

# 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 one 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 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: Ecology & Sensory Exploration
- Forest Study: Indigenous Perspectives
- Pond Study
- Salmon Study
- Nature Art Study



### Leadership and Team Building:

- Challenge Games/Challenge Course
- Stewardship Project
- Mini Raft Build Challenge
- Leadership Workshop

### Evening Programs

- Campfire
- Night Walk
- Skit Night
- Evening Games



### Outdoor Recreational Activities:

- Archery
- Bluffs Hike
- Canoeing
- Caves Exploration
- Orienteering
- Wilderness Survival - Shelters and/or Fires



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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! Chef Wade 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 AM		Breakfast	Breakfast
9:15 AM			
10:00 AM	Arrival, Welcoming & Team Building	Outdoor Environmental Learning - Salmon	Outdoor Recreation - Challenge Course
11:30 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30 PM	Outdoor Environmental Learning - Forest	Outdoor Environmental Learning - Birds & Wildlife	Closing & Departure @12:30pm
2:30 PM	Snack	Snack	<i>Please Note:</i> 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.
3:00 PM	Outdoor Recreation - Bluffs Hike	Outdoor Recreation - Tracking	
5:00 PM	Self Directed Time	Self Directed Time	
5:30 PM	Dinner	Dinner	
7:00 PM	Evening Games	Campfire	
8:00 PM	Self Directed Time & Evening Snack	Self Directed Time & Evening Snack	
9:00 PM	Lights Out	Lights Out	



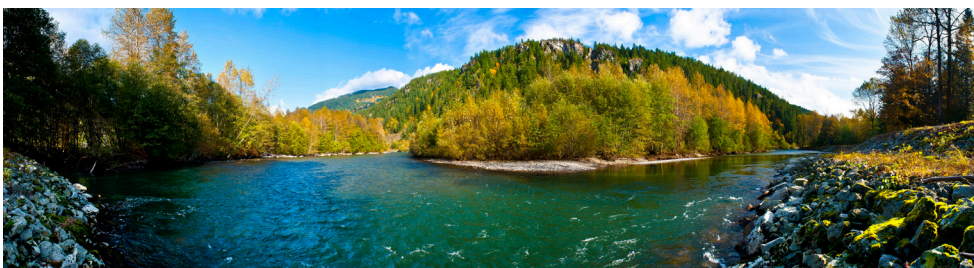
## Program Details

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

Program fee includes accommodation, meals and snacks, access to our facilities and programming provided by Cheakamus Staff

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