



# Adventurous Journeys and Gold Projects SPRING / SUMMER '24 CATALOG

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## Who are we?

**Fireside Adventures** was created in Vancouver BC, Canada by Jeff 'Willy' Willis, who has created and led expeditions and outdoor programs in Canada, Japan, Ecuador, Germany, Italy, and the Arctic since 1991. As a father, Jeff realized his children did not have access to climate change education at school or summer camp. In response, he combined his expertise in outdoor education, youth/family work, and environmental education to create Fireside.

Over two decades, we've grown into a small, tight-knit team of passionate experts. We are honoured to be a **Trained Activity Provider for the Duke of Edinburgh's award**. All of our expeditions are compatible with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award: **Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Adventurous and Gold Projects**.

## **World Bound Series: Climate Leadership Expedition/Course**

**July & August 2024 | 21 days | [click to learn more](#)**

**Overview:** 3-week expeditions in **Canada, Italy, and Japan** focused on exploring climate change through a leadership lens. Each World Bound expedition features a unique curriculum that is relevant to its local culture, history, community, and landscape.



**Key activities:** Hiking, canoeing, mountain biking, canyoning, camping, climate change education, expressive art and volunteer projects.

**Award connection:** Perfect for a Gold Project or Gold Adventurous Journey focused on leadership, community and/or climate change.

## **Explorer Series: BC and Yukon Wilderness Expeditions**

**[March](#)** (spring break) and **July/August 2024 | 7–10 days | [click to learn more](#)**

**Overview:** Suitable for both beginners and confident campers. Ranging from the rainforests and oceans of British Columbia to the valleys and rivers of the mighty Yukon, Explorer is all about connecting with nature while building hard & soft life and leadership skills.



**Key activities:** Hiking, canoeing, camping, navigation, wilderness skills, dogsledding (spring), solo experiences.

**Award connection:** Our Explorer trips are great for all levels of Adventurous Journey. Our Spring trip would be great for a Gold Project or exploration-style Adventurous Journey.

## September-June Adventurous Journeys

September–June 2024 | 3–5 days | [click to learn more](#)

**Overview:** These short and sweet trips are designed to satisfy the Award criteria during the school year while offering convenient start and end points in Vancouver.

**Locations:** Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and Coastal Mountains.



**Key Activities:** Hiking, canoeing/kayaking, paddleboarding, camping, marine ecosystem exploration

## Group and School Custom Programs

Date, duration and content all custom-designed on request | [contact us](#)

We'd love to create a custom program for your school and/or group, factoring your specific mission, values and curriculum needs. Over the past year we have run programs that included Dogsledding in the Yukon, exploring the BC coast (Vancouver, Whistler, Sunshine Coast and more), biking, hiking, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, **bilingual experiences**, and so much more!

[Contact us](#) to get the conversation started.