

CHEAKAMUS CENTRE

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Field School Program

Imagine a place of rich biodiversity where the classroom is alive and the seasonal cycles provide limitless opportunities for integrative learning in nature. This is Cheakamus Centre. Surrounded by 165 ha of ecological reserve, Cheakamus Centre is conveniently located 1 hour north of Vancouver, in the beautiful setting of Paradise Valley, Squamish BC.

At Field School, students are immersed in educational experiences inspired by nature. Hands-on learning takes place in a vast network of trails, ancient forests, salmon streams, ponds, our teaching salmon hatchery and working farm. All senses become engaged when students interact with the natural world. At Cheakamus Centre, nature is both the teacher and the classroom.

Curriculum Connections

Field School is aligned with the new BC curriculum and supports the Ministry of Education learning objectives and core competencies. Cheakamus Centre's educational staff follow a set of guiding principles that connect students to themes of Place, Inquiry, Community, First Peoples' Perspectives and Personal Connections. Our range of program options allow visiting school groups to customize their program to create a memorable outdoor learning experience for students and staff alike.



Outdoor Environmental Learning:

- Birds & Wildlife Study
- Farm Study
- Forest Study
- Pond Study
- Salmon Study
- Eco-Art

Indigenous Learning:

- Indigenous Perspectives
- Forest Field Study

Evening Programs:

- Campfire Songs & Games
- Night Games

*Outdoor Recreational Activities:

- Archery
- Bluffs Hike
- Canoeing
- Tracking
- Wilderness Survival

**Please note that some activities are seasonally available.*



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Your school away from school

Our facilities provide a warm and welcoming ambience that puts students at ease. Groups stay in heated rustic cabins equipped with two shared bathrooms and bunk style beds. Two cabins are wheelchair accessible, with separate bedrooms for students requiring additional support. Cabins are grouped together to foster a sense of community and for ease of supervision. The campus offers several multi-use gathering spaces. It features the sustainably designed Environmental Learning Centre, trail-side shelters, classrooms, labs, auditorium and covered amphitheater for rainy day activities, and our outdoor fire sites ideal for campfires and music.

Cheakamus Centre is renowned for its food! Our chef and the kitchen team prepare tasty, seasonal meals and snacks that keep students happy and energized. Our kitchen caters to most dietary needs and restrictions. We champion the local food movement and incorporate fresh seasonal produce from our on-site garden. We believe in building positive experiences with healthy food for our guests.

Sample Schedule

Arrival Day	Full Day	Departure Day
8:00	Breakfast	Breakfast
10:00	Learning Activity #3	Learning Activity #6
11:15		
12:00	Lunch	Lunch
1:00	Learning Activity #4	Close and Departure
3:00	Snack	<i>Please Note: All blue highlighted sections indicate times when Cheakamus Centre staff are facilitating programming & assisting with supervision. At all other times, visiting staff/adult volunteers are responsible for the supervision of students.</i>
3:30	Learning Activity #5	
5:30	Self-Directed Time	
6:00	Dinner	
7:00	Campfire	
8:00	Self-Directed Time and Snack	
9:00	Quiet and Lights Out	Quiet and Lights Out



Program Details

Program Length	Grade Level	Additional Information
1 day to 4 days	3-12	Minimum # of Students: 25 Maximum # of Students: 105 *Please contact us for pricing

Program fee includes lunch, programming and materials. Transportation is not included.

To register, please contact:
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