

BCFFC — Vancouver Island

General Camp Information

1. **Daily required items** – Each day all children will need a backpack containing a snack, water, sunscreen, **hat!**
2. **Bicycles** – For CB and Aventurier kids, bicycles in good working order are a must. If you have a child in regular program, you may wish to bring a bicycle for them to enhance their camp experience. Camp rules are that helmets **MUST** be worn at all times when cycling! (**Don't forget your bike locks!**)
3. **Extra costs** – Please be aware of a few minor costs once you get to camp. We ask for \$5 per child in program to go towards a gift for the counselors. For the potluck dinner, we collect \$2 per family for corn.
4. **Parent volunteers** – Volunteers operate our camp and **all parents must give a few hours of their time** to spread the workload and to ensure that everyone can enjoy their holiday. Your children and their moniteurs are dependent on you to help drive for hikes, supervise water activities, and supervising the late night sleep-out hours, etc. The Camp Manager will also be asking for help to organize camp recycling, corn shucking and cooking, coffee duty ... little jobs like that. Thank you in advance for signing up and helping out!
5. **Invite a counselor to eat** – This is how the counselors get fed!!! (lunch and dinner). Bring along a little extra food, and then sign up on the schedule board to invite a counselor to eat with you. Please be aware of dietary preferences (lots of vegetarians!) and don't forget that some will just need a bag lunch for off-site activities. A great opportunity for families and counselors!
6. **Communal Wine and Cheese** – (Adults only please) After a hectic day of setting up camp, and after getting the kids settled, join us for this traditional festivity. Bring along your favorite bottle of wine and brick of cheese to share with the moniteurs and get to know them a little bit, or get re-acquainted with them and fellow campers.
7. **Dessert Potluck** – Bring something sweet to share, meet other families at the Sunday night Dessert Potluck.
8. **Corn Roast and Potluck Dinner** – A great way to end the week – prepare your favorite dish and bring it to the table to share with the moniteurs and your fellow campers.
9. **Pets** – Your pet is welcome at the campground **IF they are on a leash** and if you are prepared to bring and use a pooper scooper!!!
10. **Living Forest Campground** – 6 Maki Road is where you're headed!!! View their web site for a detailed map (www.campingbc.com), but here are some general directions:
 - From Departure Bay Ferry Terminal, head towards Victoria. You'll go through downtown and then through a few sets of lights. Turn [LEFT] on Maki Road, which is opposite Southgate Mall.
 - From Duke Point, take exit onto Hwy 1 **north** toward Nanaimo. *Stay on the #1 ~ don't take the overpass ~ go straight and drive under it. Turn [RIGHT] onto Maki Rd (you'll see Southgate Mall on the left).*
 - From Victoria, head into Nanaimo (not Campbell River/Parksville). See Duke Pt. directions.
 - From North Island, keep on the Parkway and drive around Nanaimo. Take exit 9 to Hwy 1 North ~ heading back towards town, turning [LEFT] at the traffic light under the overpass. After turning onto #1 North, turn [RIGHT] at the second set of lights (Maki Road).
11. **Campground** – Site numbers will be given out at Registration. Some sites have power and water which will be designated to those folks with motor homes. Tent sites are unserviced, but water is nearby. Ice and supplies can be purchased at the camp store, and there is a local grocery store 5 minutes walk from the campground. There will be firewood available at a reasonable cost (only if fires are allowed at the time). Flush toilets and laundry facilities are in a central location. Showers in the main washroom cost \$1 per 5 minutes.

Local Committee

Camp Programmer – Leila Nazaroff
Camp Registrar – Helen Lockhart
Camp Coordinator – Peter Waddington

Camp Treasurer- Val Barry
Purchaser- Alice Dubbeldam
Equipment Manager – Heidi Chiatto

Camp Managers – Week 1 – Susan Leslie
Week 2 – Kathy Grabher
– Kathryn Ricketts