

# Explorers Summer Adventure Camp

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**Ages 8-11**

**Monday to Friday 9<sub>am</sub> — 3:00<sub>pm</sub>**

**July 4-8, July 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-29,  
Aug 2-5 (Short week),  
Aug 8-12, Aug 15-19, Aug 22-26, Aug 29- Sept 2  
2022**

**Program does not run on Holidays**



**Weekly Spaces: \$325 / 5 Day Week**

**[Hoodooadventures.ca](http://Hoodooadventures.ca)**

## What is Explorers?

Definition: a person who explores an unfamiliar area; an adventurer.

Explorers is designed to introduce 8 to 11 year-olds to all the great things being outside has to offer. This program will encourage your child to push the boundaries and embrace their natural curiosity in a safe environment with qualified instructors. Daily & weekly spaces make it possible for children to focus on one adventure sport and bettering their skills, or pushing their limits to try new things.

### Activities Include:

-  **Kayaking/Canoeing**
-  **Mountain biking**
-  **Hiking**
-  **Bushcraft**
-  **Stand up paddleboarding**
-  **Outdoor rock climbing**
-  **Indoor bouldering**
-  **And so much more!**

### Learning Outcomes:

-  **Leave No Trace Principles**
-  **Sense of Environmental Stewardship**
-  **Ecology of the South Okanagan**
-  **Leadership skills**
-  **Adventure sport basic skills**
-  **Sense of adventure**



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## Registration:

**ONLINE:** [www.hoodooadventures.ca/youth#camps](http://www.hoodooadventures.ca/youth#camps)

**PHONE: 250 492 3888**

## **REGISTRATION POLICY:**

Full payment is required up front to reserve space. We recommend booking early as our summer camps often fill up very quickly. Limited space available on a first come, first serve basis. Upon registration you will receive a confirmation email which will confirm your dates, and basic program registration information, as well as this document.

All parents & legal guardians **MUST** complete a registration form with waiver and medical form for each child who plans to participate. These forms are available online, and at the end of this document. They must be fully complete & submitted on the morning of the program at the latest or your child may be denied participation in the program.

All parents & legal guardians **MUST** read our covid-19 policies and procedures before registration. All necessary information can be found at the top of our Youth page on the website – [www.hoodooadventures.ca](http://www.hoodooadventures.ca).

**\*\*Weekly rates are for 5 consecutive days (Monday to Friday)**

### Hoodoo Where are you?

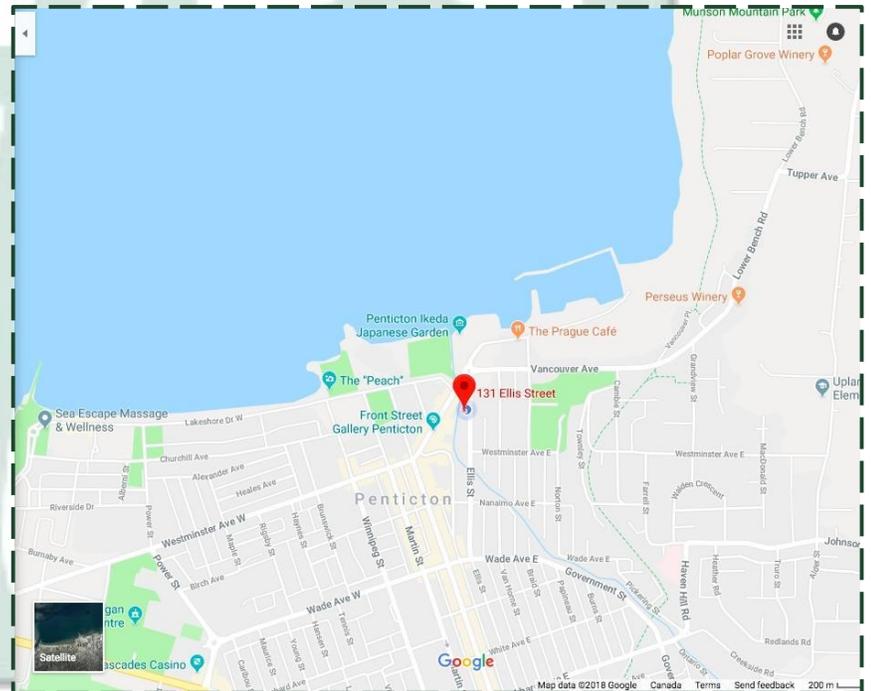
131 Ellis Street

Penticton, BC

Street parking only. Do not use  
surrounding  
parking lots unless you are authorized to  
do so. We are not responsible for any  
parking violations

PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATION  
FOR ALL CAMPS WILL BE POSTED ON  
OUR WEBSITE PRE SUMMER

Hoodoo Adventures.



## Important Information – For all Parents & Guardians

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Welcome to the Explorers program!

Parents play a huge role in their child's success. Parents play a huge role in helping their child have a successful Summer Adventure Camp too! Our Adventure Camp isn't your ordinary day camp: we spend almost all of our time outside learning how to safely enjoy a variety of adventure sports as well as countless life skills. As much as we enjoy introducing kids to the outdoors, we respect that this program is not for every child. As much as we try to ensure that the content is suitable for the age group, it is also designed to be challenging in many ways: both physically and mentally.

It is incredibly important that both you AND your child understand the content and expectations of the camp. It is also important that you, as well as your child, are on board and keen for our adventures and the challenges that come with it.

This document contains all the information you need to help your child have a great time with us this summer. Please read it very carefully, and if you do have questions, please contact us directly.

Thank you for your interest in the Explorer program and we look forward to meeting your Explorer!

The Hoodoo Adventures Team

**Hoodoo Adventure Camps**



**Respect The Environment - Respect Each Other -Respect ourselves**

Please note that although we outline strict policies, we will always work with your child to help them achieve success. If you have questions about the policy and how it affects your child, please contact us directly.

### **Terms and conditions:**

There is a 48-hour booking blocker on all kids program. Please call for program availability inside of 48 hours. There are NO REFUNDS or credits given for our summer camps. Transfer to another participant is possible, but left at the discretion of Hoodoo Adventures. Please contact us directly if you would like to transfer your spot to another participant. All transfers require 14 days notice.

Dates may be changed with a minimum of 7 days notice prior to the original program start, pending availability: Individual days may be transferred to other individual days, long blocks may be transferred to other week long blocks; all pending availability. If you book a week block and miss a day we do not provide credit or space on another day. School year camps (Winter Break, Spring Break, Pro-D Day) require 7 days notice, all summer camps require 14 days notice.

### **Cancellations:**

Our camps run rain or shine. In the event of extreme weather or unsafe conditions, and at the sole discretion of Hoodoo Adventures, we may change the camp location or modify the program in order to assure participant safety. If we need to cancel the program (or a part of the program) for any reason we will be in touch with you directly.

In the event of Smoke/Fire/Natural Disaster: Hoodoo Adventure Company Ltd. does not issue refunds or credits on adventure camps. Our camps have an operations plan in place for days hindered by smoke. Camps will not be canceled due to smoke but instead indoor activity and limited time in outdoor sessions will be offered to mitigate such situations. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to purchase cancellation insurance through their chosen provider if smoke/fire is of concern.

### **Shuttles:**

Much of our programming focuses on being outside, and some of it requires transportation to and from different trailheads or other wilderness locations. Transportation is a significant part of our programming. If you are uncomfortable with allowing your child to be transported in our vehicles, then they may be denied participation to the program on days requiring it. We will not extend refunds or credits to participants who refuse transportation at their discretion. Our company employs licensed, class-4 drivers and holds appropriate insurance and licensing permits required to operate our transport vehicles: a mini-van and a 10-passenger bus, and a 13-passenger bus. . Covid-19 safety procedures have been made to our transportation policies. Masks are mandatory for all passengers and drivers while in the shuttle and all passengers must sanitize upon entering and exiting the vehicle.

### **Medical and Other Considerations:**

It is the responsibility of each participant (or their parent / legal guardian) to communicate any medical conditions or mental health concerns to Hoodoo Adventures. A completed medical form is a requirement for each participant. In the event that there are concerns, we will be in touch directly to discuss and formulate an individual plan to manage any issues that may arise, such as managing medications, behaviors, etc. If you have not communicated with us in regards to any potential issues, your child may be denied access to the program, or be sent home - especially if the safety and well being of any participant is put at risk, or the participant is found to be unmanageable. This will be at the expense of the participant, and no refunds will be issued. Parents of children who require medication during the trip must provide Hoodoo Adventures with the appropriate medications and documentation / instruction on how to use it.

\*\*It is important to note that we are NOT a nut free environment (literally and figuratively).\*\*

## **Code of Conduct:**

At Hoodoo Adventures, respect is very important to us: respect of self, of others and of the environment. It is important that all participants feel safe and supported on our trips. We have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying, harassment, or any actions / behaviors that put participants at risk, or interferes with a positive learning environment (including knives, multi-tools with knives or saws, drugs, alcohol, or any other weapon). Any participants who are unable or unwilling to follow our code of conduct will be removed from the trip at the discretion of Hoodoo Adventures and at the expense of the participant. No refunds will be issued.

## **Wilderness Safety:**

Hoodoo Adventure's instructors are experienced and passionate about running programs for kids. All of our instructors have extensive training and experience in wilderness travel, wilderness first aid, risk management, and more. Participants must be willing and able to follow directions as given by our instructors, or as stated above, may be removed from the trip at the expense of the participant, with no refunds issued.

## **Personal Items:**

Upon registration, and contained within this document, you will have access to a detailed gear list to help you prepare for the camp. It is the responsibility of the participant to bring all the gear required on the list. Hoodoo Adventures will supply all other necessary equipment, such as kayaks and safety equipment affiliated with the specific activity or any other type of specialty equipment. We will, prior to the trip or event, do a detailed check to ensure that all kids are adequately prepared for their adventure.

Hoodoo reserves the right to deny participation to any child who is deemed unprepared to participate, especially if it could interfere with the safety and wellbeing of the child or the group in any way. We will do our best to help supplement equipment, but cannot guarantee that we can provide adequate personal equipment for all participants.

Hoodoo Adventures is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal items throughout the duration of the camp.

## **Parent Check List:**

- Waiver - Completed for each participant
- Registration Form - Completed for each participant
- Medical Form - Completed for each participant (Extended medical form for overnight camp)
- Allergy Form - Completed if any participants have an allergy
- Participant Gear List - Does my child have everything on the required list? Remember, we can deny your child's participation if they aren't properly prepared!

Camp is 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday. You may drop off as early as 8:35 am, this is especially important for bike days. Please stay until your child's bike has been looked over and approved.

## Day Camp Gear list:

### Required Every Day Gear

This is gear that is required for Day Camp

- Water Bottle - Minimum 1L / Child
- Lunch & Snacks - The healthier the better!
- Daypack - Large enough for everything
- Footwear - sandals or water shoes.
- Weather appropriate\* clothing - T-shirts, tank tops, long sleeve shirts, shorts or pants, socks, etc.
- Extra\* clothing - Think sweaters, rain jackets, and a spare change of clothing.
- Sun Protection - Hat, sunglasses (on lanyards), and sunscreen (min. SPF 30) All kids are required to wear sun protection, no exceptions.
- Towel - A beach towel will do just fine! Bathing Suit

## What is appropriate clothing?

Good clothing choices are typically made of materials that dry quickly, wick moisture away from the body, and will retain heat when they get wet.

Example materials include: synthetic stuff like fleece, polypropylene, thinsulate, etc. Wool is acceptable, too.

Think gym shorts and track pant materials.

Jeans and corduroy pants are activity inappropriate and if your child arrives wearing this type of clothing, you may be asked to go get them something more appropriate.

While cotton can be a great way for kids to cool down on a hot Okanagan day, it can be a potentially dangerous choice during cooler weather programs.

For more information on clothing, go here:

<http://sectionhiker.com/why-does-cotton-kill/>

## Required Bike Gear:

-  Bike – must be mechanically sound prior to program & pass inspection by instructors
-  Bike Helmet – must be properly fitting and suited to biking. No multi-sport helmets

### **Fridays Are Wildcard Day!**

We will tell participants & parents on Thursday afternoon what our plans are and if any special gear is needed

### Note:

Hoodoo Adventure Camps are a No Cell Phone Zone!

Please never bring electronics, money, or anything you do not want lost or stolen. Hoodoo adventures will not be responsible for replacing it. You are encouraged to bring disposable or waterproof cameras to camp though.

## **All About Bikes! Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Hoodoo supplies other equipment why not bikes?**

There are many reasons for this: bikes are sized very specifically, and to have the appropriate size bike available for all camp participants is very difficult. We do not have the storage capacity, nor do we have the demand required to supply those bikes. Most kids have their own bikes, and prefer to use them; therefore, we prefer to require that camp participants bring their own bikes to camp. We do have youth bikes to rent but be sure to make reservation well before bike day!

### **Is my child's bike adequate for the program demands?**

Our groups are mountain biking and learning to mountain bike. We do let them ride BMX bikes, bikes with pedal brakes, or bikes with training wheels. As for the maintenance of your child's mountain bike-we require that all bikes entering our camps be checked out at least couple days in advance of bike day (but more time is better if your bike does need repairs). A good bike mechanic can let you know if your bike is appropriate for the program.

### **Where can I get my child's bike checked, tuned, or repaired?**

Here in Penticton, we are lucky to have two fabulous bike shops right downtown! We recommend **The Bike Barn** and Freedom Bike Shop.

### **When should I drop my child bike off?**

As we don't not have much storage space in Hoodoo office, we ask that you bring your (bike mechanic prechecked) child's bike on the morning of bike day.

### **What if my bike is in unacceptable condition?**

If the condition of the bike is at all unacceptable for the demands of the program, then we reserve the right to deny that your child participate in biking activities (read: no refunds). It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is adequately prepared for all programming, and this includes having a bike that is in good working order. We do have a limited supply of youth bikes that can be rented, be sure to reserve well in advance! Rental fees apply. We will always work with you and your child to ensure that you get the most out of the program and biking day, but safety is first and most important.

### **What if the bike breaks down while on the program?**

Hoodoo staff is knowledgeable in basic bike maintenance, repairs and trouble shooting. If your child blows a tire, we will do our best to repair or replace it. You may be required to cover the cost of shop supplies (i.e.: tubes, etc.).



## **Weekly Schedule:**

While we do our best to keep activities consistent with the day they are scheduled (trust us, we prefer it that way, too), it is important to note that this is a tentative schedule. Weather, or unanticipated schedule or staffing conflicts may force us to change the daily activity. While we understand that some of you sign up specifically to do things like biking, we reserve the right to change the daily activity in order to maintain the safety and integrity of the camp. Obviously, we will do this as a last resort, because we don't want anyone to be disappointed or to bring the wrong equipment. If we anticipate any changes to the daily activities in advance (for example a rotten weather forecast) we will attempt to contact parents directly before the camp. If you are uncertain what we will be doing on any given day, please ask.

**Monday- Canoeing**

**Tuesday- Mountain Biking**

**Wednesday- Climbing**

**Thursday- Kayaking**

**Friday- Hiking**