Wild Paws Day Camp

Sample Day Camp Schedule

Below is a snapshot of one of our Wild Paw Day Camp weeks. Exact activities vary each week depending on weather, group dynamics, camper input and logistics. We ask that parents only sign-up their children for our camps if multiple activities interest their child. There is nothing more disappointing than signing up hoping to do one specific activity that doesn't end up happening.

Typical weekly activities include nature identification, nature exploration, ecology activities, swimming, shelter-building, canoeing, hiking, forest ecology games, orienteering & other games. Activities and locations very slightly depending on the camp location.

Monday

AM Forest Games & Site Exploration. Campers play fun games in the woods and natural areas that teach them about local ecology. They then spend time exploring that back reaches of these amazing wilderness-style parks.

PM Swimming in the lake or other natural setting.

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Tuesday

AM Animal tracking. Campers learn how to look for signs of animals, identify scats and tracks and learn about local animals.

PM Orienteering. Children spend the afternoon exploring the area with a map and compass. They travel to different stations using these tools and learn about exciting local ecology.

Wednesday

AM Shelter-Building. Campers play a multi-level tag game based on the food chain. It teaches children about local ecology, ecological concerns, fitness, the food chain and more.

PM Nature Exploration. Campers explore the park and play engaging and educational nature games with the goal of immersing the kids into the local ecosystem. Kids learn about different types of cool plants, edible plants, traditional uses, how to identify them, etc.

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Thursday

AM Lake Canoeing. Campers learn to carry canoes as a team, load them in and out of the water, tie knots, safely enter and exit the canoes, etc. Please note, canoeing is only available at our Beaver Lake camp location and not at Thetis Lake.

PM Free Choice. As a group, campers choose the activity they do this afternoon. Swim, explore, so many choices!

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Friday

Day hike to a local hill or peak with nature exploration and some solo time.

- The Peak. Campers are challenged hiking up to a viewpoint in the mountains. From the top, they can see parts of the city, Vancouver Island, the ocean, and possibly the Olympic Mountains. For many this is a life changing experience where campers learn about fitness and how capable they actually are. Some also learn about how to handle adversity.

- Solo Time. Next stop is down to a wilderness lake for solo time. Here the group is given their own spot in the immediate area where than can hear but not see each other. They contemplate their experience and learn to be alone with their thoughts.

- Debrief. The group gets together and discusses their solo experience and talks about their experience for the whole camp. They learn the value of reflection as well as share something they liked, didn't like and learned this week while at camp.

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