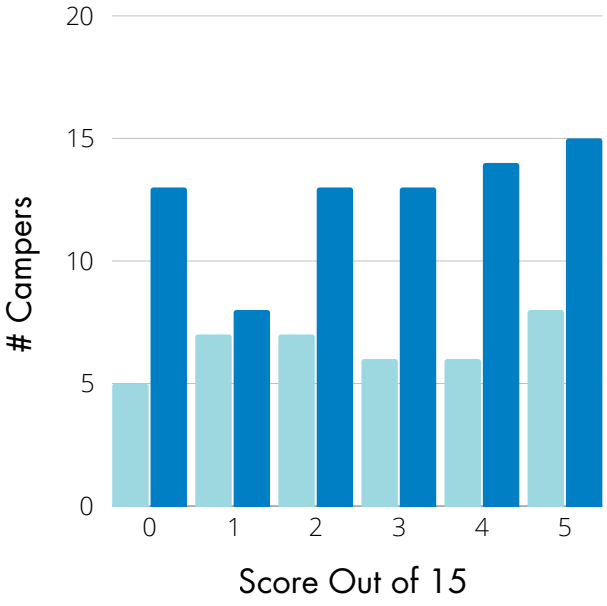
We believe Wild Kidz was a success. There was an average increase in campers' quiz score of 30% and many campers had much higher score improvements. However, 3 campers showed either no improvement or negative scores. This indicates a possible need to provide further support when administering the quiz or to reword some of the questions being presented to the campers.



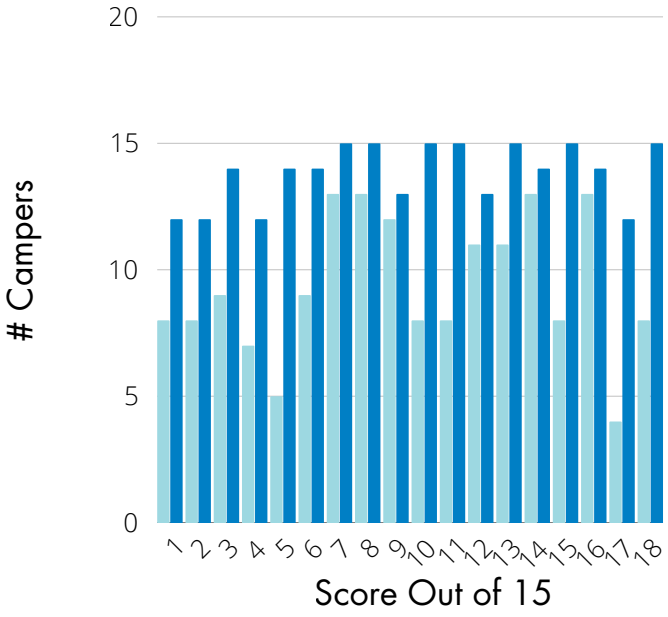
CAMPER QUIZ RESULTS - BY CAMP

The charts below compare campers' pre-camp and post-camp quiz scores to assess learning outcomes across all four camps. Pre-quiz results are shown in light blue, while post-quiz results are shown in dark blue. A shift toward higher scores in the post-quiz indicates increased knowledge and skill development over the course of the week.

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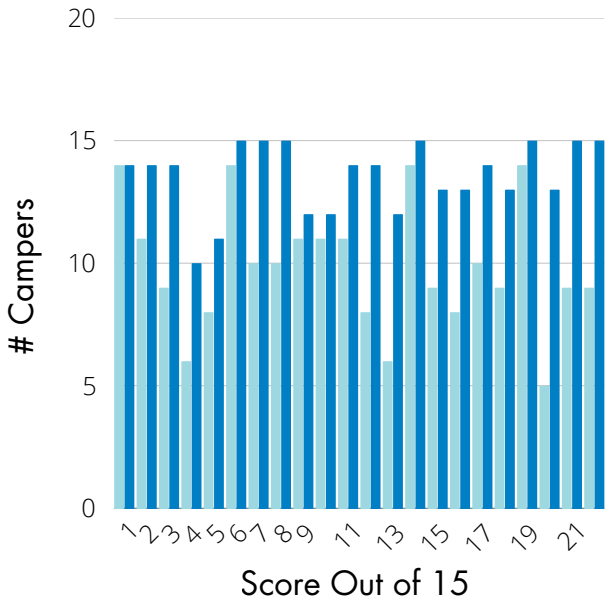
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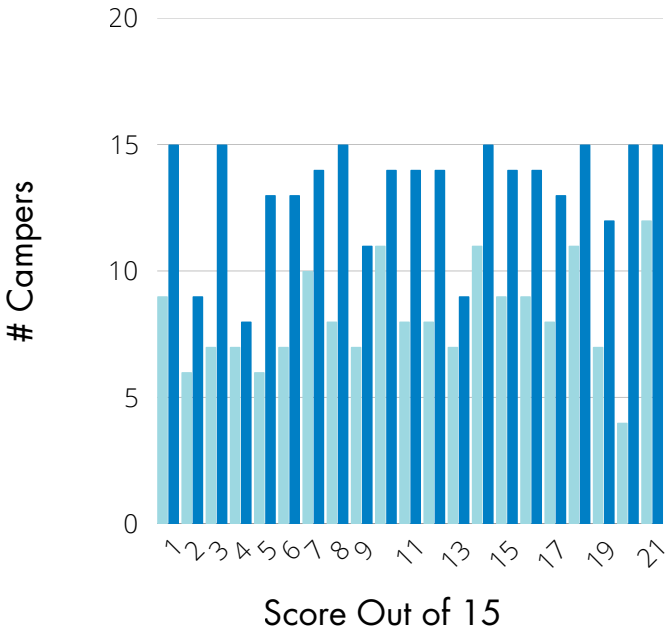


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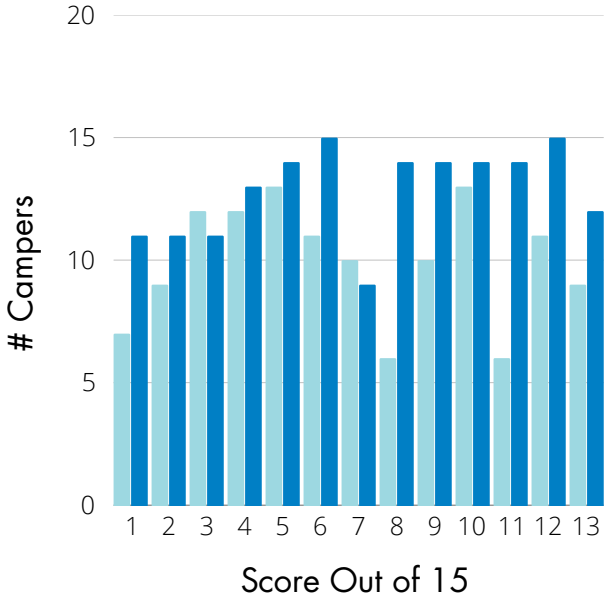
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CAMPER QUIZ RESULTS - BY CAMP CONT'D

Across all camps, results demonstrate a clear trend of improved quiz performance from pre- to post-assessment, indicating that learning objectives were successfully met. Wild Kidz Port Alberni had 5/6 campers achieve a post quiz score of 87% or higher. In Kelowna Week 2, 12 of 18 campers achieved near-perfect scores (14–15 out of 15) on the post-quiz. In Nanaimo Week 3, overall post-quiz scores increased, with 6 campers achieving a perfect score of 15 out of 15. Creston, Week 4 showed similarly strong outcomes, with 17 of 21 campers scoring 80% or higher. Langley Week 5 also demonstrated strong learning gains, with 7 of 13 campers scoring 93% or higher on the post-quiz.

Overall, all camps showed consistent increases in post-quiz performance, supporting the conclusion that the program effectively met its learning outcomes across diverse locations and cohorts.









CAMPER QUIZ RESULTS - BY QUESTION

Camper quizzes were also analyzed by question to assess the effectiveness of various programs. Results show that 15/15 questions showed an average improvement in scores from pre- to post-quiz indicating successful program outcomes.

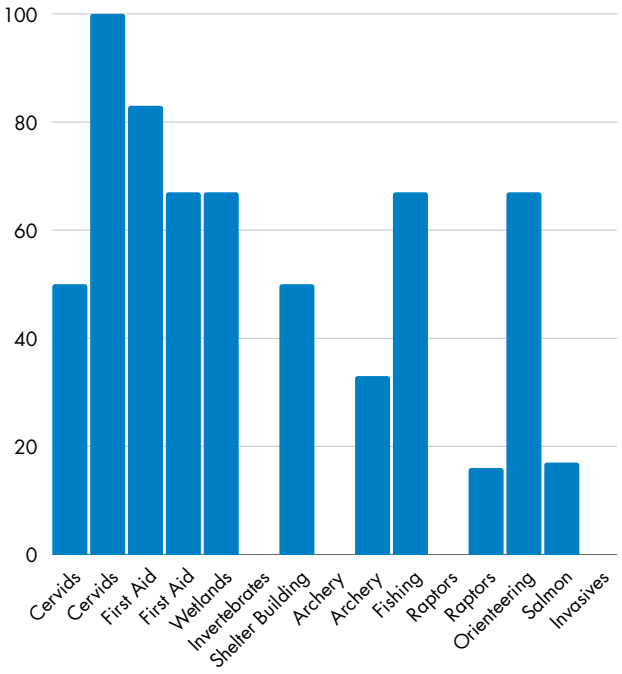
Wild Kidz programming showed varying levels of skill improvement across different activities. The programs with the highest improvement were first aid, cervids and orienteering, which may be attributed to campers being highly engaged with hands-on wildlife activities and interactive navigation challenges that encouraged observation, problem-solving, and teamwork.

SCORE IMPROVEMENT BY QUESTION

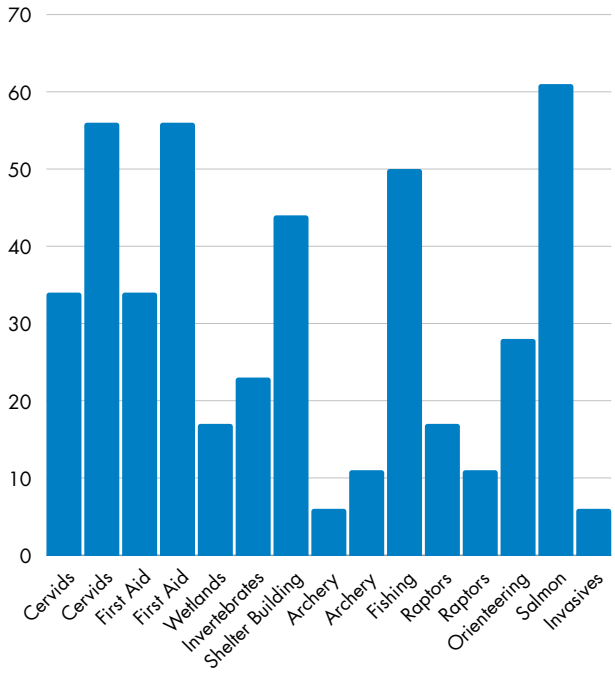
	TOPIC	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	AVG. DIFFERENCE
1	Cervids	50%	34%	73%	90%	53%	30%
2	Cervids	100%	56%	45%	43%	20%	53%
3	First Aid	83%	34%	68%	52%	33%	54%
4	First Aid	67%	56%	27%	24%	13%	37%
5	Wetlands	67%	17%	36%	57%	13%	38%
6	Invertebrates	0%	23%	9%	19%	0%	10%
7	Shelter Building	50%	44%	45%	24%	33%	39%
8	Archery	0%	6%	5%	9%	0%	4%
9	Archery	33%	11%	32%	14%	6%	19%
10	Fishing	67%	50%	36%	71%	0%	44%
11	Raptors	0%	17%	23%	33%	20%	19%
12	Raptors	16%	11%	27%	-14%	13%	11%
13	Orienteering	67%	28%	55%	81%	33%	53%
14	Salmon	17%	61%	23%	24%	6%	26%
15	Invasives	0%	6%	5%	14%	13%	8%

CAMPER QUIZ - IMPROVEMENT % BY QUESTION

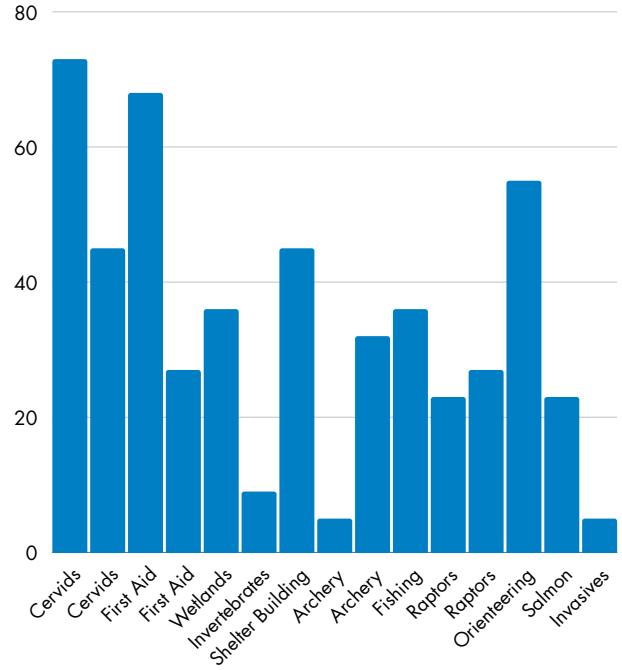
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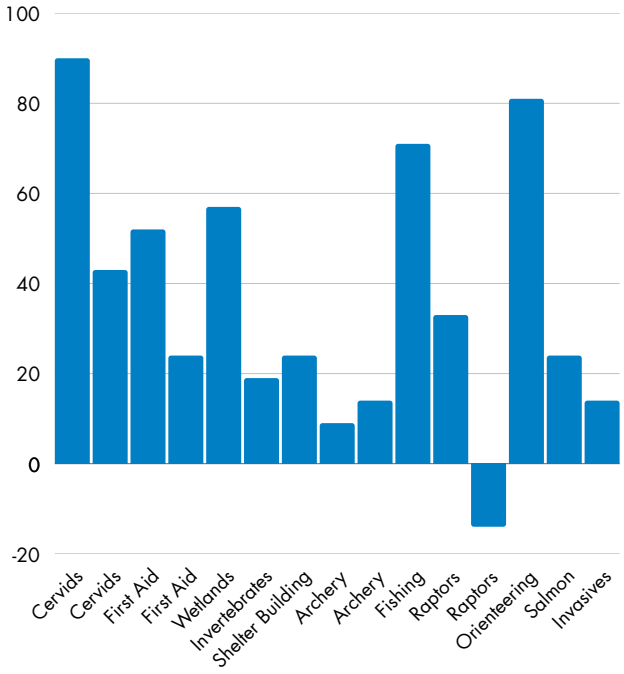
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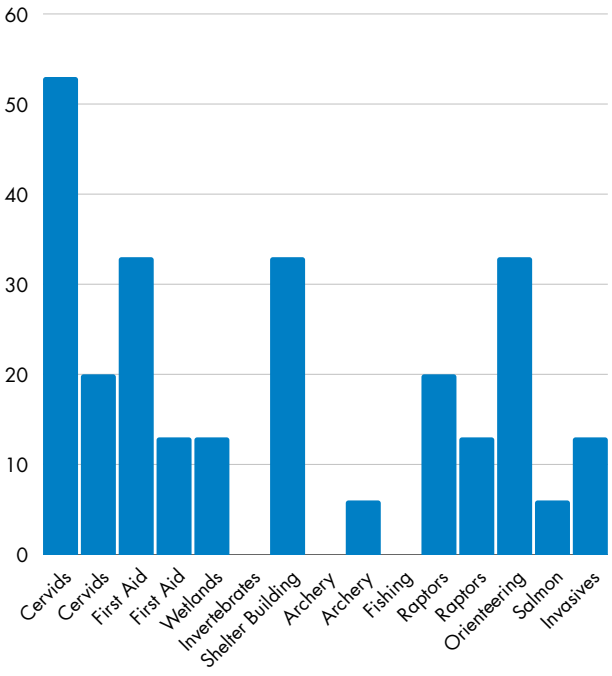
CAMPER QUIZ - IMPROVEMENT % BY QUESTION

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WILD KIDZ V: AUGUST 24 - 28





PARENT SURVEY OVERVIEW

Parents and guardians of BCWF Wild Kidz campers were asked to complete a post-camp survey in which they ranked camps for enjoyment, satisfaction, overall camp value, and general demographic information. As many parents/guardians had more than one child in Wild Kidz, responses varied based on each child's experience.

METHODS

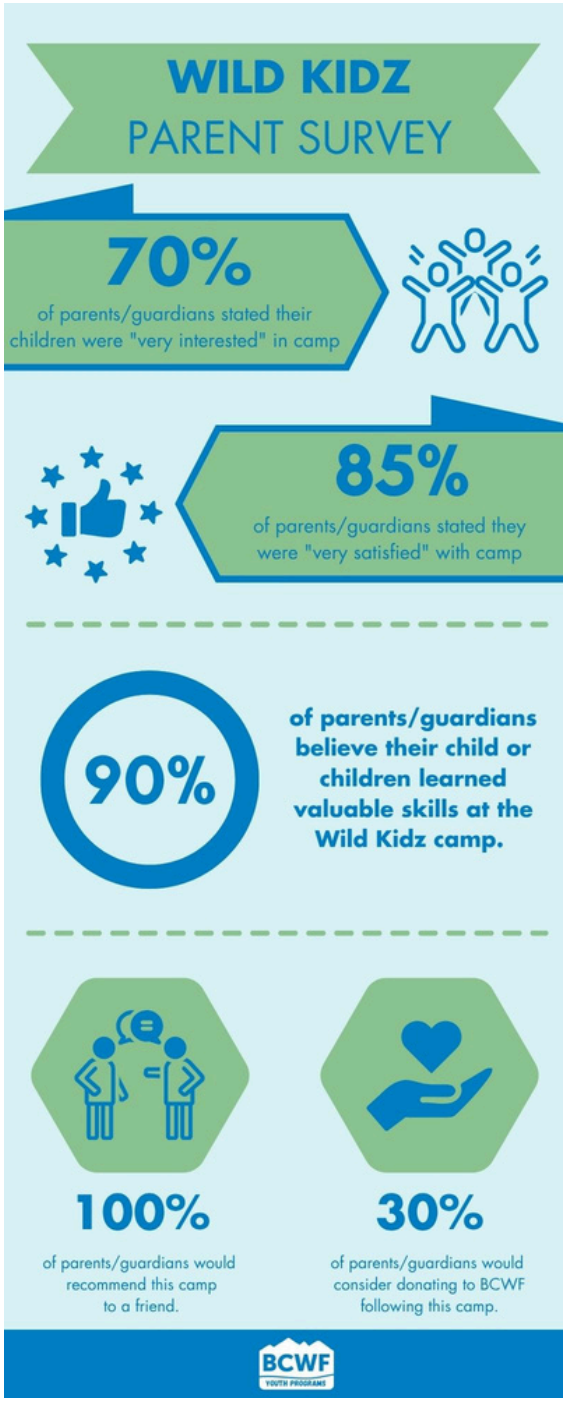
Parents were given a post-camp survey. All data was collected using a digital or printed surveys on Microsoft Forms. Responses were compiled and analyzed. The parent survey had a sample size of 20 respondents.

RESULTS

Based on the camp feedback overall, 85% of parents were very satisfied with camp and 15% being satisfied. 75% of parents stated they would be very likely to recommend Wild Kidz, and 25% would be likely to recommend Wild Kidz. 90% of parents felt their children learned a lot during Wild Kidz. According to parent surveys, 70% of campers were very interested in Wild Kidz, and 25% were interested in the camp. Following camp, 30% of parents/guardians are interested in donating to BCWF. Note that all scores given are out of 5 and percentages are calculated to the nearest whole number, when appropriate.

CONCLUSION

The parent surveys show strong satisfaction from parents with regard to program structure, content and enjoyability from parents and campers alike. The survey results reveal that the program was received very well and saw an improvement in scores in almost every category.



CAMPER SURVEY OVERVIEW

BCWF Wild Kidz campers were asked to complete a post-camp survey in which they ranked camps for overall enjoyment, activity enjoyment, and overall camp experience. 80 of 102 total campers, or 78%, participated in the survey. Therefore, the results of the camper survey are representative of the Wild Kidz 2026 camps.

METHODS

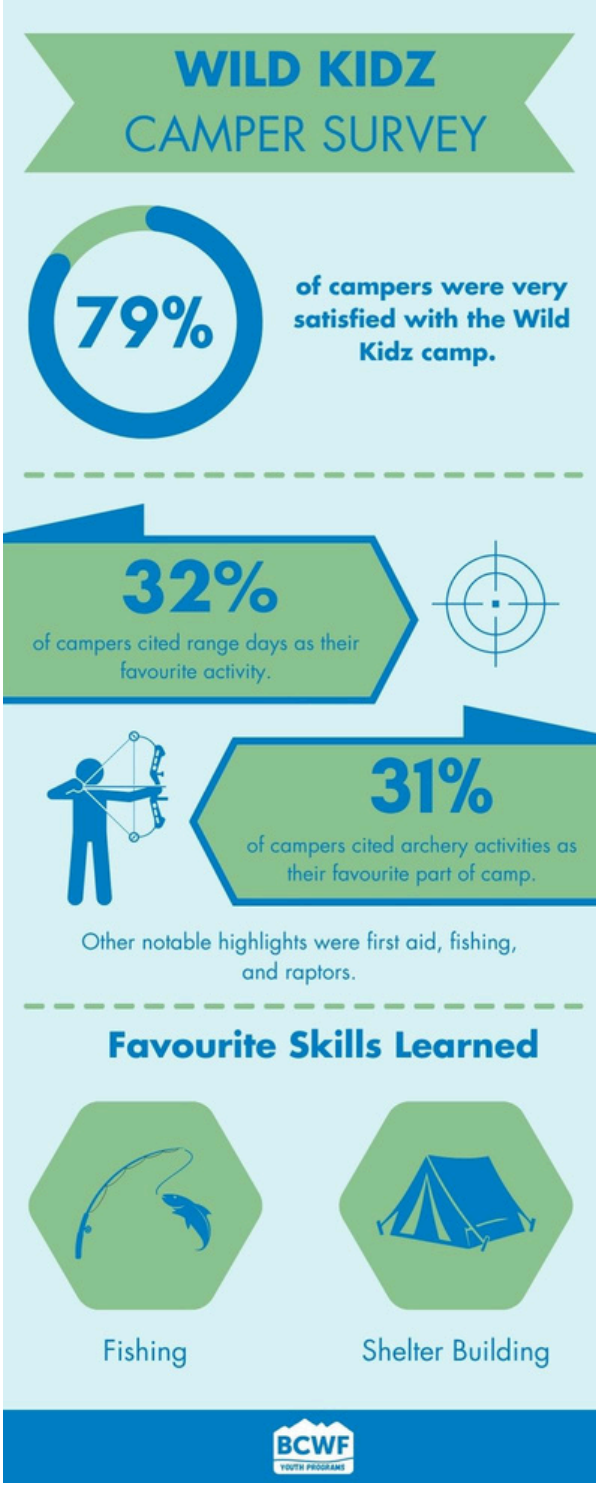
Campers were given a post-camp survey. All data was collected using a physical survey. Responses were compiled, digitized, turned into percentages and analyzed.

RESULTS

79% of campers were very satisfied with the Wild Kidz camp. 32% cited range days as their favourite part of camp, with archery coming in second with 31%. Other notable favourites enjoyed by campers were the camp fishing, first aid and raptors. Favourite knowledge and skills learned were archery, fishing and shelter building. When asked how camp could improve, campers wanted "more range activities", "more fishing", and “more games”.

CONCLUSION

Survey results reveal high satisfaction among campers relating to their Wild Kidz experience. Archery activities seemed to be the overall favorites with the most hands-on applications and time for practice. Campers reported that they wanted more range activities, fishing and archery. We hope that several campers continue their learning on the topics and activities they learned about during camp.



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