



LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parent,

The staff and instructors of Strathcona Park Lodge and Outdoor Education Centre are looking forward to working with your child as they participate in a unique outdoor education experience with their school. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about our history, philosophy and programs for all ages.

At Strathcona, our mission is to teach the wonder, spirit and worth of people and the natural world through outdoor pursuits – something we've been doing since 1959. Our interactive, hands-on learning experiences are designed to foster personal growth, promote group development and raise environmental awareness.

On the following pages you will find two important documents that must be completed and returned prior to your child being allowed to participate in a Strathcona program. Please take the time with your child to carefully read, complete and sign them before returning to your child's teacher.

- *Medical Form*
- *Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk Form*

You will also find a clothing and equipment list that will help equip your child for their time at Strathcona. Our programs operate rain or shine, so appropriate clothing and equipment are essential for all program participants. If you don't have all of the items on the list, do not feel that you must purchase new gear; most items can be borrowed from friends and family or purchased second hand.

There is no cell phone coverage here and children do not have access to the phone or internet. While your child is here they will be busy participating in outdoor activities and having fun with their friends. Please don't try to call them or expect them to call you. You will be contacted immediately in the event of an emergency.

Strathcona is proud to offer numerous educational and recreational programs for individuals of all ages. You are invited to visit our website (www.strathcona.bc.ca) to learn more about all of our programs, including:

- **WYLD (Wilderness Youth Leadership Development)** Summer courses for ages 12 - 18. These programs include white water and sea kayaking, canoe/hike expeditions and mountaineering.
- **Intergenerational programs** Week long outdoor adventures custom designed for grandparents and their grandchildren.
- **Alpine to Ocean and Family Adventure programs** Customized outdoor adventures and skill development opportunities for individuals, friends and families.
- **COLT (Canadian Outdoor Leadership Training)** 93-day semester program for adults aged 19 and over interested in outdoor pursuits, wilderness education or a career in adventure tourism.

Sincerely,

Paul Chatterton
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