



# YMCA Camp Elphinstone



2022



*Friendships* start here.





**Registration opens  
January 17th!**

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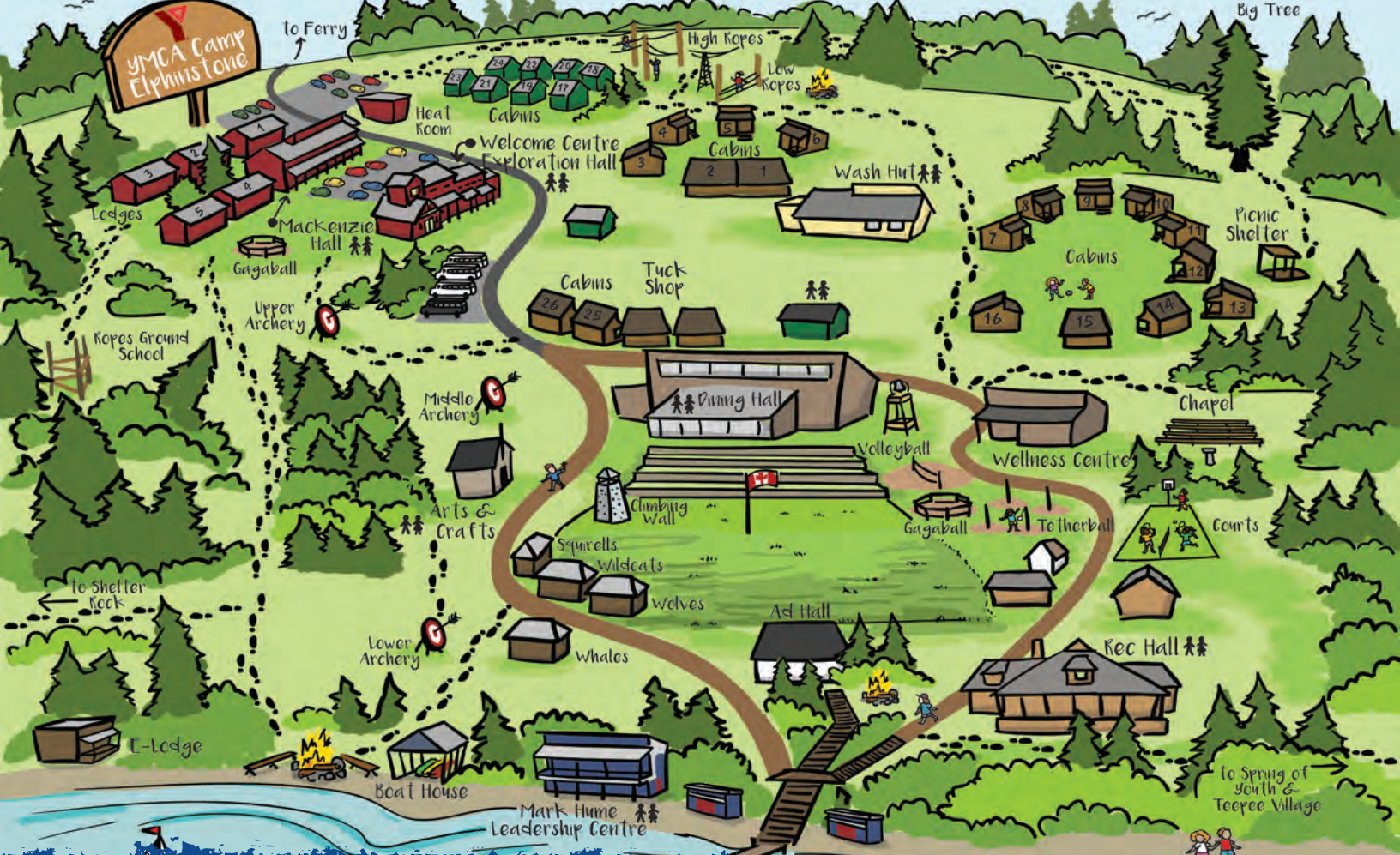
## YMCA Camp Elphinstone

Surrounded by temperate rainforest and the rocky shoreline of Howe Sound, YMCA Camp Elphinstone's 144 acres lets campers experience the beauty of the Pacific Northwest. Located on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast near Gibsons, just a 40-minute ferry ride from West Vancouver, Camp Elphinstone offers a variety of traditional and specialized programming.

## Overnight Camps

With an emphasis on building independence and personal development, campers gain confidence in the overnight camp setting. Campers learn new skills and challenge themselves with many traditional camp activities like canoeing, archery, and ropes courses. From specialized sailing or out-tripping camps to shorter introductory sessions for little ones, we have something for everyone.





## A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

### Chapman Section (ages 7-11) & McNabb Section (ages 5-7)

7:00 a.m. Optional Activity	5:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 a.m. Breakfast	6:15 p.m. Cabin Choice
8:45 a.m. Cabin Clean-Up	7:15 p.m. Evening Program
9:15 a.m. Cabin Activity 1	8:15 p.m. Snack
10:45 a.m. Cabin Activity 2	8:30 p.m. Flush & Brush/ Evening Reflection
12:00 p.m. Lunch	9:00 p.m. In Cabins
1:00 p.m. Siesta (Rest Time)	*McNabb campers will be in lodges for the night at 8:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. Interest Groups	
4:30 p.m. Flagpole	

### Dakota Section (ages 12-15)

8:00 a.m. Optional Activity	5:00 p.m. Cabin Choice
9:15 a.m. Breakfast	6:15 p.m. Dinner
10:15 a.m. Cabin Clean-Up	7:15 p.m. Flagpole
10:30 a.m. Cabin Activity 1	7:30 p.m. Evening Program
11:45 a.m. Cabin Activity 2	8:45 p.m. Evening Snack
1:15 p.m. Lunch	9:00 p.m. Flush & Brush/ Evening Reflection
2:00 p.m. Siesta (Rest time)	9:30 p.m. In Cabins
2:45 p.m. Interest Groups	

*Times and days may vary.*

**Cabin Activities** allow campers to participate in a variety of activities as a cabin, helping to build friendships and develop teamwork. Campers will have a chance to experience a wide array of Elphinstone's programs with their cabin group including kayaking, rock climbing, sailing, archery, arts & crafts, and many more!

**Interest Groups** allow campers to choose two activities to focus on while at camp. These include high ropes, canoeing, mountain biking, photography, stand up paddle boarding, and many more. Interest groups meet each afternoon and focus on skill progression.

**Flagpole** is a time for an entire section to have a fun meeting at the flagpole on the main field. This includes the daily awards, important camp news updates, fun skits about evening program or the weekly theme day, and of course the end of the day song!

**Evening Programs** are group activities that campers enjoy together, like camp-wide games, campfires, or skit nights.

**Cabin Choice** is an opportunity for the entire cabin to choose what they would like to do as a group. This can be one of their favourite cabin activities, a creative/original program, or something relaxing depending on how the group is feeling.





## One and Two Week Camps (7–15 years)

Working together with cabin-mates, campers choose activities that meet their interests and skill levels. Campers build friendships as they engage in exciting activities alongside one another—sailing, archery, climbing, ropes courses and so much more. Campers live in cabins with up to 10 children close in age, along with two experienced counsellors.

## McNabb Camp (5–7 years)

A perfect introduction to overnight camp for little ones, this camp offers younger campers a shorter, three-night camp experience that focuses on creating a comfortable environment for many campers' first time away from home. McNabb campers enjoy their meals in a smaller open-air dining hall and live in lodges with in-house washrooms and showers for easy access. McNabb campers are introduced to camp programs like rock climbing, canoeing, archery, and sailing. All staff are trained to deliver age-appropriate programming and to ensure proper care of our youngest overnight campers.

***"We were impressed that so many activities were values-based. My kids came home with valuable lessons on inclusion and one of my kids won a value award at end of the week. This stuff fills me up. They had great leaders and are begging to go back."***

***-Camp parent***







## Sailing Camp (11–14 years)

Where better to develop sailing skills than serene Howe Sound? Campers receive daily instruction on topics such as rigging, wind dynamics, and boat care from qualified instructors. Campers work on CANSail Level 1 and participate in various camp activities. One and two-week options are available.







### **Sunshine Coast Trail 1 Week (12–14 years)**

Campers are challenged with a scenic four-day backpacking trip on the Sunshine Coast Trail. Perfect for kids who are new to out-tripping, campers form friendships and develop leadership skills in a focused team-building environment. Experienced and well-trained staff will lead the trip and ensure that all campers have the opportunity to take on responsibilities like packing, cooking, leader of the day, and navigating. The route will take campers from Saltery Bay to Lois Lake and features the challenging, but rewarding hike up Mount Troubridge, which is the highest point along the Sunshine Coast Trail.



### **Desolation Sound 1 Week (12–14 years)**

This one-week camp offers the same opportunity to experience the wonders of Desolation Sound in a shorter four-day sea kayaking trip. Campers will spend the first day packing gear and food, focusing on group development, practicing kayaking, and learning about the route and out-trip procedures. Along the trip, the group will have the opportunity to explore areas such as the Copeland Islands, Lancelot Inlet, and Malaspina Inlet.



### **Desolation Sound 2 Week (13–15 years)**

This two-week camp features a nine-day canoe or sea kayak trip through one of the most breathtaking coastal settings in Canada. Campers develop confidence and teamwork skills in this introduction to backcountry living and coastal paddling. An excellent pre-Leadership Development experience, campers must be prepared to work together on trip planning and execution.



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**Our two-year Leadership Development program is designed to help youth learn valuable leadership skills that are transferable to a broad spectrum of life or work situations. A sense of responsibility, self-discipline, and initiative help campers succeed in this program.**

### Leadership Development 1 (15–16 years)

This two-week program teaches campers the technical skills associated with delivering camp activities while focusing on team building. Campers participate in a canoe or backpacking out-trip experience and are offered the opportunity to build strong, lasting friendships in a positive and constructive setting. Youth gain a solid foundation in delivering all types of camp programming while learning how to support others.

### Leadership Development 2 (16–17 years)

This three-week program allows campers the chance to apply skills learned in Leadership Development 1 and continue to grow as leaders with a focus on increased responsibility and more intentional skill development. This program emphasizes initiative, communication and the group care skills necessary to be a strong leader in a camp setting or elsewhere. Participants work directly with groups of young campers to practice their teaching and group care skills. Campers receive instruction and examination in Bronze Medallion/Bronze Cross.

Some school districts may accept these certifications towards partial credits. Applicants must successfully complete a telephone interview before final acceptance into the program. Leadership Development 2 Participants are selected based on leadership interest, experience, and potential.

Many Leadership Development (LD) campers choose to apply for future positions at camp following completion of the program. YMCA volunteers must be 17 years old and YMCA staff must be 18 years old by the first day of summer camp. For these reasons, we mandate that campers be the minimum age listed before they join the program. Please note that participation in the LD program does not guarantee future employment with Camp Elphinstone.







## Day Camp\*

(5-12 years)

Camp Elphinstone offers an action-packed day camp program Monday-Friday in July and August. Campers are placed into groups of 10 with two counsellors and take part in all of the same activities as overnight campers, such as high ropes, kayaking, swimming, archery, and sailing before they return home at 4:00 p.m. Camp Elphinstone provides a nutritious lunch each day for day campers.

Transportation option for day camp include pick up/drop off directly at Camp Elphinstone or the day camp bus (\$75/week), which stops in Halfmoon Bay, Sechelt, Davis Bay, Roberts Creek, Upper Gibsons, and Lower Gibsons.

***\*Pre and post-care is available for additional fee.***



**2022 Dates**  
**Aug 28-31 and**  
**Oct 7-9**



## **Family Camp** (all ages)

YMCA Camp Elphinstone offers an ideal setting for families to focus on what's most important—spending time together. Family Camp is a great way for families to escape the city without the hassle of pitching a tent or driving long distances. Campers participate in a variety of camp activities and organized programs for children, adults and the whole family. Families may choose from two different types of accommodation, cozy lodge rooms or private cabins, and we make sure everyone is well fed with three daily nutritious, delicious, kid-friendly meals in our dining hall. Relax, reconnect, and join us for a quality family experience you'll never forget!

Need help planning your family's camp experience? Email us at [elphinstone@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:elphinstone@gv.ymca.ca)

## **Summer Family Camp (August 28 - 31)**

Summer Family Camp is a four-day camp that features all of our most popular warm-weather programming. In the morning and afternoon, families can choose between activities like rock climbing, sailing, canoeing, archery, high ropes, kayaking, and much more! Families can choose to sign-up for activities together or to sign-up separately, as YMCA staff will always be present to supervise children during scheduled activities. Each evening we will have a campfire, a camp-wide game, and finish the day off with an optional adult social while YMCA staff supervise children in cabins/lodges.

## **Fall Family Camp (October 7 - 9)**

Fall Family Camp is a three-day camp on Thanksgiving weekend offering programs like rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, archery, campfires, and indoor options in the case of inclement coastal weather. Relax, unwind, and enjoy the fall beauty this year, along with a full Thanksgiving dinner prepared by our Camp Elphinstone chefs. Don't forget about the annual Great Pumpkin Drop!



# YMCA Camp Elphinstone 2022 Dates & Fees

YMCA Camp Elphinstone 1760 YMCA Road, Gibsons B.C.

	Price (tax included)	SESSION A		SESSION B		SESSION C		SESSION D		
SUMMER	MEMBER /NON-MEMBER	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
1 Week Camp (7 - 15 years)	\$773 / \$860	Jul 3 - 8	Jul 10 - 15	Jul 17 - 22	Jul 24 - 29	Jul 31 - Aug 5	Aug 7 - 12	Aug 14 - 19	Aug 21 - 26	
2 Week Camp (7 - 15 years)	\$1,407 / \$1,562			Jul 17 - 29		Jul 31 - Aug 12		Aug 14 - 26		
McNabb (5 - 7 years)	\$499 / \$555				Jul 26 - 29	Aug 2 - 5	Aug 9 - 12	Aug 16 - 19		
1 Week Sailing Camp (11 - 14 years)	\$822 / \$914		Jul 10 - 15				Aug 7 - 12			
2 Week Sailing Camp (11 - 14 years)	\$1,448 / \$1,608			Jul 17 - 29				Aug 14 - 26		
Sunshine Coast Trail (12 - 14 years)	\$829 / \$924				Jul 24 - 29					
Desolation Sound I (12 - 14 years)	\$829 / \$924	Jul 3 - 8	Jul 10 - 15							
Desolation Sound II (13 - 15 years)	\$1,462 / \$1,624			Jul 17 - 29				Aug 14 - 26		
Leadership Development 1 (15 - 16 years)	\$1,512 / \$1,678	Jul 3 - 15		Jul 17 - 29		Jul 31 - Aug 12		Aug 14 - 26		
Leadership Development 2 (16 - 17 years)	\$1,965 / \$2,140	Jul 3 - Jul 22			Jul 24 - Aug 12			Aug 14 - Sep 2		
Summer Family Camp (all ages)	\$306 / \$329 (per adult) \$166 / \$179 (per child)									Aug 28 - 31
Day Camp (5 - 12 years)	\$216 / \$242	Jul 4 - 8	Jul 11 - 15	Jul 18 - 22	Jul 25 - 29	Aug 1 - 5	Aug 8 - 12	Aug 15 - 19	Aug 22 - 26	Aug 29 - Sep 2
FALL										
Fall Family Camp (all ages)	\$193 / \$209 (per adult) \$140 / \$150 (per child)	Oct 7 - 9								





Campers travelling to Camp Elphinstone have the option of travelling by ferry from Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal to Langdale ferry terminal, travelling by bus, or they can be dropped off directly at camp.

## Transportation For Overnight Camps

### Option 1 – Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal (\$18 round trip)

Campers and families will sign in with YMCA staff on Sunday mornings at Horseshoe Bay. Staff and campers will then walk onto the ferry and travel together. Campers come to camp on the **11:55 AM** ferry on Sundays from Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal and return home on the **1:05 PM** ferry on Fridays to meet parents/guardians at Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal.

**Please note:** BC Ferries has not finalized their summer schedule and YMCA Camp Elphinstone reserves the right to change these ferry times. Confirmation will be sent to families prior to the summer.

### Option 2 – Bus (\$140 round trip)

Bus transportation is available from locations in the greater Vancouver area directly to Camp Elphinstone. Campers will meet YMCA staff on Sunday mornings at the designated bus stops listed below and travel together to Camp Elphinstone. Campers will return to the designated bus stops with YMCA staff on Friday afternoons.

Transportation must be pre-registered to secure space. Please note that there must be a minimum of 10 campers registered for a bus route each week in order for this service to be available.

Please note that bus transportation is **not** available for McNabb campers. McNabb campers have the option of drop-off/pick-up at Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal or directly at YMCA Camp Elphinstone.

Bus Stop	Address
Tong Louie Family YMCA	14988 57th Avenue, Surrey
Burnaby Central Secondary	4939 Canada Way, Burnaby
Port Moody Recreation Centre	300 Ioco Road, Port Moody
Langara Family YMCA	282 West 49th Avenue, Vancouver

### Option 3 – Drop-off/Pick-up at Camp Elphinstone

Parents/guardians can also drop off campers at Camp Elphinstone on the first day of camp and/or pick them up on the last day of camp. YMCA staff will be present to welcome everyone to camp and to help with sign-in/out.





## YMCA Camp Staff

All staff are trained leaders committed to the well-being of children, and have completed the following before camp starts:

- A criminal record check, three reference checks and personal interview
- First Aid and CPR-C certification
- Bronze Cross or National Lifeguard certification
- At least seven days of training, which includes topics such as child protection, child guidance, risk management and supervision.

## Health & Safety

The health and safety of your child is our first priority.

Camp Elphinstone is operating under the Provincial Health Guidelines regarding COVID-19 and regularly consults with our local health department regarding any updates or changes to protocols. Detailed information on our Safety Plan can be found on our website.

We comply with various health and safety regulations and industry standards to ensure that we offer a safe environment

Please note that the YMCA does not guarantee a nut-free facility. If your child has a nut allergy, please contact us.

Our YMCA Camp Elphinstone location boasts:

- Nationally certified lifeguards to supervise our waterfronts
- A well-equipped Wellness Centre with staff trained to handle emergencies, including a full-time Wellness Director
- A nearby medical clinic for other emergencies
- A kitchen that not only offers nutritious and well-balanced meals but also ensures dietary concerns are addressed
- High ropes course and climbing tower accredited by the Association of Challenge Course Technology
- BC Camps Association accreditation





## Inclusion at Camp

We are dedicated to the creation of a safe, secure space for those seeking services with us. It is the policy of YMCA Camp Elphinstone to maintain and promote a facility that provides the highest quality of services to our campers regardless of their actual or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation. We encourage the parent(s) or guardian(s) of any transgender, trans, and gender non-conforming campers to contact the Camp Director to discuss the commitments to inclusion made by YMCA Camp Elphinstone and how we can best welcome and support your camper(s). YMCA Camp Elphinstone works closely with the Pride Camping Association to ensure we are providing an inclusive and positive experience to all of our campers and families.



## Accessibility at Camp

The YMCA welcomes children of all abilities to our programs. Camp Elphinstone staff are trained and able to assist campers with physical and developmental disabilities. In the event that your child requires one-on-one support, one of our Inclusion Counsellors will be assigned to ensure your child's needs are met. Our staff will help modify and adapt programming to ensure your child is included and integrated into the Camp Elphinstone experience. If your child requires one-on-one support while at camp, please contact the Summer Camp Director prior to registration to discuss how we can best support your child.





## How to register

**Online:** [myYMCA.ca](https://myYMCA.ca)

**By Phone:** 604.939.9622

**In Person:** at your local YMCA

**Need help planning your camp experience?** No problem, we're happy to help! Contact us by phone or email [camps@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:camps@gv.ymca.ca).

### Deposit

Fees may be paid in full or a non-refundable deposit of \$50 per week for day camps or \$150 for overnight camps will be collected at the time of registration. Deposits will be applied to the overall cost of camp.

### Cancellation Policy

To cancel your camp experience, notification must be received in writing no later than two weeks prior to the start of your camp session, in order to receive a full refund (less the non-refundable, non-transferable \$50 per week day camp or \$150 overnight camp deposit). Session transfers must be completed at least one week prior to session start date.

### Financial Assistance

No one should miss out on a YMCA camp experience. That's why we offer financial assistance and payment plans to assist those whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent them from attending camp.

Please contact us for more information and a confidential application form, or to find out how you can help support a child in need. Applications must be received at least two weeks prior to camp start date.

### Transportation

Any transportation changes must be made in writing at least one week prior to camp start date.

### Tuck Shop

From juices and snacks to branded knick-knacks, T-shirts and other swag, campers are given time to visit the Tuck Shop at least once during their stay. Items range in price from \$2-\$65. Please specify tuck shop credits at time of registration in \$10 increments. Only remaining credits over \$10 will be refunded. The Tuck Shop also accepts cash payments.

## Bring a friend and get 10% off!

Register with a friend who did not attend a YMCA camp in 2019 and you both will receive 10% off your summer camp session fee.

- You must have attended Camp Elphinstone in 2019 to be eligible for this discount.
- This discount may only be applied to one friend who did not attend in 2019.
- The discount will be issued as a refund after both parties have registered and paid.
- The discount will be applied only to the session fee before tax and will not be applied to optional add-ons including but not limited to transportation fees, Tuck Shop credits, day camp pre/post care, etc.





Photo: Jennifer Picard — Wedding Photography

## Private Rentals September - June

Host your next private function or event at our award-winning venue. YMCA Elphinstone Event and Retreat Centre offers an ideal place to connect with your colleagues, family or friends. From weddings and conferences to team building getaways and wellness retreats, let our 144 acres of oceanfront and lush rainforest make your next event a memorable one! Full catering options available, along with a range of activities that everyone can enjoy.

To learn more about dates and packages, contact **604-886-2025** or [elphinstone@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:elphinstone@gv.ymca.ca).

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