



SUMMER CAMP ORIENTATION PACKAGE

Dear Silver Lake Camper & Family,

Summer Camp is just around the corner so we thought we'd write you a letter to make sure you can prepare properly for the upcoming adventure! We've focused our years of camp experience to craft a "What to Bring" list, as well as some general tips and tricks that are sure to make your week a blast!

This Package Includes:

- An Snapshot of a Week at Camp
- Drop off and Pick up Information
- A Packing List
- A Description of Zip Line Activity (optional)
- Rules & Expectations of Camp

Welcome!

Where do we start when trying to explain the fun of a typical week at camp? Well, let's start here: our first day at Silver Lake is all about settling into camp, meeting our staff and new friends, and learning about the week's activities. We're big believers that making friends and connections with campers and staff is one of the best parts of camp, and one of the aspects of our programs that will make Silver Lake feel like your second home. After an orientation to camp and how it runs, we gear up to play an awesome game with the whole camp on our field and follow up with the week's first campfire! From here, we'll mix in loads of fun activities with your new friends! See below for some descriptions of what we will get up to.



Eco Fun

A big part of what makes Silver Lake special is our hands-on Eco-Fun courses where we explore our forests to discover cool things about the trees, lake & creeks, animals & insects, and rock & soils. In small groups, we unlock some of the forest's secrets and consider how forests are connected with our everyday lives, in and outside of cities!

Rec Time

Rec. Time is Free Time and in Rec. Time it is your choice whether you dive into Silver Lake, try out our canoes or paddle boards, low ropes, join a soccer game, braid a bracelet, fire some arrows at our archery range, zoom down an enormous slip 'n' slide, or just chill out with friends creekside. Challenge yourself to try something new! Our staff members would love to help you get started on what could become a new summer favourite for you!





Hikes

Silver Lake lays amidst a stunning Interior forest high above the Okanagan Valley. For our hike day, campers can choose a hike that suits their abilities and level of enthusiasm for hiking. Whether it's a day hike up OSPREY RIDGE or along POPLAR TRAIL, their hike team of campers & staff will venture out to explore the forests and build their hiking and woodcraft skills!

Camp Games

The Camp Games are most similar to your School's Sports Day: a combination of games, costumes, obstacles course, group chants, and prizes! Cabin groups will get a chance to combine the skills they've picked up during the week from EcoFun courses and Rec. Times to work as a team and conquer the Camp Games' challenges!

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:

This list of suggested items that campers should bring in order to have a fun, safe and comfortable camp experience. Silver Lake runs on generator power and the power is off most evenings so a good flashlight and batteries are important.



Camper SHOULD bring:

- ***Flashlight/headlamp and extra batteries***
- Sleeping Bag
- Pajamas
- Bath Towel, Wash Cloth
- Toothbrush, Tooth paste, soap, shampoo
- Adequate pairs socks & Underwear
- 1 pair light runners
- 1 additional pair of footwear (Sandals, runners)
- 2-3 pairs shorts
- 1-2 Long pants
- 4-5 tee shirts
- A Long sleeved shirt
- Swimsuit & Towel
- Warm Sweater
- Rain Jacket
- Hat
- Sunscreen (Not Sun Tan Lotion)
- ***Water Bottle***

Please do not bring: Electronics (Cellphones, ipods), matches, knives, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, very expensive or hard to replace items, food items (including gum), money.

Optional: Book, insect repellent

Note: Digital or film cameras are preferable to cell phones being used as cameras.

Optional Zip Line

participate in a 1-1.5 hr high ropes adventure. All participants receive a full safety orientation from staff before commencing. Campers who are 10-11 years old will complete a separate course than 12-16 year old campers, and these do not happen on the same day as each other. Campers who are 10-11 years old must be able to reach their arms above their head to 4'7" (140 cm). Campers who are 12-16 years old must be able to reach their arms above their head to 5'11" (177 cm).

Please email russ@silverlakecamp.net if you have already registered and paid for this option



SILVER LAKE CAMP RULES & EXPECTATIONS

The camp experience involves living in a small community setting for the week. In order to ensure the quality of experience for everyone, we expect all campers to treat each other, the staff, and camp property with respect. Parents should review the following rules and expectations with their son or daughter prior to arrival at camp;

- Campers are expected to follow the instructions of camp leaders
- Profanity and verbal abuse directed towards others is not permitted
- Smoking is not permitted at any time
- Physical aggression or harassment directed towards others is not tolerated
- Items on the “WHAT NOT TO BRING” list that find their way to camp may be confiscated by the camp leaders

In the past, we have found the vast majority of campers at Silver Lake have an exciting and rewarding experience. Many return year after year and eventually take part in our Leadership Program. Unfortunately, on rare occasions, we have had to send campers home early for repeatedly behaving in a manner that was considered a threat to their own safety or the safety of others. This includes:

- Running away
- Disregarding rules and safety procedures
- Bullying, physical or verbal abuse directed at others at camp

To avoid the disappointment of a camper returning home early, we ask parents to review the camp rules with their child.

Drop off & Pick Up!

Time of Arrival/Departure

Pick up and drop off are between 1:00pm and 2:00PM, please refrain from arriving early or late. If your schedule demands an alternate time please email russ@silverlakecamp.net to make arrangements.

We do not need to know how or with who your camper is arriving BUT if they are departing with a different person we must know this at check in as only the arriving adult or adult listed on the child’s camp forms may sign the camper out at pick up time. ALL Parents bringing campers to camp MUST SIGN THEM IN!

Getting to Silver Lake

Silver Lake Forest Center is located approximately 20 km. (12 mi.) northwest of the town of Peachland. Directions from Kelowna: Follow Hwy 97 to Peachland, turn onto Princeton Ave and travel for approximately 6.6 km and turn onto Brenda Mines Road for about 10.5 km and onto Silver Lake Forest Service Road for approx. 2 km to Silver Lake. Silver Lake Camp is a scenic 20-minute drive from Peachland or 45 minutes from Kelowna. Transportation to and from overnight camps are the responsibility of the parent. Driving directions can be found at [Silver Lake Camp Google Map](#)

Drop off area & Traffic

When you see this gate you will be in a large parking & turn around area; you have arrived! Park here and proceed to the registration shelter to the left of the gate to sign in/out your campers! PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL AS THERE WILL BE MANY CAMPERS IN THE AREA AND VEHICLES ON THE ROAD.

If You are LATE!

THE PARENT WILL HAVE TO EITHER DO A CAMP CHORE OR COMPLETE A CAMP CHALLENGE! All kidding aside it is very difficult to handle late arrivals and departures so please do all you can to avoid this. Should this be unavoidable at the last minute please email russ@silverlakecamp.net as we do not have cell reception onsite.

See you soon! Whether this is your first year or your eighth, we’ve spent the whole year making camp a perfect place to spend time this summer. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the summer. Our staff is truly looking forward to meeting you all and crafting some unforgettable memories!

