



WELCOME FROM PARKY

As I look back at our 10th year I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to get to know so many of our great camper families and to be a part of seeing campers grow up through the years. Some of the campers this summer have been coming to camp for over 8 years! The support of our camper families has strongly influenced the growth of Camp Summit over the last 10 years. Last summer saw our highest enrollment ever and we are expecting that number to grow in 2010. We thank you for continuing to spread the word about Camp Summit to all of your friends.

You will read more about our 10th anniversary alumni weekend later in the newsletter but I have to express how special it was to have so many of our incredible alumni attend. We had people fly in from all over the United States and Canada. It was a special weekend filled with memories and reflection. Looking forward to our 15th anniversary!

This summer is shaping up to be our best yet with some new activity areas, our new 'Base Camp' program, online registration, and so much more. I can't wait!

As I walk around camp when summer camp or school groups are on site I have an opportunity to sit back and reflect on how lucky we are to have a place like Camp Summit to come and spend time each and every summer, to have a place where campers can unplug from life in the city and learn, laugh, and play outside.

On behalf of my family Daphne and Maya (who is becoming a camp celebrity) I wish you all a very happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all up at camp this summer.

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2009 SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

- > The new camp volleyball court, "The best new addition to camp 2009".
- > Very successful "Choose Your Own Adventure" day during session 3, where campers went river rafting or horseback riding.
- > Incredible out-trips to some of British Columbia's most beautiful alpine areas like, Garibaldi Lake, Cheakamus Lake and the Elfin Lakes.
- > Two triumphant SLC programs, where they conquered the Juan De Fuca Trail and Powell River!
- > Evenings spent around the Campfire "campfires we LOVE! campfires".
- > Our amazing group of LIT's and all their hard work over the summer supporting campers and staff.
- > Summit clothing once again was setting fashion trends all over camp.
- > Early morning strolls, Early morning bingo and sometimes if you got up early enough, Early morning cartoons.
- > Top 10 list at Dinners.
- > Mallow 101 with Issy and Kendra.
- > Camp wide games: Clue, Zoo Break, Stratego, Survival and Battleship!
- > Summit Olympics, and the Monster Relay.
- > The Cha Cha Slide!
- > Cabin clean up and the quest for the Golden Broom with the crazy BINGO ladies.
- > Day hikes to Brohm Lake, Alice Lake, The Chief and High Falls.
- > Welcome games on the first day of Camp.
- > Making bracelets, the new favourite camper pastime.
- > Slug hunting.
- > Swimming at Lynn Pond.
- > Canoeing at Alice Lake.
- > Theme dinners.
- > BBQ dinners out in the field, "It's not just a BBQ, but a party".
- > Pie for desert at dinner.
- > Boys and Girls Campfires with Smore's.
- > 25 and sunny every day!



CAMP CALENDAR



CONGRATULATIONS SLC LEADERSHIP GRADS!

Camp Summit has two Senior Leadership Challenge (SLC) programs where campers at the age of 15 can begin their journey to become an exceptional leader.

> Our SLC 1 'Journey' program is a two week program specifically designed for 15 yr. olds who desire to explore not only the wilderness, but themselves as well. Through shared challenges of a wilderness expedition, the SLC 1 participants learn 'hands on' about effective communication, conflict resolution, judgement, decision-making, and teamwork while beginning to explore leadership styles and skills. The SLC 1 conquered the Powell River on a five day canoe trip and challenged themselves at mountain biking, climbing and high ropes.

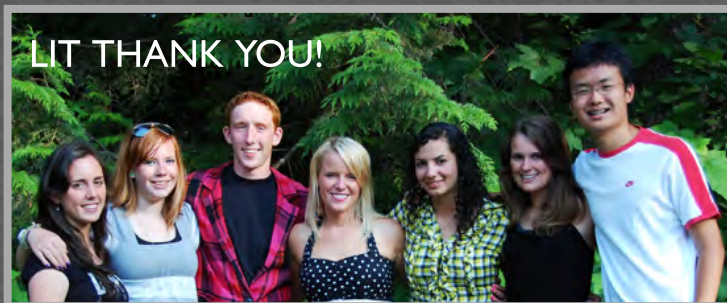
>Our SLC 2 'New Horizons' program is a three week program specifically designed for 16 yr. olds who are passionate to continue exploring the wilderness, personal growth and the desire and intent to learn about leadership, mentoring, and teaching others. Our SLC 2 participants went on a six day hiking trip down the Juan de Fuca Trail and took their 16-hour Standard First Aid course. As well as gaining self-reliance in the wilderness, they partook in workshops that explored further concepts of responsibility, leadership, and mentoring roles within a community.

Congratulations to the following SLC Campers who showed amazing leadership this past summer! We hope that you will continue your leadership development with the Summit Team by becoming a part of our LIT (Leader In Training) program.

Dylan Cronin
Henry Ehlen
Jeffery Friesen
Jacob Leiper
Austin Biswell
Andrew Boucher
Dakota Greene
Kayleigh Hansen
Rees Langereis

Christian LeBlond
Tim Matthews
Sam Matthew
Aileen Patricia McKeown
Leon Spohn
Travis Summers
Ana Toras
Teresa Mairero

- February 1: Early Bird Discount on summer registration DEADLINE
- April 27: Spring Staff Training
- May 3: Spring Outdoor Centre welcomes its first school
- June 28: Summer Staff Training
- July 3-7: Discovery Camp
- July 10-16: Summer Blast Camp 1
- July 17-30: Adventure Challenge Camp
- July 17-23: Summer Blast Camp 2
- July 24-30: Summer Blast Camp 3
- August 2-8: Summer Blast Camp 4
- August 9-15: Summer Blast Camp 5
- August 3-16: Back to Back
- July 3-23: LIT "half program" #1
- July 23-Aug.15: LIT "half program" #2
- August 2-15: SLC 1 Journey Program
- July 3-23: SLC 2 New Horizons Program
- August 20-22: Base Camp
- August 22: Last Day of Summer Camp
- August 28: Fall Staff Training
- September 1: Fall Outdoor Centre welcomes its first school
- October 25: Camp Summit wraps up until next season



This past summer we had an amazing group of LITs (Leaders In Training) who were tremendous assets to camp. From the day they arrived right through until the day they sadly left their hard work and energy at program areas, in camper cabins and during all camp wide games was infectious and amazing to watch! From learning about leadership styles, bed wetting and homesickness to learning about anti-racism, prejudices and actively breaking down stereotypes, our LITs shared, learned and grew together. Leadership skills learned at camp carry through to all walks of life. We at Camp Summit are proud to know that each and every community that these LITs returned home to are now better places because of their passion and dedication to making a difference everywhere.

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." *Tuesdays With Morrie*

Thank you to all the following 2009 LITs for everything!
Pricilla Garza Manzur
Lucia Maria Guzman
Connor LeQuesne
Julian Leung
Krystyn Mack
Tricia Sverre



CAMPER AWARDS

At the end of every camp session we like to recognize campers who have demonstrated true Summit Spirit.

> JR CAMPER AWARD

This award is given to a junior camper who has been helpful, respectful of others and enjoyed every aspect of camp life.

Ellie Willock – Discovery Camp
 Matteo Perron – Discovery Camp
 Colin MacNeily – Session 2
 Brandi Burnell – Session 2
 Eric Lyall – Session 3a
 Hayley Eigenfeldt – Session 3a
 Joni Lynn – Session 3b
 Lachlan Bramley – Session 3b
 Charles Lee – Session 4
 Emily D'Entremont – Session 4
 Samantha Badger – Session 5
 Matthew Ogilvie-Turner – Session 5
 Amber Ridgway-Herrera – Adventure Challenge
 Matthew Terry – Adventure Challenge



We also have some other fun awards that were given this summer.

> MOST HELPFUL

Brock Kazakoff – Adventure Challenge
 Lloyd Lyall – Adventure Challenge
 Maria De La Garza – Adventure Challenge
 Travis Summers – SLC 1

> GOLDEN BROOM, CABIN CLEAN UP AWARD

Jimmy Jimmy – Session 2
 Tantalus – Session 3a
 Atwell – Session 3b
 Garbali – Session 4
 Charlie Charlie – Session 5



> SR. CAMPER AWARD

This award is given to a senior camper who has been a positive role model for other campers, who has demonstrated respect for campers and staff, who has participated in camp life to the utmost and is an example of true camp spirit.

Jasmine Meikle – Session 2
 Issac Baldwin – Session 2
 Christel Belden – Session 3a
 Austin Ross – Session 3a
 Mollie Greenfield – Session 3b
 Alex Lara – Session 3b
 Jullianna Loughin – Session 4
 Jack Lamming – Session 4
 Arissa David – Session 5
 Leon Spohn – Session 5
 Keiran Eigenfeldt – Adventure Challenge
 Anna Yamaoka – Adventure Challenge



> MOST IMPROVED MOUNTAIN BIKING AWARD

Colin McNeily
 Manuel Ortiz
 Charles Lee

> 5-YEAR AWARDS

This is our second year acknowledging campers with our 5 Year Camper Awards! Being our 10th summer of camp we now have campers who have dedicated five years or more to Summit. Having campers who have made Summit a part of their lives for 5 summers is incredible. We would like to recognize them for their continued dedication. Campers who have attended Summit for 5 years are acknowledged with a framed photo of camp with their name engraved on it. We are proud to honour the following campers with our Five Year Awards!

Austin Ross
 Andrew Boucher
 Brock Kazakoff
 Connor LeQuesne
 Dylan Cronin
 Henry Ehlen



> SOUL OF SUMMIT AWARD

This is the pinnacle of Camp Summit Awards. It is awarded to only one camper per-session who demonstrates true Summit spirit. These campers have shown outstanding respect for their fellow campers and staff, have participated in every aspect of camp life with enthusiasm and have been a positive role model for other campers at camp.

Brandon Lambert – Discovery Camp
 Evan Ford – Session 2
 Elliott Matthew – Session 3a
 Aaron Madaisky – Session 4
 Sourena Behmanesh – Session 5
 Manuel Ortiz – Adventure Challenge



**We know that this list will continue to grow.
 How close are you to five years?**



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS IN CAMPING!

Camp Summit just celebrated its 10th anniversary! Outstanding! We have come a long way! It seems like yesterday we planned our first 3 week camp program. We operated camp in Whistler for 3 years, the Squamish Easter Seals Camp for 5 years, and now we have our own home on our new site in the Squamish Valley. It has been an amazing run!

Over the past 10 years so many people have contributed to the growth of Summit. It's with our deepest gratitude that we thank everyone; campers, students, parents, teachers, staff and volunteers, who have all helped create countless memories adding to Summit's identity. The creation of Camp Summit is a team effort and an ongoing dream.

A weekend in May was one to remember as we celebrated our 10th year anniversary with a reunion of alumni who have all made endless contributions to the growth of Camp Summit. Having many of the people who have made this dream possible in one room was spectacular. As the reminiscing and laughter flowed you realize you never do lose that inner child. You can't help but feel a real sense of passion, love, accomplishment and especially pride when looking back on all the strong leaders who have come through the Summit family.

Looking forward to our next 10 years we are confident that the Summit family will continue to grow and prosper. With Summit now having a permanent and ever expanding site we look forward to many more reunions where we can share and grow together in what we all know as "home".

Thanks for a great weekend!



SUMMIT CAMBERSHIP PROGRAM

This summer, several campers were able to attend camp with financial support from the Summit Campership Program. It is through the generous donations made by our camper families that any form of subsidy is possible. We would like to thank and acknowledge the following families and organizations that helped make camp memories possible for so many children.
(In alphabetical order)

Sandra & Randy Chapman	Susan & Rod Sieg
Sybil & David Charlesworth	Jeff Sutton
David & Merle Chiasson	John & Helen To
Liana & Leonard Cox	Katerina Velecky
Kee & David Cronin	John and Anne Webster
Cheryl & Norm David	Brian & Susie Wilson
Timothy & Rochelle Fletcher	Susan Wong
Alan Gray	Elsa & Scott Yamaoka
David & Anne Greenfield	West Point Grey Academy
Cindy Hops	Crofton House School
Jason & Monica Kang	LUSH Cosmetics
Stephanie Brown & Jeff Klimchuk	
Jean & Lyne LeBlond	
Linda & Jim LeQuesne	
Mimi Lee & Bruce Lo	
Beverly & Edwin Lucas	
Michael Mack	
Tazmina & Mahmood Mangalji	
Margaret Colbourne & Bruce Matthews	
Janet & Martin McKeown	
Peter Lyall & Dr. Teddi Orenstein	
Marie-France Dubois & Stephane Perron	
Jennifer & Jordan Reeves	
Karin & Patrick Runner	
Hsiu Ching (Amy) Lu & Chien Kuo (Jack) Shao	





WHY SUMMER CAMP?

Summer camp is an important part of my life. It is my favorite place in the world because of the way it makes me feel. I feel lucky to still have summer camp in my life, at the age of 24, because for six weeks of the summer I get to spend my days in the sunshine working with some of the most positive and dedicated people in the world. At summer camp we work for a cause, we work relentlessly to promote positive social and emotional growth of all our campers. We work to build their confidence in a safe and encouraging environment. And most importantly we are working, every second of summer, to ensure campers are having fun.

Life is tough and being a kid is hard. Society has come to expect a lot from our youth and they, in turn, have come to expect a lot from one another. They exist in a society of pressures, and, expectations have become their main concern. Camp provides an escape from all of this. For one week kids get to leave home, ignore their responsibilities and have some fun for themselves. We provide the environment for this.

Campers meet new friends from all over. They are people that, in their regular lives, they may never have a chance to meet. Camp creates a community, a family, where campers make friends regardless of age and background. They learn to support and encourage each other and work together. Participating in rock climbing, high and low ropes courses, team-based initiatives campers overcome personal challenges, obstacles and fears in an encouraging environment. Their confidence grows as they push themselves into personal challenges and overcome. They are thankful for the support and encouragement offered by peers. The pressure to succeed is a positive pressure.

Above all, Camp is a place to be silly, above all. To paint your face, to dress in costumes to run around like a fool, and love every second of it. It is a place where laughter is a constant. From the breakfast table, to the cabin, to mountain biking, to campfire there is always something worth laughing at, always a reason to smile. I get the joy of meeting every camper at camp, the freedom to walk around throughout the day and snap photos of all the laughter, the silliness, the positive growth. I get to witness a camper, once scared of climbing, reach the top of the wall. I see their face as they give a high-five to their friends and I know that my job is making a huge difference. I meet the kids who don't have many friends at home and I see their confidence grow as they realize, at camp, they have one hundred plus friends. I see those kids smile and I know I am making a difference, that we, as staff, are making a difference. I talk to kids who tell me how much they love camp, how they never want to leave, how they have made some of the best friends of their lives here. I am sure I am making a difference. I countdown the days till camp like a child who counts down the days until Christmas. I use to go to camp as a child and loved it for the feelings it made me feel, for the friends I made, for the confidence it promoted. I feel blessed that, at 24 years of age, I can still go to summer camp and give these children the same happiness my counselors gave me. I am always my best at camp.

Megan Miller - Program director at Camp Summit and currently attending teachers college at UBC.



REMEMBER TO CLAIM YOUR CAMP FEES!!

The Children's Fitness Tax Credit lets parents claim up to \$500 per year for eligible fitness expenses paid for each child who is under 16 years of age at the beginning of the year in which the expenses are paid. Summer Camps are eligible programs so hang onto your receipt and claim away!

Please visit <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness> for more information. If you need a receipt from last year please contact the office at : www.campsummit.ca or 1.888.550.1118



SUMMIT OLYMPICS

At the end of every session something very exciting, the Summit Olympics, happens. During the Summit Olympics, campers are divided into teams representing different countries. Each country is captained by two staff that lead their team through a variety of wacky and exciting events.

Participants from each country compete in events such as Bus Push, Gum Boot Toss, Colour Wrestling, Chocolate Relay, 100 meter Dash, Monster Relay, the Cha Cha Slide and of course the Tire Demolition Derby. Teams also gain points by showing good sportsmanship, team spirit, team cheers and by cheering on other countries; the Spirit Fairy is always watching. The country with the most points at the end of this full day event is crowned the winner!

We had a gruelling summer of Summit Olympics with many countries having very close scores; however, there was always one teams score that was just a little higher than the others!

This year's Gold Medalists:

- Session 1 – Australia
- Session 2 – Canada
- Session 3 – Germany
- Session 4 – Mexico
- Session 5 – Canada



ADVENTURE CHALLENGE SESSION

Camp Summit continues to offer an incredible and unique program called our 'Adventure Challenge Session'

The length of this program facilitates experiences where campers become even more immersed in camp life. This allows them opportunities to participate in activities like overnight hiking trips and a 'choose your own adventure day' that are available only to the 'Adventure Challenge Session'

The 'choose your own adventure day' has campers going off-site, choosing between white water rafting, horseback riding, Whistler sightseeing, rock climbing or a Zip-Trek adventure in Whistler. The 'choose your own adventure day' occurs on the middle day of camp and is a great experience.

Having a chance to go up into the mountains on a hiking trip is consistently the highlight of the 'Adventure Challenge Session'. Trips range from 2 – 4 nights and take our campers to some of Canada's most spectacular Provincial Parks such as Garibaldi, Elfin Lakes, Cheakamus Lakes and the Marriot Basin in Pemberton.

Learning to exist in the backcountry with no trace principles and experiencing the incredible vistas these areas offer are only some of the reasons to consider the 2 week 'Adventure Challenge Session' as an option for this summer.

"We wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all the hard work, dedication and love that all the staff at Camp Summit put into this years camp and the children each and every year. From the moment my daughter arrives at camp, to the inevitable last day, it is apparent that the counselors at Camp Summit genuinely care about each and every kid and their families. It is a true comfort to any parent knowing that you are sending your child off to a camp where they are nurtured yet given the freedom to discover who they are. My daughter has ended her second summer, as she did her first, a little older and a lot more sure of herself. With the warmest gratitude, thank you!"

"Thank you for giving my son such a wonderful experience at his very first camp. He is still talking about it and had his "Camper Award" framed in his room. I've noticed that he is more self sufficient, more helpful without being asked and more personally responsible too. He is looking forward to coming back again next summer, thank you!"

"I wanted to thank you for all you have done to make a very special bundle of memories for so many kids including my own. You can be sure that I was one of those parents who sat buy the computer every night at 10:00pm anxiously awaiting photos of the day to see if our daughter is perhaps in one of them and hopefully smiling. Sending my daughter to camp for the first time at age 8 is probably the most wonderful experience for her, and the most nail biting as a parent. Thankfully we felt confident that she would have a tremendous week jammed full of amazing experiences. So thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

"Camp Summit is a little utopia that is sustained by the shared idealism of a staff whose passion for life and learning is nothing short of inspiring! Their can-do attitude, inexhaustible enthusiasm and respectful, patient style help youngsters open their minds to new possibilities, believe in their own potential and delight in the process of exploring and expanding their boundaries. As a grade 6 teacher I have watched children grow from a place of uncertainty and self-consciousness to experience a sense of belonging, independence and a renewed confidence over a period of three short days. This intense experience is not just fun, it is life altering and I wish it for every child."





THE 2009 STAFF TEAM

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing staff of 2009. We were fortunate this season to have staff contribute to Summit in so many different ways. They helped with the continuing construction upgrades of camp and run programs in our Outdoor Education Centre. They staff gave it their all this summer and even carried on through with that same energy into the fall Outdoor Education Program. Staff's commitment and enthusiasm in working with and providing children with extraordinary experiences needs to be recognized. We thank them all for creating such wonderful memories for our campers and students.

Anna Ashton (Washington)
 Alex Belden (Mexico)
 Kate Bell (Ontario)
 Jennifer Brown (Vancouver)
 Duncan Chambers-Watson (New Zealand)
 David Cook (Australia)
 Garrett Costello (Utah)
 Brad "Bill Texas" Gooderham (Vancouver)
 Aaron Golub (Squamish)
 Kate Holden-Boyd (Vancouver)
 Magnus Holmquist (Vancouver)
 Fleurie Hunter (Winnipeg)
 Elijah Jennings (Hawaii)
 Morgan Jennings (Hawaii)
 Sean Keast (Ontario)
 Kendra Mack (Vancouver)
 Dan McCarthur (Squamish)
 Vanessa Marcotte (Ontario)
 Marty Marquette (Ontario)
 Emily Rossnagel (Ontario)
 Stuart McBride (Vancouver)
 Matt McHugh (Singapore)
 Megan Miller (Vancouver)
 Luke Naivasha (Australia)
 Trevor Oakley (Vancouver)
 Geoff Park (Squamish)
 Tyler Parkes (Australia)
 Daniel Pletz (Squamish)
 Eddie Simpson (Vancouver)
 Krista Sirianni (Whistler)
 Alex Smolinski (New Brunswick)
 Shelagh Thompson (Squamish)
 Shannon Wilson (Squamish)
 Isobel Whitaker (Australia)



CAMP SUMMIT.CA ONLINE REGISTRATION!

We are very excited to offer online registration this year! It will be a very easy process for all of our camp families! Please check it out on our website and get ready for this summer!
WWW.CAMP SUMMIT.CA





OUTDOOR CENTRE UPDATE

The Camp Summit Outdoor Education Centre runs programs for schools from Vancouver, the lower Mainland, Toronto and even Mexico. Many schools return to Camp Summit annually, as their visit becomes an important tradition within their school each year. We even see schools that send multiple grades, providing progressive programs where students continue to develop outdoor skills. Our Outdoor Education Centre welcomes over 1500 students over the spring and fall months and is a huge part of Summit's identity.

Camp Summit also sees many rental groups who use the site to run their own weekend programs. We have many groups that come annually, allowing even more participants the Summit experience. Thank you to the many rental groups that made this season such a success.

Starting as early as April the Camp Summit Outdoor Education Centre gets into full swing. This year we even had Crofton House School in January for a specialized winter program, and York School from Toronto in early May. While students are at Summit they learn about leadership skills, communication, trust and teamwork, valuable life skills they can apply in the classroom and their daily lives.

A special thanks for an amazing season to all of our Outdoor Education Staff and volunteers. Their leadership provided and promoted our school groups with positive experiences and lasting memories.

We wish to acknowledge the following schools that have most recently visited the Camp Summit Outdoor Education Centre:

Brackendale Elementary (Squamish)
British American School (Mexico)
Crofton House School grades 8,9,11 & 12 (Vancouver)
Crofton House School's Challenge 10 Class (Vancouver)
Delta Manor (Delta)
Gleneagles Elementary (North Vancouver)
Greenwood College (Toronto)
Jamieson Elementary (Vancouver)
King George High School (Vancouver)
Lakeview Elementary (Burnaby)
Lord Tweedsmuir (Vancouver)
Larson Elementary (North Vancouver)
Mamquam Elementary (Squamish)
Meadowridge School (Maple Ridge)
Regent Christian Academy (Surrey)
R.J. Tait (Vancouver)
Squamish Elementary (Squamish)
Southridge Academy (Surrey)
Vancouver Christian School (Vancouver)
West Point Gray Academy
grades 3,6, & 7 (Vancouver)
West Point Gray Academy graduation
class 2009 (Vancouver)
West Vancouver Secondary School (North Vancouver)
White Rock Christian Academy (White Rock)
York House School (Vancouver)



Rental Groups:

About Face
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Camp Moomba
Brennan Park Day Camps



BASE CAMP PROGRAM

After many requests, Camp Summit is happy to announce the launch of our new 2 night 'Base Camp' program, offered to children between the ages of 4-6 years old.

Your child's Summit summer camp experiences can now all start at 'Base Camp'!

Activities such as arts and crafts, hiking, baking, gardening, fishing, archery, cook-outs, earth education/appreciation, skit nights and camp fires are just some of the fun 'Base Camp' has to offer!

Meals are a highlight of the day at camp. Nutritious and kid friendly food and snacks are served in our dining hall beginning with a "Thanks for food!" cheer before each meal.

Your son or daughter will sleep in a cabin with 4-6 other children and 3 staff counsellors. At least 2 counsellors will be in the cabin at all times during the night.

For the 'Base Camp' program we provide a 2:1 camper to counsellor ratio. Our mature and highly qualified staff ensures the utmost safety for your child while here at Camp Summit.

This program engages your child in the great outdoors 'Summit Style' as well as all the exciting adventures and experiences your child is sure to love. 'Base Camp' will be the start of life long friendships and memories for your child all in a safe and encouraging environment. Photos of the day will be uploaded each evening on our website so you can see for yourself the awesome time your child is having.

Transportation is available to and from camp with our pick-up and drop-off locations in Vancouver and Squamish.

This program will run August 20th-22nd, 2010

