

nature is in session

Dear Parents.

Thank you for providing your child the opportunity to experience the Field School Program at Cheakamus Centre. Our staff are excited to share their passion for outdoor environmental learning and at the same time, support your child in developing meaningful connections with the natural world. We are reminded daily of the long-term benefits that result from getting children back into nature and the powerful learning that occurs in an immersive, overnight setting.



The Field School Program is situated at Cheakamus Centre, a 165 ha (420 acre) ecological reserve located approximately 15 minutes north of Squamish, B.C. in Paradise Valley. Designed around 5 guiding principles, our curriculum-based Field School program seeks to connect students to themes of Place, Inquiry, Community, Personal Connections and First Peoples' Perspectives through a variety of Outdoor Environmental Learning and Recreation activities. Most importantly, Field School is about engaging learners in fun and meaningful ways that foster understanding and care for our natural world.

Your child's teacher will provide you with our medical and dietary form as well as our informed consent for you to complete. Additionally, the <u>Parent Handbook</u> is an excellent resource for learning more about the program and how to prepare your child for this unique overnight educational experience. If you have any further questions about the program, please visit our website at <u>www.cheakamuscentre.ca</u>.

We look forward to your child's arrival and the opportunity to provide an outdoor learning experience they won't soon forget. Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this special school trip. We hope they are as excited as we are!

Sincerely,

Conor McMullan

Director of Educational Programs

"Cheakamus Centre is an amazing outdoor learning experience for all ages in a natural playground. The students get to explore many unique environmental programs in a one of a kind setting making memories which they will treasure forever. As a parent volunteer, I have gone 3 times to this beautiful place and have tremendous respect and appreciation for this fabulous school."

Kulvir Mann

– Canyon Heights School Parent

& NVPAC Vice Chair

