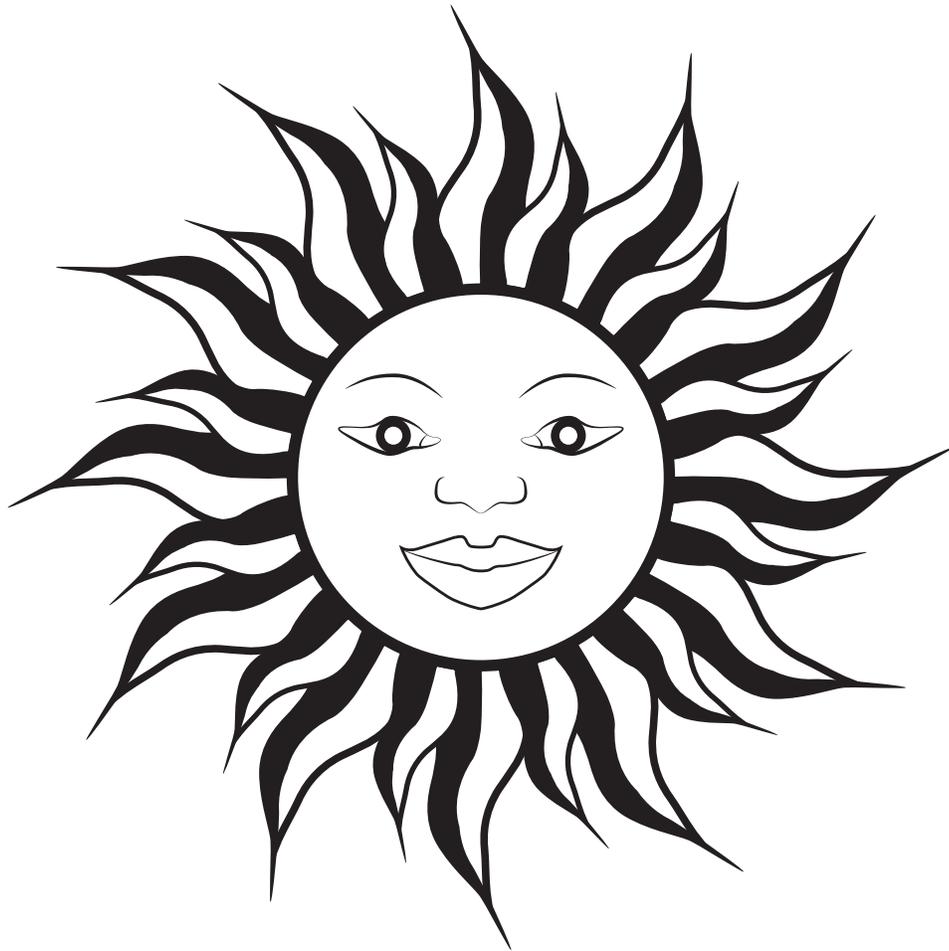


Summer Services

for Children with Disabilities



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Facilitating active lifestyles
for people with disabilities

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A Word from our Executive Director

Recreation Integration Victoria (RIV) is pleased to provide the 22nd edition of our Summer Services for Children with Disabilities booklet (affectionately known as the 'Yellow Booklet'). We hope that our 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, we 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 little Yellow Booklet as it has come to be referred to, 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 22nd edition meets your planning needs and your child or youth has a wonderful summer experience!

This summer families and local agencies were surprised to hear that the Lions Easter Seal Camp Shawnigan would not be in operation in 2018. Upon hearing this news RIV invited the Lions Society and local agencies to attend a meeting in January to discuss the implications this has for the children/youth, their families, and local agencies. With over 100 children affected, there is a potential need for over 100 additional weeks of service to be provided to address this loss. Agencies attending the meeting felt strongly enough about addressing this loss, that they have been meeting frequently with the hope of coming up with 1 or more potential solutions for this summer. Although we haven't arrived at the solution when this went to the printers, please follow us on Facebook and twitter, where we will provide information as it becomes available. We would also be interested in collecting stories about the impact Camp Shawnigan has had on your child/youth, and your family.

Here's to a safe and fun summer for all!

- Doug Nutting, Executive Director

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Introduction

A Note from a Parent

This little yellow book really is user friendly! Consider the colour for starters...yellow to symbolize a happy camp experience for children and their families.

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 centre of 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

CYSN Sponsored Services	Your child must be eligible for CYSN funding*
Agency Summer Services	Register or apply directly with the agency
Summer Residential Camps	Register or apply directly to the camp

RIV has embraced the use of social media and is sharing information about other programs, services, community events, research opportunities, stories and more on its Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages. Make sure to follow RIV's pages to find out about other things you and your child can participate in!

Facebook: Recreation Integration Victoria

Twitter: RIV_1990

Instagram: RIV_1990



Know Before you Go with LAVA

Leisure Access Victoria App

Last year we announced the idea for the LAVA project and after an incredible amount of dedication and hard work over the past 12 months, we are pleased to announce that LAVA is now live as a web-browser.

The LAVA website was conceived in order to increase availability of information pertaining to the access of recreation facilities in the Victoria area and decrease anxiety about entering a new unknown environment. The emphasis has been and will continue to be on providing information on accessibility features by including pictures, videos and descriptions about the facilities. This highlights one of our main messages "Know Before you Go!".

We want everyone to feel comfortable entering a Recreation Centre knowing that they will have the right equipment and space for them. Our goal is to increase physical activity in Victoria by decreasing individuals' negative first experiences at recreation facilities. The LAVA website is available to use by anyone who has an interest in attending a local Recreation or Community Centre in the Capital Regional District. We wish to pursue this project to turn the newly created website into a smartphone application.

We hope that you find the LAVA website of value to you! Visit LAVA now at www.rivlava.ca

Do you love the new website? Email lava@rivonline.org now to tell us what you think!

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 the following:

Lori Frank or Lara Foster

CLV Family Support

Lori's Phone: 250-477-7231 ext 236

Lara's Phone: 250-477-3830 ext 225

Email: lfrank@clvic.ca

Potential Funding Opportunity

Summer Camp Subsidies

Below are other possible summer camp subsidies. We encourage you to investigate the many options further by calling or visiting each individual website.

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

Other Service

Outdoor Equipment Loan Program

Recreation Integration Victoria (RIV)

Do you love physical activity and recreation? Are you interested in living an active lifestyle or trying something new? Or do you simply need adaptive equipment to continue doing the things you love? RIV has a variety of adapted outdoor recreation pieces for loan:

- All Terrain Wheelchair (Adult & Youth size)
- TrailRiders
- Beach Wheelchair (Adult & Youth size)
- Handcycles (Single & Tandem)
- Water Sit Ski
- Adult Joggers
- Tandem Bike
- Adult Trike
- And More

Our equipment is available to people with disabilities and those in the community who support them, including parents, caregivers, educational assistants, recreational and physical therapists, etc. People using this service pay a nominal maintenance fee, a damage deposit, and complete an agreement form.

All pieces and specifications can be viewed on the website:
www.rivonline.org/services/equipment.

Maintenance fee: \$15/week + \$100 damage deposit. Simply Call to Reserve.

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 benefits under the [British Columbia provincial government Employment and Assistance Program](#) (administered by the BC Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation). Note: Recipients of CPP disability are eligible for free camping if they are also designated under the PWD program and receive additional disability benefits from the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation.

Procedures:

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

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).

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 Ministry of Children and Family Development.

OR

3. You are a person living on-reserve and receiving Income Assistance for Persons with Disabilities under the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Income Assistance Program.

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 AANDC.
- B. Upon arrival at the campground, show the campground operator the ORIGINAL Release of Personal Information Form AND a second piece of identification.
- C. [Click here](#) to view a sample of this Release of Personal Information for Persons with Disabilities form.

Section 1: 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

Email:

Office: 250-361-6793

bestcoastadventure@gmail.com

Contact: Meghan Cosgrove

Inclusive Outdoor Adventure Program

Join an inclusive summer camp which celebrates individuals of all abilities in an adaptive nature-based program. 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, Therapeutic Guided Adventures, Recreational Activities, Yoga & Mindfulness, Eco-Therapy, Active Living, Physical Education and Sports with various activities such as hiking, kayaking, mini-golf, nature walks, tennis, indoor rock-climbing, swimming, soccer, group games and more.

Part-Day or Full-Day options available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm during July/August for Summer Camp.

COST \$25/hour (eligible for autism funding)	AGES SERVED All Ages. Maximum group capacity is 4	LOCATION Greater Victoria. Please get in touch for specific program meeting area.
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Registration is ongoing.

Canucks Autism Network

Website: canucksautism.ca

Office: 1-604-685-4049

Fax: 1-604-685-4018

Email: info@canucksautism.ca

Adapted Sports and Recreation Programs

Canucks Autism Network (CAN) provides year-round sports and recreation programs for individuals and families living with autism, while increasing awareness and providing training in communities across British Columbia.

Stay up-to-date on summer program details by signing up for our monthly newsletter at canucksautism.ca/newsletter/!

I CAN Bike (For Ages 7-12 & 13-17) Our I CAN Bike summer day camp in Victoria, Nanaimo and Cowichan Valley teaches basic bike skills, such as learning to ride without training wheels, stopping, turning and road safety rules. As participants build confidence, the program provides opportunities for trail riding. Online registration for I CAN Bike is exclusive to CAN members.

Family Events (All Ages) Our Family Events in Victoria, Nanaimo and Cowichan Valley provide opportunities for families with autism to enjoy a wide range of activities together throughout the year. Past Family Events in Victoria have included movie matinees, children's concerts and outdoor rec events. Online registration for Family Events is open to all families living with autism – no CAN membership is required!

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
\$25 (annual member fee) \$30 (bike program fee) Free (family events)	3-30 (year-round programs) 7-17 (bike program) All Ages (family events)	Victoria, Nanaimo & Cowichan Valley

To access programs, become a CAN member at canucksautism.ca/join

Ongoing registration

Agency Summer Service

Disabled Sailing Association of BC, Victoria Branch

www.dsavictoria.org

1001 MapleBank, Victoria BC, V9A
4M2

Office: 250-477-6314 (off-season)

Cell: 250-812-8467 (summer)

Fax: 250-477-6046

Email:

dsavictoria.summer@gmail.com

Instructional and Recreational Sailing Opportunities

A sailing program dedicated to providing sailing opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the Greater Victoria Region. Our programs operates during the summer months. Sail Canada certified instructors, along with competent companion sailors provide Learn to Sail and Learn to Race lessons, recreational sailing opportunities, and group sails.

SUITABLE FOR:

Children and adults with physical, developmental, or neuro-sensory disabilities.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
\$15 annual membership \$15/sail *additional pricing available on website*	10 years and older depending on physical size	Canadian Forces Sailing Association, Esquimalt Harbour

Registration details and dates will become available following the Head Instructor's start date in mid-May. Once the Head Instructor begins you may direct your questions about registration to the Head Instructor afterwards. Please consult the website, and follow the program's Facebook page (@dsavictoria) for additional notifications.

(agency summer services resumes after CYSN section)

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

CYSN Sponsored Program

Phoenix Human Services Association Summer Fun Camp

www.phoenixhumanservices.org

1095 Mackenzie, Victoria BC, V8P
2L5

Office: 250-383-4821

Summer Fun Camp

Email:

jlambert@phoenixhumanservices.org

Fx: 250-386-7142

Operates for 7 weeks between **July 3rd and August 17th**, 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.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
\$55/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 May 4th 2018 using the application form in centre of booklet. Families will receive an information package upon confirmation of request.

CYSN Sponsored Program

RIV's Summer Residential Camp Assistance (Overnight)

www.rivonline.org

4135 Lambrick Way, Victoria BC,
V8N 5R3

Office: 250-477-6314

Fax: 250-477-6046

Email: summer@rivonline.org

Residential Camp Assistance (Overnight Camp)

Recognizing many children cannot attend 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.

Very limited space, service provided on a first-come, first-served 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.

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

Register by May 4th 2018 using the CYSN application form in centre of booklet.

CYSN Sponsored Program

Sooke Options for Community Living Assoc. Summer Journeys Day Camp

www.socla.ca

6816 Westcoast Road, Sooke BC,
V9Z 0V2

Office: 250-415-7945

Fax: 778- 352-2288

Email: executivedirector@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 3rd to August 17th.**

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.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
\$60/week	6-18. Divided into two groups	6816 Westcoast Road, Sooke

Register by May 31st 2018 using the application form in centre of booklet. Families will be sent a package on confirmation of registration.

CYSN Service Request Form (cover page)

****New for Summer 2018: 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.

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: Jody Lambert

By Email: jlambert@phoenixhumanservices.org

By Fax: 250-386-7142

Deadline: May 4th, 2018

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

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

By Email: executivedirector@socla.ca

By Fax: 778-352-2288

Deadline: May 31st, 2018

Recreation Integration Victoria’s ‘Residential Camp Assistance’

By mail: 4135 Lambrick Way, Victoria BC, V8N 5R3 Attn: Faye Cawsey

By Email: information@rivonline.org

By Fax: 250-477-6046

Deadline: May 4th, 2018

CYSN Service Request Form (pg 1 of 2)

Purpose: To ensure one of the following camps (Phoenix, Sooke or RIV) 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.

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: _____

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):

Communication Coping with Frustration (Acting out)

Social Interaction Identifying things Visually

At Mealtime With Mobility

With Toileting Other: _____

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

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

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		
RIV'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: _____

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

Specify the dates: _____

CYSN Program Form (end page)

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

Agency Summer Service

Community Living Victoria's Autism Services Summer Camps

www.communitylivingvictoria.ca/specialized-camps

Contact: Jeannie Owens-Wallace or Dan Moses

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

Fax: 250-477-6944

Email: autism@clvic.ca

CLV Autism Services Summer Camps 2018

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 Chefs on the Go, Outdoor Adventure, Out and About, or Computer Camp, there is something for everyone! Activities include nature walks, hiking, swimming, mini-golf, bowling, kayaking, rock-climbing, physical literacy sessions (with PISE), arts and crafts, multi-media technology, cooking, movies, gardening, sailing, outdoor activities (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 gain life-skills.

Schedule:

A new camp starts each week, from July 3 to Aug 31, 2018. 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 (there may be an additional cost).

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
5-day camps: \$500 4-day camps: \$400 Pickup and Drop off offered at \$1 per km	6-18 years of age	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

Fax: 250-477-6944

Contact: Jeannie Owens-Wallace

Email: jeannie@clvic.ca

Office: 250-477-7231 ext 237

Teen Community Connection Summer Camps 2018

This program is run in partnership between CLV & RIV 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, kayaking, rock climbing, physical literacy sessions (PISE), arts and crafts, cooking, theatre, movies, gardening, 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 3rd to Aug 24th, 2018**. Our Camps are 8:45-4:45 pm weekdays (except Statutory Holidays). There is a maximum of 15 teens per camps.

SUITABLE FOR:

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

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
5-day camps: \$150 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 June 1st, 2018.

Agency Summer Service

Island Health/Queen Alexandra's Summer Camps

2400 Arbutus Road, Victoria BC,
V8N 1V7
Contact Person: Jennifer Funk

Office: 250-519-6961
Fax: 250-519-6963
Email: jennifer.funk@viha.ca

QA Summer Camps Description of Services

Using a positive behaviour, pro-social approach, we encourage and support all campers to participate in our fun, inclusive activities.

Friends, Food, and Fun: Join us for four fun filled days making connections with other campers through field trips, fun activities and games. Teens will help plan, prepare and host a camp wrap-up.

July 3rd-6th (4 days): 14-19 year olds

Ocean Discovery: In our very own seaside paradise, join us to have fun with and on the water.

July 9th-13th: 6-9 year olds

July 16th-20th: 10-13 year olds

July 23rd-27th: 6-9 year olds

On the Move: Come and find all the fun ways we can move, be active and have fun.

July 30th-Aug 3rd: 14-19 year olds

Aug 7th-10th (4 days): 10-13 year olds

Aug 13th-17th: 6-9 year olds

SUITABLE FOR:

QA Camps are designed for children of all abilities. Medical condition of the camper should be stable. Some children may be asked to provide their own support worker for camp.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
\$175/ 5 days or \$140/4 days	6-19	Queen Alexandra (2400 Arbutus Road)

Call Island Health/QA Summer Camps to register Agency Summer
Service

Agency Summer Service

FIVE Behaviour and Education Consulting Services

www.FIVEBehaviourconsulting.ca Contact: Elizabeth Sparling

Office: 250-508-9188 Email: info@fivebehaviour.ca

FIVE is dedicated to making socially significant change in the lives of children and youth living with developmental disabilities as well as their families. We work in partnership with families to provide individualized support based on each family's priorities. Using the principles of applied behaviour analysis (ABA) we will meet your child where they are and use 1:1 support as well as parent training to help them learn the skills they need to live their best life! Whether your summer goal is increasing language, tackling toilet training, helping your youth be successful in a leisure program, extra support with academics over the summer, preparing for summer employment, or helping your teen with transition planning, our Board Certified Behaviour Analyst's can help.

If you're looking for social opportunities for your child but a summer camp isn't quite the right fit, let us know. We will work to match up 2-3 individuals with similar goals and interests who can come together to practice social skills in the community while out having fun in the sun!

Suitable for: Children and youth living with developmental disabilities who would benefit from support in the areas of communication, socialization, self care, education consulting & tutoring, or teen transition support.

COST Dependent on services. Funding available through MCFD for those individuals with an ASD designation	AGES SERVED 18 months - 19 years	LOCATION Support to families living in Duncan, Sooke, Saanich, and the Greater Victoria Area. Services can be provided in the family home or in community. Flexible options.
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Registration available year round

Agency Summer Service

Little Steps Therapy Services - Summer Camp

www.mylittlesteps.net

2986 Dysart Road, Victoria BC,
V9A 2K2

Office: 250-386-1171

Email: 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@mylittlessteps.net More information on our Summer Camp will be made available on our website www.mylittlesteps.net

SUITABLE FOR:

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

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
TBD	3-19 years	Little Steps Therapy Service, 2986 Dysart Rd

Ongoing Registration. Call or email to register.

Agency Summer Service

Little Steps Therapy Services - Summer Connection Group

www.mylittlesteps.net

2986 Dysart Road, Victoria BC,
V9A 2K2

Office: 250-386-1171

Email: admin@mylittlesteps.net

Connections Therapeutic Summer Groups

Connections groups exposes children to a well-rounded, multi-disciplinary program. All groups receive supervision from a Speech-Language Pathologist or Occupational Therapist to create group and child specific goals. This year, each week of summer will have a different theme, and parents are able to register their child in the weeks that they are most interested in. Group themes may include photography, dance, superheroes, comic books, Lego™, outdoor education, art, music, and many more. A full schedule will be made available to view on our website.

If you are interested in registering your child, please contact our offices by calling 250-386-1171 or by emailing admin@mylittlesteps.net

SUITABLE FOR:

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

COST TBD	AGES SERVED 5-16 years	LOCATION Little Steps Therapy Services, 2986 Dysart Rd
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Ongoing Registration. Contact admin@mylittlesteps.net to register.

Agency Summer Service

PISE (Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence) - Summer Camps

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

4371 Interurban Rd, Victoria BC, V9E 2C5

Office: 250-220-2510

Fax: 250-220-2501

Email: 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.

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

Registration for summer programs opens on April the 4th. Programs remain open until filled.

Agency Summer Service

Pivot Point Family Growth Centre - Summer Camps

www.pivotpoint.ca
5-230 Menzies Street, Victoria
BC, V8V 2G7

Office: 778-410-2319
Email: victoria@pivotpoint.ca

Pivot Point provides services for children, teens and adults on southern Vancouver Island. We offer several therapeutic supports through 1:1 teaching, as well as group based programs that focus on enhancing social skills, life skills, academic success, transition planning and career development.

Summer Camps (3-5 yrs)

We will be hosting a number of different camps this summer, including “Kindergarten Readiness”, “Crafty Kids”, and other social skill enhancing programs. Please see our online calendar for dates and registration at pivotpoint.ca/calendar.

SUITABLE FOR:

Children with autism spectrum, non-verbal learning disability, ADHD and others with undiagnosed social challenges.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
Private pay or autism funding accepted. See website for details	3-5 years for summer camps	Victoria

Ongoing registration. Check the calendar for dates, details and deadlines.

Agency Summer Service

Power to Be - Adventure Therapy

www.powertobe.ca

1017 Fort Street, Victoria BC, V8V
3K5

Contact: The Adaptive Rec Team

Office: 250-385-2363

Fax: 250-385-2360

Email:

victoriaprograms@powertobe.ca

Adaptive Recreation Program

Power To Be empowers people living with a barrier or disability to explore their limitless abilities through inclusive adventures rooted in nature. Our program is a positive response to a community need for inclusive, nature-based recreation activities for people living with a barrier or disability. Programs range from half-day, full day activities, and overnight opportunities.

Open Adventure Programs: Short-term or daily programs provided to individuals, local agencies and community groups. We are currently adding interested participants to our wait list, if you would like to be added please contact us.

Have a Go Programs: A multi-activity day program open to our community that provides an opportunity to sample a few of our recreational activities. This program occurs three to four times on the weekend in the summer. Please contact us for more details.

Suitable for:

People living with physical, cognitive, health or neurological barriers.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
\$10/ Open Adventure / Have a Go Events	All Ages	Varies

Registration is ongoing year round.

Agency Summer Service

RISE Adventure & Wellness Solutions

www.raws.ca

Office: 778-406-1160

#202-4500 West Saanich Road,
Victoria BC, V8Z 3G2

Fax: 778-406-1159

Email: info@raws.ca

Fitness, Yoga, Adventure & Equestrian

Rise offers physical activity opportunities in the areas of fitness, yoga, adventure and equestrian for individuals, youth and families of all abilities. All classes are kept small and are run by trained and certified professionals to ensure successful participation. Fitness, yoga and adventure camps are based out of the studio in Royal Oak. Rise runs weekly adult, youth and family classes. These classes are accessible to all levels and abilities. We also run adventure and yoga cased camps on school holidays and Pro-D days.

The Equestrian programs are run out of the farm in Central Saanich. Rise has farm life programs, private and group riding lessons, therapeutic riding lessons, equestrian vaulting programs, birthday parties and camps. The equestrian program run year-round, with the facility having a lovely indoor arena, two outdoor arenas, and access to trails.

SUITABLE FOR:

People of all ages and abilities. Discuss specific needs with RISE prior to registration.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
Available on Website	All ages	Various, see website

Ongoing registration. Check out the website for schedules or contact directly to set up a personalized program.

Agency Summer Service

RIV's Summer Inclusion Service

www.rivonline.org/services

4135 Lambrick Way, Victoria BC,
V8N 5R3

Office: 250-477-6314

Fax: 250-477-6046

Contact: Summer Coordinator
(begins position in May)

Email: summer@rivonline.org

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.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
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 online (www.rivonline.org/services/sis) or by phone (250-477-6314). Deadline to make a request, or to make changes to an existing request is May 25th, 2018. After the deadline, we will continue to accept requests but the potential for fulfilment is diminished.

Agency Summer Service

Victoria Conservatory of Music

www.vcm.bc.ca

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

Office: 250-386-5311 ext 1030

Fax: 250-386-6602

Email: brodeur@vcm.bc.ca

Music Therapy

Music therapy is for children as young as 18 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 the Victoria site.

Sessions can be offered in groups or privately. Come sing, dance, play instruments, compose, improve and/or meditate in our state of the art studios with our incredibly dedicated faculty members.

FREE* Music Therapy & Physical Literacy with PISE Summer Camp (1-8 yrs old) *Pending Funding

July 2nd - 6th (Langford) & July 9th-13th (Nanaimo)

July 16th-20th (Victoria)

Children must be accompanied by a caregiver or parent. **Register through VCM website starting in May 2018.**

SUITABLE FOR:

Those with exceptionalities, conditions or illnesses.

COST	AGES SERVED	LOCATION
\$81/hr (in-house session)	1-19 years	Victoria, Langford and Nanaimo
\$66/hr (in-community)		

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 **RIV's Summer Residential Camp Assistance Service** 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.

Easter Seals Camp Shawnigan (BC Lion's Society): Notice of Closure

After decades of success, Easter Seals Camp Shawnigan have announced that they will not be operating this year. As stated in the letter from Easter Seals BC/Yukon, the charitable organization is experiencing financial difficulties due to changes in the charitable landscape. This change may come as a difficulty for many parents and campers but we would like you all to know that a group of local agencies providing services to your children have come together to discuss the impact of this change and possible solutions.

A word from Doug Nutting, RIV's Executive Director: This summer families and local agencies were surprised to hear that the Lions Easter Seal Camp Shawnigan would not be in operation in 2018. Upon hearing this news RIV invited the Lions Society and local agencies to attend a meeting in January to discuss the implications this has for the children/youth, their families, and local agencies. With over 100 children affected, there is a potential need for over 100 additional weeks of service to be provided to address this loss. Agencies attending the meeting felt strongly enough about addressing this loss, that they have been meeting frequently with the hope of coming up with 1 or more potential solutions for this summer. Although we haven't arrived at the solution when this went to the printers, please follow us on Facebook and twitter, where we will provide information as it becomes available. We would also be interested in collecting stories about the impact Camp Shawnigan has had on your child/youth, and your family.

SIMILAR CAMP

Zajac Ranch for Children

Zajac Ranch for Children provides camps for children and young adults with chronic, life threatening and/or debilitating conditions. These experiences give participants the opportunity to explore the outdoors while developing greater social and environment awareness, increased self-confidence and positive growth in attitudes towards physical activity. Visit www.zajacranch.com for information.

Summer Residential Camp

Camp Pringle

www.camppringle.com

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

Office: 250-743-2189

Email: info@camppringle.com

Summer Camp

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 or find us on Facebook. **Camps run from July 9th-August 17th.**

Camp Pringle offers a number of bursaries to assist families who are facing financial difficulties. Inquiries may be made by email to info@camppringle.ca. Applications must be made before May 1st.

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.

COST \$500/camp	AGES SERVED 6-17 years	LOCATION Shawnigan Lake, approximately 45 minutes from Victoria.
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No deadline for registration while space is available (early bird discount before May 1st). Waiting lists when full. Apply directly to Camp Pringle.

Summer Residential Camp

The Yes Camp

www.theyes.ca

Office: 1-604-960-1377

Fax: 1-604-690-1878

Email: info@theyes.ca

The Yes Leadership Camp

The Youth Excellence Society (Yes) is a charitable, non-partisan 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 10,000 young people.

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 hiking, to arts and crafts, we have many options for fun activities each day. The Yes Leadership Camp is a summer experience that will last a life-time.

SUITABLE FOR:

Camp is open and inclusive to all youth.

COST \$675/week	AGES SERVED 14-18 years	LOCATION Lake Cowichan. Approximately 1.5 hours from Victoria
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Please refer to website for registration deadline and details.

Municipal Parks and Recreation

We encourage you to investigate the many municipal program offerings available to your child this summer. The following table has listing of Municipal Parks and Recreation Department facilities phone numbers and website addresses.

If your child requires 1:1 assistance in order to attend an inclusive program, please refer to RIV’s Summer Inclusion Service.

Victoria Parks Recreation and Culture www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/parks-rec	
Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre	250-361-0732
Royal Athletic Park	250-361-0373
Quadra Village Community Centre	250-288-7696
Burnside Gorge Community Place	250-388-5251
Fairfield Community Place	250-382-4604
Fernwood Community Centre	250-381-1552
James Bay Community School Centre	250-384-7184
Oaklands Community Centre	250-370-9101

West Shore Parks and Recreation www.westshorerecreation.ca	
Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre	250-478-8384

Esquimalt Parks and Recreation
www.esquimalt.ca/parks-recreation

Esquimalt Recreation Centre	250-412-8500
Archie Browning Sports Centre	250-412-8510

Oak Bay Parks and Recreation
www.oakbay.ca/parks-recreation

Henderson Centre	250-370-7200
Monterey Centre	250-370-7300
Oak Bay Recreation Centre	250-595-7946

Panorama Recreation
www.crd.bc.ca/panorama

Panorama Recreation Centre	250-656-7271
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Saanich Parks Recreation and Culture
www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture

Cedar Hill Golf Course	250-475-7150
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre	250-475-7121
Gordon Head Recreation Centre	250-475-7100
G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre	250-475-5400
Saanich Commonwealth Place	250-475-7600



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