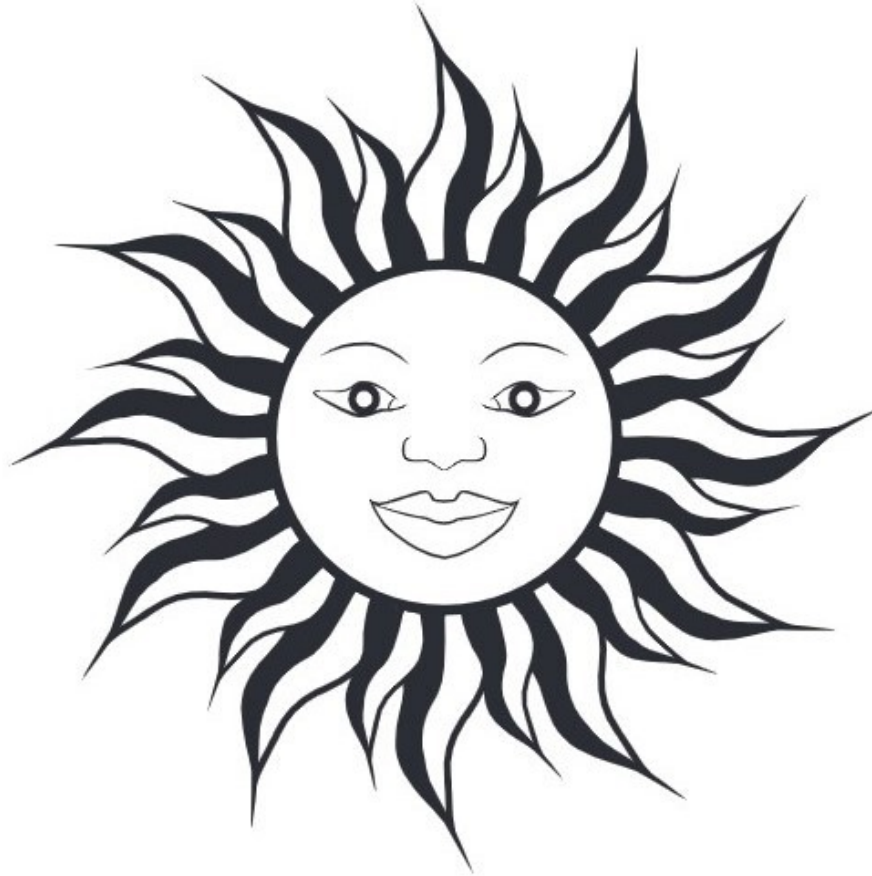


# Summer Services

for Children with Disabilities



## Introduction

### A Word from RIV's Acting Directors

The Summer Services Booklet for Children and Youth with Disabilities, also known as the Yellow Booklet, has been produced by RIV for 24 years to help families begin planning for their child's summer. We are saddened to announce this will be the last edition of the booklet produced by RIV, but are thrilled to announce that Community Living Victoria will be taking over the production of this beloved booklet next year.

We hope that this booklet will assist you and your children with disabilities in planning for your summer. We would like to thank all of the organizations listed for their collaboration. RIV's Yellow Booklet has become a valued tool of parents planning their child or youth's summer. In 1996, RIV saw that there was a great disparity in the number of weeks of summer service a child or youth with disabilities received, based on their parent or caregiver's knowledge of the available summer options. The Yellow Booklet was developed to ensure all parents had equal access to program information in order for them to make informed choices. Over the years, the booklet has grown to include listings from an increasing number of agencies, as well as summer residential camps. I hope you find our 24th, and RIV's final edition, meets your planning needs and your child or youth has a wonderful summer experience!

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Amie Renaud and Kirsty Jack, Acting Directors

\*Please note that the information listed in the booklet may not be entirely accurate as the COVID-19 Pandemic situation continues to evolve. We suggest reaching out to specific programs to enquire about the current state of their summer programming.

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## Introduction

### How to Use the Children and Youth with Special Needs Form

Some programs contained in this book are funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development's (MCFD) Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN). For these programs only you will see a "CYSN Sponsored Service" indicated above the agency's name - If your child meets the CYSN eligibility criteria, simply fill in your information on the registration form enclosed in the book and then send it directly to the agency itself.

Keep in mind that paperwork needs to be done well in advance to avoid disappointment.

#### This booklet is divided into different sections

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>CYSN Sponsored Services</b> | Your child must be eligible for CYSN funding* |
| <b>Agency Summer Services</b>  | Register or apply directly with the agency    |

# OneAbility

The Greater Victoria Collaborative for Adapted Sport and Physical Activity

[www.oneability.ca](http://www.oneability.ca)

OneAbility is a collaborative of community partners that aims to provide leadership to enhance the adapted sport and physical activity landscape through knowledge sharing, building capacity and increasing awareness.

## **Find a Program (e-tool)**

[www.oneability.ca/find-a-program/](http://www.oneability.ca/find-a-program/)

The online database allows you to search for program information related to adapted physical activity and inclusive sport in the Greater Victoria region.

## **Inclusive Programs**

[www.oneability.ca/programs/](http://www.oneability.ca/programs/)

The online programs library allows you to learn more about adapted physical activity and inclusive sports that exist and find out which ones are offered locally.

## **Stay Connected on Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/oneability](http://www.facebook.com/oneability)

Find out about upcoming programs, events, services and information related to adapted physical activity and inclusive sports.



## Potential Funding Opportunity

### **Camperships**

#### **Community Living Victoria (CLV) Camperships**

Sometimes a youth may need someone with whom they are familiar, confident and comfortable with to attend camp with them to provide support. An honorarium may be available to provide this support.

The funding is made available through the generous support of the McAdams Foundation. Camperships are limited and available only when funding is obtained from our donors.

To discuss, please contact Justine Dooley.

CLV Family Support

Justine's Phone: 250-477-7231 ext 250

Email: [jdooley@clvic.ca](mailto:jdooley@clvic.ca)

## Potential Funding Opportunity

### Summer Camp Subsidies

Below are other possible summer camp subsidies.

| Potential Subsidy   | Contact Information   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Community Options for Children and Families</b><br/>Children's respite service. To be eligible for services a child must be referred by an MCFD Social Worker.</p>          | <p><a href="http://communityoptions.bc.ca/">http://communityoptions.bc.ca/</a><br/>Phone: 250-380-6363</p>  |
| <p><b>Victoria Association for Children with Autism</b><br/>Respite Funding Program. Referral to other resources and services available.</p>                                      | <p><a href="https://victoriaautism.ca/">https://victoriaautism.ca/</a><br/>Phone: Email through website</p>   |
| <p><b>Community Living Victoria</b><br/>Campership Application (see previous page)</p>  | <p><a href="http://www.communitylivingvictoria.ca/">http://www.communitylivingvictoria.ca/</a><br/>Phone: 250-477-7231</p>  |
| <p><b>Canucks Autism Network</b><br/>\$25 membership fee, reduced fee programming.<br/>Offers programs to support individuals living with autism.</p>                             | <p><a href="https://canucksautism.ca/">https://canucksautism.ca/</a><br/>Phone: 604 -685-4049</p>   |
| <p><b>Disability Assistance</b><br/>Various programs/referrals to other services.<br/>Possible camp coverage options if parent is a designated Persons With Disability (PWD).</p> | <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/services-for-people-with-disabilities</a><br/>Phone: 250-387-6121</p>  |
| <p><b>Variety The Children's Charity</b><br/>Individual Grants available to low income families.</p>  | <p><a href="http://www.variety.bc.ca/grants/individual-grants/">http://www.variety.bc.ca/grants/individual-grants/</a><br/>Phone: 604-320-0505</p>  |
| <p><b>Autism Funding</b><br/>Autism Funding available for all ages.</p>   | <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-women-children/child-behaviour-development/special-needs/autism-spectrum-disorder/autism-funding">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-women-children/child-behaviour-development/special-needs/autism-spectrum-disorder/autism-funding</a><br/>Phone: 250- 387-6121</p> |
| <p><b>YMCA Campership Fund</b><br/>Camp Thunderbird Financial Assistance.</p>   | <p><a href="https://vancouverislandy.com/program-services/outdoor-education-overview/financial-aid/">https://vancouverislandy.com/program-services/outdoor-education-overview/financial-aid/</a><br/>Phone: 250-386-7511</p>  |
| <p><b>Cerebral Palsy Association of BC Campership</b><br/>Financial assistance for children and youth with cerebral palsy.</p>  | <p><a href="https://www.bccerebralpalsy.com/programs/camperships/">https://www.bccerebralpalsy.com/programs/camperships/</a></p>  |

## Other Services

### Camping Fees for Persons with Disabilities

#### BC Parks - Camping for Free “What are the Criteria”

(Taken from <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/fees/disability.html>)

The purpose of this program is to provide support for persons with disabilities who are also receiving income assistance from the authorities identified.

If you meet any ONE of the following criteria, your [camping party](#) can camp for free. There is also no charge for a second non-recreational vehicle. Please note: This discount does not apply to group camping, group picnicking, electrical hookups, cabins, yurts, backcountry and marine fees or reservation charges.

1. You are designated a “**Person with Disabilities**” (**PWD**) and receiving [PWD Disability Assistance](#) (administered by the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR)). **Note:** Recipients of CPP disability are eligible for free camping if they are also designated under the PWD program and receive additional Disability Assistance from the MSDPR.

Procedures:

- A. Obtain, from your caseworker, a current calendar year Release of Information form issued by the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.
- B. Upon arrival at the campground, show the campground operator the ORIGINAL approved form AND a second piece of identification.
- C. This Release of Personal Information form ([click here to view a sample page](#) - in pdf format) can be obtained by contacting your local MSDPR or Service BC office.

OR

2. You have a child registered through the “At Home Program” (administered by the British Columbia provincial government Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)).

Procedures:

- A. Obtain a Letter of Eligibility from your caseworker, stating your child is eligible for the "At Home Program" issued by the [BC Ministry of Children and Family Development](#).
- B. Upon arrival at the campground, show the campground operator the ORIGINAL approved Letter of Eligibility AND a second piece of identification (either the child's ID, if possible, or the parent/legal guardian's ID).
- C. A letter of eligibility ([click to view two different types of eligibility letters](#) - either one is acceptable - in pdf format: [letter 1](#) and [letter 2](#)) can be obtained by contacting the MCFD office.

OR



3. You are a person living on-reserve and receiving Disability Income Assistance for Persons with Disabilities under Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

Procedures:

- A. Contact your Band Social Development Worker for a fully completed, original, current calendar year Release of Personal Information for Persons with Disabilities form issued by a First Nation Administering Authority on behalf of ISC.
- B. Upon arrival at the campground, show the campground operator the ORIGINAL Release of Personal Information Form AND a second piece of identification.
- C. Release of Personal Information form – sample [PDF]

## **Section 1: Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN) Sponsored Services**

The following listings include three agencies offering a CYSN sponsored service.

Please note that your child must be CYSN eligible to attend a CYSN sponsored program.

**To enquire about the Ministry of Children and Family Development's CYSN services and to discuss eligibility, please contact the CYSN duty social worker at 250-953-3711**



**PHOENIX HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION  
CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
SUMMER FUN 2020 REQUEST FORM**

*Please do not send confidential or sensitive information by email. Fax your completed form to 250-386-7142, or mail to Phoenix Human Services Association, 1095 McKenzie Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Victoria, BC V8P 2L5. Thank you!*

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (including Postal Code): \_\_\_\_\_

CYSN Eligible:  Yes  No      CYSN Social Worker Name (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Please number which weeks you would like in order of preference and place an 'x' beside any unavailable weeks:

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| _____ June 29 – July 3 (no camp July 1) | _____ July 27 – July 31               |
| _____ July 6 – July 10                  | _____ August 4 – 7 (no camp August 3) |
| _____ July 13 – July 17                 | _____ August 10 – 14                  |
| _____ July 20 – July 24                 |                                       |

**SUPPORT NEEDS**

Nature of Disability: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child take medication that needs to be administered during programs hours:  Yes  No

My child needs assistance with (please check all that apply):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication      | <input type="checkbox"/> Coping With Frustration (Acting Out) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Interaction | <input type="checkbox"/> Identifying Things Visually          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At Mealtime        | <input type="checkbox"/> With Mobility                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With Toileting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                               |

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

List any mobility aide (i.e. wheelchair, crutches, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments on how we can support your child's needs:

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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CYSN Sponsored Program

## Phoenix Human Services Association Summer Fun Camp

Program Manager - Cheryl Sanders

[www.phoenixhumanservices.org](http://www.phoenixhumanservices.org)

1095 Mackenzie, Victoria BC, V8P  
2L5

Office: 250-383-4821

Email: [cheryl.sanders@phoenixhuman  
services.org](mailto:cheryl.sanders@phoenixhuman<br/>services.org)

Fx: 250-386-7142

### Summer Fun Camp

Operates for 7 weeks between **June 29th and August 14th**, Monday to Friday, from 9:00am to 3:00pm with the exception of civic and statutory holidays. Our camp focuses on providing opportunities for children and youth with developmental disabilities to practice social and communication skills while having fun in the community. Campers are supported by four Children and Youth Support Workers (CYSW) and the number of campers is limited to a maximum of eight per week. Camp staff make every effort to accommodate children and youth with unique challenges such as adjusting the length of the day or week dependent upon need and/or allowing space for a camper to attend with a one-to-one worker if needed. Families who request services are initially offered 1 week of camp in order for the program to accommodate the greatest number of families. Requests for additional weeks will be accommodated as program space and scheduling permits.

#### **SUITABLE FOR:**

Participants must be independent with mobility. Please note that camp staff are unable to complete lifts and transfers.

| <b>COST</b>  | <b>AGES SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION</b> |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| \$65/week-if your family is facing substantial financial barriers please contact the Program Manager to review potential reduction of registration fees. | 6-18 years         | Victoria        |

Register by April 30th 2020 using the Phoenix Summer Fun 2020 Request Form

which can be found within the Yellow Booklet below or by clicking [here.](#)

CYSN Sponsored Program

## Sooke Options for Community Living Assoc. Summer Journeys Day Camp

[www.socla.ca](http://www.socla.ca)

6816 Westcoast Road, Sooke BC,  
V9Z 0V2

Office: 778-352-2277

Fax: 778- 352-2288

Email: [lsmanager@socla.ca](mailto:lsmanager@socla.ca)

### Summer Journeys Day Camp

SOCLA has operated this fun-filled summer day camp for many years now, and every year it just gets better! Plans for this year include exploring local beaches and parks, playing mini golf, kayaking in the Basin, working at arts and crafts, and much more. Our activities will take place in and around Sooke, with occasional special outings to places in Victoria such as the Imax, the Bug Zoo, All Fun Go Karting and bowling. Everyone will need sun hats, sunscreen, bathing suits, towels, as well as snacks and lunches every day.

All activities are planned to provide enjoyment, skill development and appropriate social involvement. Activities are carried out in an age appropriate manner, and are flexible to allow for the different abilities of the participants in a way that ensures success. **Program runs July 6th to August 21st.**

#### **SUITABLE FOR:**

Children and youth with developmental disabilities. Children who require 1:1 support may attend if prior arrangement is made for one of SOCLA'S staff to provide 1:1 supervision via other funding source (private, autism or respite funding, etc.). Camps are not wheelchair accessible.

| <b>COST</b> | <b>AGES SERVED</b>            | <b>LOCATION</b>            |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$100/week  | 6-18. Divided into two groups | 6816 Westcoast Road, Sooke |

Register by May 30th 2020 using the application form in centre of booklet. Families will be sent a package on confirmation of registration.

CYSN Sponsored Program

## Lifetime Networks' Residential Camp Assistance

[www.lifetimenetworks.org](http://www.lifetimenetworks.org)

102-4090 Shelbourne St

Victoria, B.C. V8N 4P6

Office: 250-477-4112

Email: [sarah.molder@lnv.ca](mailto:sarah.molder@lnv.ca)

### Residential Camp Assistance

Recognizing many children cannot afford a summer residential camp without one to one assistance, families may request to have an assistant (Inclusion Facilitator) to children and youth who have this need. This service was formally run by Recreation Integration Victoria. Very limited space, service provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### SUITABLE FOR:

Children and youth with developmental, neuro-sensory disabilities and/or physical disabilities attending a residential camp that requires them to have an assistant as a condition of their attendance to the camp.

| <b>COST</b>  | <b>AGES SERVED</b>               | <b>LOCATION</b>                             |
|--|----------------------------------|---|
| Parents pay camp registration fees.<br>Assistant is provided free of charge. | 6-18 years dependent on the camp | Residential camps on lower Vancouver Island |

Register by May 1st 2020 using the CYSN application form below.

## CYSN Service Request Form (cover page)

***Forms for the CYSN sponsored programs are submitted directly to the program by email, fax or mail.***

***An electronic version of the Yellow Booklet and this form is available at: [www.rivonline.org/forms](http://www.rivonline.org/forms).***

You may request service with more than one of the following agencies, but they must be separate requests made to each agency directly.

### Phoenix Human Services Association ‘Summer Fun Camp’

By mail: 1095 McKenzie Ave, Victoria BC, V8\_ 2L5 Attn: Cheryl Sanders

By Email: [cheryl.sanders@phoenixhumanservices.org](mailto:cheryl.sanders@phoenixhumanservices.org)

By Fax: 250-386-7142

Deadline: April 30, 2020

### Sooke Options for Community Living Association ‘Summer Journeys Day Camp’

By mail: 6816 Westcoast Rd, Sooke BC, V9Z 0V2 Attn: Rod Holt

By Email: [lsmanager@socla.ca](mailto:lsmanager@socla.ca)

By Fax: 778-352-2288

Deadline: May 30th, 2020

### Lifetime Networks’ ‘Residential Camp Assistance’

By mail: Attn: Sarah Molder

By Email: [sarah.molder@lnv.ca](mailto:sarah.molder@lnv.ca)

Deadline: May 1st, 2020

## CYSN Service Request Form (pg 1 of 2)

**Purpose:** To ensure one of the following camps (Phoenix, Sooke or Lifetime Networks) you may choose is suitable for your child. Also, to ensure equitable access for families to Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN) funded summer services.

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### Contact Information

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Work or Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Include City & Postal Code): \_\_\_\_\_

CYSN Eligible (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ CYSN Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_

### Support Needs

Nature of Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your child take medication that needs to be administered during program hours (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

My child needs assistance with (please check all that apply):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication      | <input type="checkbox"/> Coping with Frustration (Acting out) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Interaction | <input type="checkbox"/> Identifying things Visually          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At Mealtime        | <input type="checkbox"/> With Mobility                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With Toileting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                         |

List any mobility aids (i.e. wheelchair, crutches, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Comments on how we can support your child's needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Service Request

**Prior to making your request, you should know the weeks you would like your child to attend.**

| Desired Service                                      | Specific Dates Requested | Check for 'Any dates' |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Phoenix Summer Fun                                   |                          |                       |
| Sooke Summer Journeys                                |                          |                       |
| LNV's Summer Residential Camp Assistance (Overnight) |                          |                       |

***\*Mandatory information***

Have you applied to any other summer services (i.e. camps, daycare, etc.) (Y/N):

\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, specify which ones and the dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there weeks when service is not required (ex: for a planned family vacation).

Specify the dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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End of Form

Remember to contact the CYSN sponsored program directly for confirmation of your submission.

## **Section 2: Agency Summer Services**

The following listings include agencies and organizations who have an offering of inclusive summer programs or services.

Please note that there may be other summer camp options not listed in this booklet, as this is not inclusive of every summer camp or service on the lower Vancouver Island. We hope that the listings provide you with references to many such camps but we encourage you to explore.

Agency Summer Service  
**Best Coast Adventure Therapy**

[www.bestcoastadventure.com](http://www.bestcoastadventure.com)

Office: 250-361-6793

Contact: Meghan Cosgrove

Email:

[bestcoastadventure@gmail.com](mailto:bestcoastadventure@gmail.com)

### Outdoor Adventure Program

Join an inclusive nature-based summer camp which celebrates individuals of all abilities. Best Coast Adventure Therapy combines outdoor adventure activities with therapeutic processes to reach desired goals for all ages. This small-group summer camp program is designed to meet the various interests, strengths and needs of each participating individual and their family.

Nature has a prominent influence in the therapeutic process as it has been shown to improve emotional, cognitive, behavioural, spiritual and physical well-being. These experiences can lead to positive changes and can benefit all ages with skills of awareness, regulation, coping, coordination and focus while also providing the opportunity to pursue recreational interests.

Programming can include outdoor nature exploration, recreational activities, yoga, mindfulness, physical education and sports. Various activities include hiking, kayaking, mini-golf, nature walks, tennis, indoor rock-climbing, swimming, soccer, group games and more.

|  |                                |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>COST</b><br>\$30/hour (eligible for autism funding) | <b>AGES SERVED</b><br>6 and up | <b>LOCATION</b><br>Community based throughout Victoria, Saanich and the Westshore. |
|--|--------------------------------|--|

Registration is ongoing.

Agency Summer Service  
**Canucks Autism Network**

**Website:** [canucksautism.ca](http://canucksautism.ca)

**Office:** 1-604-685-4049

**Email:** [info@canucksautism.ca](mailto:info@canucksautism.ca)

**Fax:** 1-604-685-4018

## **Programs for Children, Youth, Adults & Families with Autism Opportunities:**

Canucks Autism Network (CAN) provides programs for individuals with autism and their families, while promoting acceptance and inclusion through community engagement and training initiatives across BC and beyond. Stay up-to-date on summer program details and registration dates by signing up for our monthly newsletter at [canucksautism.ca/newsletter](http://canucksautism.ca/newsletter)!

The most recent CAN Program Guide can always be found at [canucksautism.ca/programs](http://canucksautism.ca/programs).

### **Programs:**

For children with autism (ages 3-12), our programming focuses on sports and rec opportunities. For youth and adults with autism (ages 13-17 and 18+) our programming focuses on providing opportunities to develop physical and mental health, arts and technology, work and volunteer skills, and social and life skills. We also offer Family Events (all ages) that provide opportunities for families with autism to enjoy a wide range of activities together throughout the year (i.e movie matinees, outdoor rec events, etc.).

*\*Become a CAN member in order to access program registration by visiting: [canucksautism.ca/join](http://canucksautism.ca/join).*

*Some programs require members to pay a highly subsidized fee which vary by program and length as a means to ensure program sustainability. CAN does not wish a fee to act as a barrier to participation - please see payment options by visiting: [canucksautism.ca/payment](http://canucksautism.ca/payment).*

**Autism Training Opportunities** We provide training and accessibility resources for many sectors, including sport, recreation, first responders, schools, and a range of community spaces. To learn about customized training solutions, please visit: [canucksautism.ca/training](http://canucksautism.ca/training).

| <b>COST</b>                                       | <b>AGES SERVED</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b>    |
|---|--|--------------------|
| \$25 (Annual Membership)*<br>Free (family events) | 3-6, 7-12, 13-17, 18+<br>(year-round programs)<br>All Ages (family events) | Victoria & Nanaimo |

Ongoing registration

Agency Summer Service

## Community Living Victoria's Autism Services Summer Camps

**Website:** [www.communitylivingvictoria.ca/specialized-camps](http://www.communitylivingvictoria.ca/specialized-camps)

**Contact:** Rachel Knoop or Dan Moses

**Email:** [autism@clvic.ca](mailto:autism@clvic.ca)

**Office:** 250-477-7231 ext 237 or local 249

**Fax:** 250-477-6944

### CLV Autism Services Summer Camps 2019

We offer dynamic community-based programming in a variety of camps for youth with autism. Our camps are interest-based and theme-oriented, so whether it is our regular Sunny Daze camps, or any of our specialty camps like Outdoor Adventure, Out and About, there is something for everyone! Activities include nature walks, hiking, swimming, mini-golf, bowling, rock-climbing, physical literacy sessions (with PISE), arts and crafts, cooking, movies, gardening, outdoor activities (including canoeing or kayaking with Power To Be) and much more. Our skilled and knowledgeable team of Behaviour Interventionists, who lead the camps, support youth to build friendships, gain confidence, strengthen social and communication skills, and practice life-skills. All fees are eligible for Autism Funding through the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

#### **Schedule:**

A new camp starts each week, from July 6th to Sept 4th, 2020. Camps are from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. weekdays (exception of Statutory Holidays).

#### **Suitable for:**

Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (Autism, PDD-NOS included). Applicants requiring extra support are welcome to apply with accompanying one-to-one support worker (at a 50% discount) or request one-to-one support through our program (at additional cost).

| <b>COST</b>   | <b>AGES SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>                      |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5-day camps: \$500<br>4-day camps: \$400<br>Pickup and Drop off offered at \$1 per km | 6-18 years of age  | Meeting venue varies with each camp. |

Registration form is published in May with exact camp details (is ongoing throughout the summer and must be made three weeks in advance)

Agency Summer Service

## Community Living Victoria's Teen Community Connections

[www.communitylivingvictoria.ca](http://www.communitylivingvictoria.ca)

Contact: Rachel Knoop

Email: [rknoop@clvic.ca](mailto:rknoop@clvic.ca)

Office: 250-477-7231 local 237

Fax: 250-477-6944

### Teen Community Connection Summer Camps 2020

This program is run by CLV and is subsidized through funding from the Supported Child Development Program. All activities are community-based and promote access, recreation, leisure, and FUN! Throughout the week, teens are in locations that include: local beaches and parks, recreation centres, local attractions, libraries, community events, festivals and more. Activities include: nature walks, hiking, swimming, mini-golf, bowling, rock climbing, physical literacy sessions (PISE), arts and crafts, cooking, theatre, movies, gardening, outdoor programs run by Power To Be and time for leisure. Our goal is to provide a positive and welcoming environment that encourages personal growth, life-skills and social interaction. Applicants can request up to 5 weeks of summer camp, depending on available space.

Weekly camps run from **July 6th to Aug 28rd, 2020 (8wks)**. Our Camps are from 9:00 - 4:30 pm weekdays with the exception of Statutory Holidays. There is a maximum of 15 teens per camp.

#### SUITABLE FOR:

Teens with intellectual disabilities aged 13-18yrs. Applicants must register with the Supported Child Development Program through QACCH and be eligible to receive services and funding through MCFD-CYSN.

| <b>COST</b>                              | <b>AGES SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>   |
|--|--------------------|---|
| 5-day camps: \$150<br>4-day camps: \$120 | 13-18 years of age | We have spaces at Gordon Head or Esquimalt Recreation Centre as start and end of day locations. |

Register by May 31st, 2020

Agency Summer Service

## Easter Seals Day Camp

[www.eastersealsbcy.ca/city-adventures-day-camp/](http://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/city-adventures-day-camp/)

Office: 604-873-1865 (445)

Contact: Spencer van Vloten

Email:

[SvanVloten@eastersealsbcy.ca](mailto:SvanVloten@eastersealsbcy.ca)

## City Adventure Day Camps

Bowling, art, sports, park adventures and more! It's a new adventure every day. Meet new friends and develop your social skills and confidence in a fun, supportive environment. Sign up for a full week, a couple of days or even just one day!

**Please Note: If you are looking to register someone who falls just below or above the age range for the activities in your area, please contact us and let us know. We will do our best to accommodate you I'd possible.**

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| <b>COST</b><br>\$50/per day | <b>AGES SERVED</b><br>13-29 (though we are flexible) | <b>LOCATION</b><br>TBA: Please contact Spencer @ <a href="mailto:svanvloten@eastersealsbcy.ca">svanvloten@eastersealsbcy.ca</a> |
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Most days will be 9am-3pm, participants sign up by the day and register for as many or as few days as you would like.



Agency Summer Service  
**Embrace Arts Foundation**

[www.embracearts.org](http://www.embracearts.org)

Email:

Contact: **Tiffany Tjosvold**

[embrace.arts.victoria@gmail.com](mailto:embrace.arts.victoria@gmail.com)

**Make Some Noise: Adapted Dance and Music Camp**

*Make Some Noise* is a half day camp for elementary aged students of all abilities. These play-based mornings will be filled with movement, music, games and more!

July 8th -12th : 9:00 - 12:00

August 19th - 23rd: 9:00 - 12:00

**Feel the Rhythm: Adapted Dance and Music Camp**

*Feel The Rhythm* is a mini-camp for students ages 8 - 18, of all abilities. Get ready to find your rhythm as we explore drumming, tap dancing, hip hop, and more!

August 7th - 9th: 10:00 - 3:00

**Dance In Your Freedom: Adapted Dance Camp**

*Dance in Your Freedom* is an adapted dance camp for students ages 14 and up, of all abilities. This dance-focused week also includes music, fitness, and other arts-based activities!

July 22nd - 26th: 10:00 - 3:00

August 26th - 30th: 10:00 - 3:00

Suitable for: People of all ages and abilities.

| <b>COST</b>                              | <b>AGES SERVED</b>                                 | <b>LOCATION</b>                         |
|--|--|---|
| Varies: refer to website for information | 1/2 day programs: 5 - 12<br>Whole day programs: 8+ | Dance On It Studios (6021 W Saanich Rd) |

To register, visit [www.embracearts.org/camps](http://www.embracearts.org/camps)

Agency Summer Service

**Lifetime Networks' Summer Inclusion Service (Previously Recreation Integration Victoria's Summer Inclusion Service)**

[www.lifetimenetworks.org](http://www.lifetimenetworks.org)

102-4090 Shelbourne St, Victoria

BC, V8N 4P6

Office: 250-477-4112

Contact: Summer Coordinator

Email: [sarah.molder@Inv.ca](mailto:sarah.molder@Inv.ca)

**Summer Inclusion Service (Day Camp Support)**

This service matches a child/youth with a disability with a 1:1 assistant (Inclusion Facilitator) who attends a generic community-based camp as chosen by the family with the child.

Families may request 1 week of 1:1 support with an Inclusion Facilitator. Efforts are made to fill all requests, but many factors determine whether a family will receive support (popularity of week requested, order of request received, availability of appropriately gendered staff, flexibility in the nature of request, etc).

**SUITABLE FOR:**

School-aged children and youth with developmental, physical or neuro-sensory disabilities.

| <b>COST</b>  | <b>AGES SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>   |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Family is responsible for program registration and associated fees. Inclusion Facilitator is provided free of charge | 6-18               | Municipal and generic community-based summer camps within the Greater Victoria Area |

Requests are being taken now at <https://www.lifetimenetworks.org/programs/#summerinclusionservice>

Agency Summer Service

## Little Steps Therapy Services - Summer Camp

[www.mylittlesteps.net](http://www.mylittlesteps.net)

2986 Dysart Road, Victoria BC,  
V9A 2K2

Office: 250-386-1171

Email: [admin@mylittlesteps.net](mailto:admin@mylittlesteps.net)

### Little Steps Summer Camp

The Little Steps summer camp is an opportunity for children with special needs to participate in summer activities such as nature walks, arts and crafts, cooking, community playground exploration, sports and games. The program focuses on recreation, community outings, improving social skills and most importantly - fun. Staff have extensive experience supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and other developmental delays. Parents can choose either mornings, afternoons, or full days. Individual support is available if required.

If you are interested in registering your child, please contact our offices by calling 250-386-1171 or by emailing [admin@mylittlesteps.net](mailto:admin@mylittlesteps.net) More information on our Summer Camp will be made available on our website [www.mylittlesteps.net](http://www.mylittlesteps.net)

#### **SUITABLE FOR:**

Children and youth with developmental delays including Autism Spectrum Disorders and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

| <b>COST</b> | <b>AGES SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>                               |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| TBD         | 3-19 years         | Little Steps Therapy Services, 2986 Dysart Rd |

Ongoing Registration. Call or email to register.

Agency Summer Service

**PISE (Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence) - Summer Camps**

<http://www.pise.ca/summer-camps/>

Office: 250-220-2510

Fax: 250-220-2501

4371 Interurban Rd, Victoria BC,  
V9E 2C5

Email: [summercamps@pise.ca](mailto:summercamps@pise.ca)

**Summer Camps**

PISE Summer Camps focus on FUN ways to develop the fundamental movement skills and patterns that enable children of all ages to be active for life! Whether that is learning how to throw properly or learning the correct technique of a squat, these movements are essential to being active, healthy and injury free. Learning a broad range of movement skills develops the confidence and competence to take on any challenges that children and youth may encounter both within sports or in general day to day life. This is developing physical literacy! For camp descriptions, pricing, and registration info please visit the website.

**Suitable for:**

Children of all abilities welcome. PISE staff are trained to meet the unique needs of all participants. At the same time, we recognize when there is a child or youth who requires further support and more 1:1 assistance. We appreciate good communication from families to determine if and when their child requires further support beyond our ratio. We work closely with families to resource additional funds or organizations for support if needed and welcome 1:1 support workers. Please discuss prior to camp registration.

| <b>COST</b>                              | <b>AGES SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Varies- Refer to website for information | 3-15 years         | Onsite Camps at PISE<br>Offsite camps (ages 3-5) held at Saanich locations |

Registration for summer programs opened on March 1, 2019. Programs remain open until filled.

Agency Summer Service

## Pivot Point Family Growth Centre - Summer Programs

[www.pivotpoint.ca](http://www.pivotpoint.ca)

Office: 778-410-2319

Email: [victoria@pivotpoint.ca](mailto:victoria@pivotpoint.ca)

Pivot Point provides services for children, teens and adults on southern Vancouver Island. We offer therapeutic supports in the area of behaviour, mental health and education. Our programs are individualized with your goal being our highest priority. Services can be provided on a 1:1 basis or within a group setting.

### Summer Camps Programs:

**HANG: Eco Adventure Club-** Ages: 7-12 and 13-19. Youth will explore different locations and outdoor activities around Victoria. activities include hiking, canoeing, sailing, outdoor skill building and geocaching.

**HANG: Gamers Club-** Ages: 7-12 and 13-19. Join us for weekly video game challenges as we build pro-social skills in a natural setting.

**HANG: Pathfinder Club-** Ages 12-19. Similar to Dungeons and Dragons! Join our Dungeon Master for an adventure that will last all summer long!

### SUITABLE FOR:

Children and youth with ASD, ADHD, FASD, ODD and other developmental disabilities. Participants in HANG groups should be able to participate within a ration of 3 children/youth to 1 staff member.

| <b>COST</b>   | <b>AGES SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>                                   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Varies by group and service. Eligible for payment with Autism funding, Distributed Learning funding, and others | All ages!          | Victoria, Cowichan Valley, Ladysmith, and Nanaimo |

Ongoing registration. Email [victoria@pivotpoint.ca](mailto:victoria@pivotpoint.ca) for more details.

## Agency Summer Service

### Power to Be - Adventure Therapy

[www.powertobe.ca](http://www.powertobe.ca)

107-1208 Wharf Street, Victoria BC,  
V8W 3B9

Contact: The Open Adventure  
Team

Office: 250-385-2363

Fax: 250-385-2360

Email:

[victoriaprograms@powertobe.ca](mailto:victoriaprograms@powertobe.ca)

**Have a Go Days:** A multi-activity day program open to the community, which offers an opportunity to sample some of the experiences offered by Power To Be. Have A Go Days happen throughout the year, with four taking place on Saturdays and Sundays between April and September 2020. Please contact us for more details.

#### Suitable for:

Families and individuals living with physical, cognitive, health or neurological barriers.

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| <b>COST</b><br>Free | <b>AGES SERVED</b><br>All Ages | <b>LOCATION</b><br>Power To Be's Prospect<br>Lake Site |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|

No RSVP is required for these events

Agency Summer Service  
**Victoria Conservatory of Music**

[www.vcm.bc.ca](http://www.vcm.bc.ca)

900 Johnson St, Victoria BC  
201-1314 Lakepoint Way, Langford  
372 Selby Rd, Nanaimo

Office: 250-386-5311 ext 2030

Email: [brodeur@vcm.bc.ca](mailto:brodeur@vcm.bc.ca)

**Music Therapy & Physical Literacy Summer Camp 2020 in Partnership with PISE - FREE (Proudly Presented by CHFVI) Camp(1-8 yrs old)**

July 6th - 10th (Nanaimo)/ July 13th - 17th (Langford)/ July 20th - 24th (Victoria) - registration opens second week of May on website

[www.vcm.bc.ca](http://www.vcm.bc.ca)

**SUITABLE FOR:**

Those with exceptionalities, special abilities, conditions or illnesses. Must be accompanied by caregiver or parent.

**Music Therapy**

Music therapy is for children as young as 12 months old to the elders; those of all ages with exceptionalities.

Sessions take place at our 3 locations (Victoria, Langford & Nanaimo) or in the community in these areas. The studios are equipped with hundreds of large and small music instruments, therapeutic equipment, recording studios, Soundbeam (which transfers movements into sounds) and a multi-sensory studio at our Victoria site.

Come play instruments, sing, dance, compose, improv with our incredibly dedicated faculty members. Sessions designed to meet specific participant's goals.

| <b>COST FOR SESSIONS-</b>   | <b>AGES SERVED</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>                |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Offered all year round</b><br>\$83/hr (in-house session)<br>\$67/hr (in-community) | 1-19 years         | Victoria, Langford and Nanaimo |

Ongoing Registration at all times

### Section 3: Summer Residential Camps

We believe that all children should have the opportunity to go to summer residential camps if they choose. We have listed some of the summer residential camps close to Victoria. These are all generic camps that support the concept of inclusion of a child with a disability. Parents of children with disabilities who are considering sending their child to a residential camp should read about **Lifetime Networks' Summer Residential Camp Assistance Service (previously run by Recreation Integration Victoria)** described in the CYSN sponsored program section of this booklet.

Parents are advised to contact the camp of their choice well in advance to discuss the suitability of the camp for their child and registration.

Please note that there may be other summer camp options not listed in this booklet, as this is not inclusive of every summer camp or service on the lower Vancouver Island. We hope that the listings provide you with references to many such camps but we encourage you to explore.



## Summer Residential Camp Camp Pringle

[www.camppringle.com](http://www.camppringle.com)

2520 West Shawnigan Lake Rd,  
Shawnigan Lake BC, V0R 2W3

### Summer Camp

Office: 250-743-2189

Email: [info@camppringle.com](mailto:info@camppringle.com)

Located in a beautiful natural setting on Shawnigan Lake. On our 18 acres of forestland, we offer open fields, nature trails, high and low ropes challenge courses, archery, a climbing wall, orienteering, and beach and water activities for campers enjoyment. We provide summer camps for children, youth, families, parents and children, and leadership development. Operated by the United Church of Canada. Fully accredited by the British Columbia Camping Association and the United Church of Canada. Online registration available on website. All ages Family Camps available May 22-24 & June 5-7. Camps for children & youth 6-17 yrs old are available July 5 - August 7, and August 23 - September 2.

**Camp Pringle offers a number of bursaries to assist families who are facing financial difficulties. Inquiries made through [info@camppringle.com](mailto:info@camppringle.com).**

### **SUITABLE FOR:**

Camp Pringle is committed to the inclusion of all abilities, but may not be able to accommodate all needs (e.g. medically fragile). For camper suitability, please call the Director to discuss. Please note, if your child requires 1 to 1 support to be successful at camp, we are not able to provide that service but we will help you source external support. There is no extra charge for meals or accommodation when a personal support worker joins your child at camp.

|                           |                                  |  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>COST</b><br>\$500/camp | <b>AGES SERVED</b><br>6-17 years | <b>LOCATION</b><br>Shawnigan Lake,<br>approximately 45<br>minutes from Victoria. |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|

No deadline for registration while space is available (15% early bird discount before May 1st). Waiting lists when full. Apply directly to Camp

Pringle.

## Summer Residential Camp

### Easter Seals Camp Shawnigan (BC Lion's Society)

[www.eastersealsbcy.ca/camp/](http://www.eastersealsbcy.ca/camp/)

2180 Shawnigan Lake Rd, Shawnigan Lake BC, V0R 2W5

Office: 1-800-818-4483

Fax: 1-604-873-0166

Email: [svanvloten@eastersealsbcy.ca](mailto:svanvloten@eastersealsbcy.ca)

### Summer Camp

At Camp Shawnigan, it is our goal to provide safe, fun activities in an environment where the focus is on abilities, not disabilities. All of our camp activities are designed to build confidence, independence, and peer interaction in a recreation environment. Campers are encouraged and supported to participate in activities they may have never tried before, including climbing on our climbing wall, multi-day hikes, tie dying, canoeing, wheelchair basketball, sailing, water balloon wars, kangaroo court, etc.

We offer week long residential camps running from July 19th - August 19th. Please check website for camp session dates.

#### Suitable For:

Children and teens (6 -18 years) with cognitive and/or physical disabilities. Two weeks of Young Adult Camp (19 - 49 years) will be offered. Check our website for camp dates.

| <b>COST</b>   | <b>AGES SERVED</b>                | <b>LOCATION</b>   |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| \$800/regular camper (6 -18 years old)<br>\$1000/ young adult camper (19 -49 years old) | 6-18 years old & 19 -49 years old | Shawnigan Lake, approximately 45 minutes from Victoria. |

Please refer to website for registration deadline and details.

## Summer Residential Camp The YES Camp

[www.theyes.ca](http://www.theyes.ca)

Office: 1-604-960-1377

Email: [info@theyes.ca](mailto:info@theyes.ca)

### The YES Leadership Camp

The Youth Excellence Society (YES) is a charitable organization that provides exceptional leadership training to BC's youth through the support of the province's co-operative and credit union movement. For over 45 years, The YES has provided a unique learning experience for over 15,000 young people. The YES has no religious affiliation.

The YES Leadership Camp provides week-long leadership retreats for youth from all over BC. Skills training is offered for teens in the areas of self-awareness, cooperation, communication, global awareness, environmental sustainability and leadership. Participants take part in the creation of a strong community of support, respect and growth. Not only is there a chance to learn and grow, it's also tons of fun! From canoeing and field games, to tie dye and participant-lead projects, we have varied fun activities each day. The YES Camp is a summer experience that will last a life-time.

#### **SUITABLE FOR:**

Camp is open and inclusive to all youth.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>COST</b><br>\$775/week | <b>AGES SERVED</b><br>14-18 years | <b>LOCATION</b><br>Lake Cowichan.<br>Approximately 1.5 hours<br>from Victoria |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|

Please refer to website for details. Registration is ongoing.