



# BC Explorer: *PADDLE EDITION*

## 2024 Travel and Safety Information Package

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# WELCOME | BIENVENUE

Welcome adventurers! It's time to get ready to find adventure in your own backyard. Once you're floating along the unparalleled coastal ecosystem of the Sechelt Inlet, we guarantee that our BC Explorer: Paddle Edition will be the highlight of your summer.

These excursions are carefully crafted to help our adventurers become more confident in the outdoors, practice their leadership skills, and become more connected to the natural world. But, like any adventure, we make sure to stay flexible and make room for surprise, spontaneity, and all the things that make the outdoors exciting.

Get ready to seize the summer and make precious new connections with your peers, nature, and yourself!

## Trip Overview

**Dates:** July 06–12, 2024 (Sat–Fri); July 15–21, 2024 (Mon–Sun); July 21–27, 2024 (Sun–Sat)

**Trip type:** Youth Leadership Expedition

**Meeting place:** Participants should be dropped off at [Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal](#) at 1:30pm, for a departure for Langdale at 2:35pm. Their instructors will welcome them at the ferry terminal.

**Ages:** 11–13 (junior ), 13–16 (senior )

**Locations:** [Sunshine Coast](#), [Sechelt](#), [Porpoise Bay Provincial Park](#)

**Accommodation:** Porpoise Bay Provincial Park Campground

**\*SAVE \$50 on each subsequent Explorer trip ([Yukon Explorer Paddle](#) and [Yukon Snow Edition](#))**

## Itinerary

### Day 1: The Adventure Begins

→ Ferry from Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal to Langdale Ferry Terminal (1 hour)

→ Shuttle from Langdale to Porpoise Bay Provincial Campground (1 hour)

After drop-off at Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal at 1:30pm, we will introduce ourselves to one another and then take a scenic ferry ride to the Sunshine Coast – watch out for seals and whales! Once off the ferry, we will be picked up and transported to the Porpoise Bay Provincial Campground. At our campsite, we will share a warm welcome to BC Explorer youth followed by a land acknowledgment, before preparing for a BBQ dinner at 5:30pm. After dinner, around 6:15pm, we will go over water safety and practice our paddling, before heading out for a short evening hike around 8:30pm. Then, it's off to bed for our first night under the stars.

### Day 2–5: Canoe Skill and Leadership in the Sechelt Inlet

These days will involve early mornings and hearty breakfasts as we will spend most of each day focused on developing canoeing skills, water safety knowledge, and getting comfortable with the camping life. We will also be introduced to Fireside's leadership expedition camp and learn about the Sechelt Inlet's significance to its Indigenous community, the Shíshálh. Every evening, we will learn more about camp cooking techniques and prepare hearty dinners before campfire singing (weather permitting, storytelling, and a good night's sleep.

### Days 6: Coastal Rainforest Hike and [Skookumchuck Narrows](#)

Today is our hiking/road trip adventure exploring more of the Sunshine Coast (villages, coastal pullouts and visiting the amazing Skookumchuck Narrows. We also have some surprises for the groups as part of their last full day of their leadership camp. The evening, we will have a "Paddle Under The Stars" as we stargaze, celebrate and eat some yummy treats.

### Day 7: Homeward Bound

After a final morning out on the water, our ferry departs at 1:15pm from Langdale. The group will arrive at Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal for a 2:00pm pick-up and fond farewells. All campers taking a return ferry need to have \$20.00 to purchase their lunch on the ferry.

## Travel & Safety Information

### Communication Policy

We understand that you might be curious about how your youth is doing while they are away. At Fireside, we have a no cell phone or tablet policy during the course. This means we will be holding on to youth's cell phones while they are with us. We will create a WhatsApp group account to send out photos and messages to parents. If for any reason you need to connect with your youth, please contact our staff directly on Whatsapp group.

### Medications and Medical Conditions

If your youth has medication, please ensure that it is stored safely (waterproof) and given to our staff upon arrival to the leadership course. Fireside instructors will keep track of the medication and make sure your youth is taking it when needed. It is very important you send a double dose of medications (one being a backup).

### Food On Course

Do NOT send any food with your youth unless for dietary purposes (please inform staff if this is the case). Youth receive 3 nutritious meals a day in addition to healthy snacks (unless otherwise stated in the trip plan). Youth participate in the prep and execution of all meals as part of their training. We are able to accommodate special diets, provided that dietary requests are made well in advance. If this information was not filled in during youth registration, please contact our office administrator at least two weeks prior to the course for us to make the necessary adjustments.

### Tent Accommodation

We provide campers with modern three-season 3/4/6 person tents with lots of space for two people.

### Laundry and Showers on Expedition

While on course, there will be no laundry services, but youths will have access to hot showers at the Porpoise Bay Provincial Park Campground



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