

# Explorers Summer Adventure Camp

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**Ages 8 - 12**

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

**July 3 - 7, July 10 - 14, July 17 - 21, July 24 - 28,  
July 31 - August 4, August 8 - 11 (short week),  
August 14 - 18, August 21 - 25, August 28 - Sept 1**

**2023**

**Program does not run on Holidays**



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

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

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## What is Explorers?

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

Explorers is designed to introduce campers ages 8 - 12 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 and 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**
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## 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

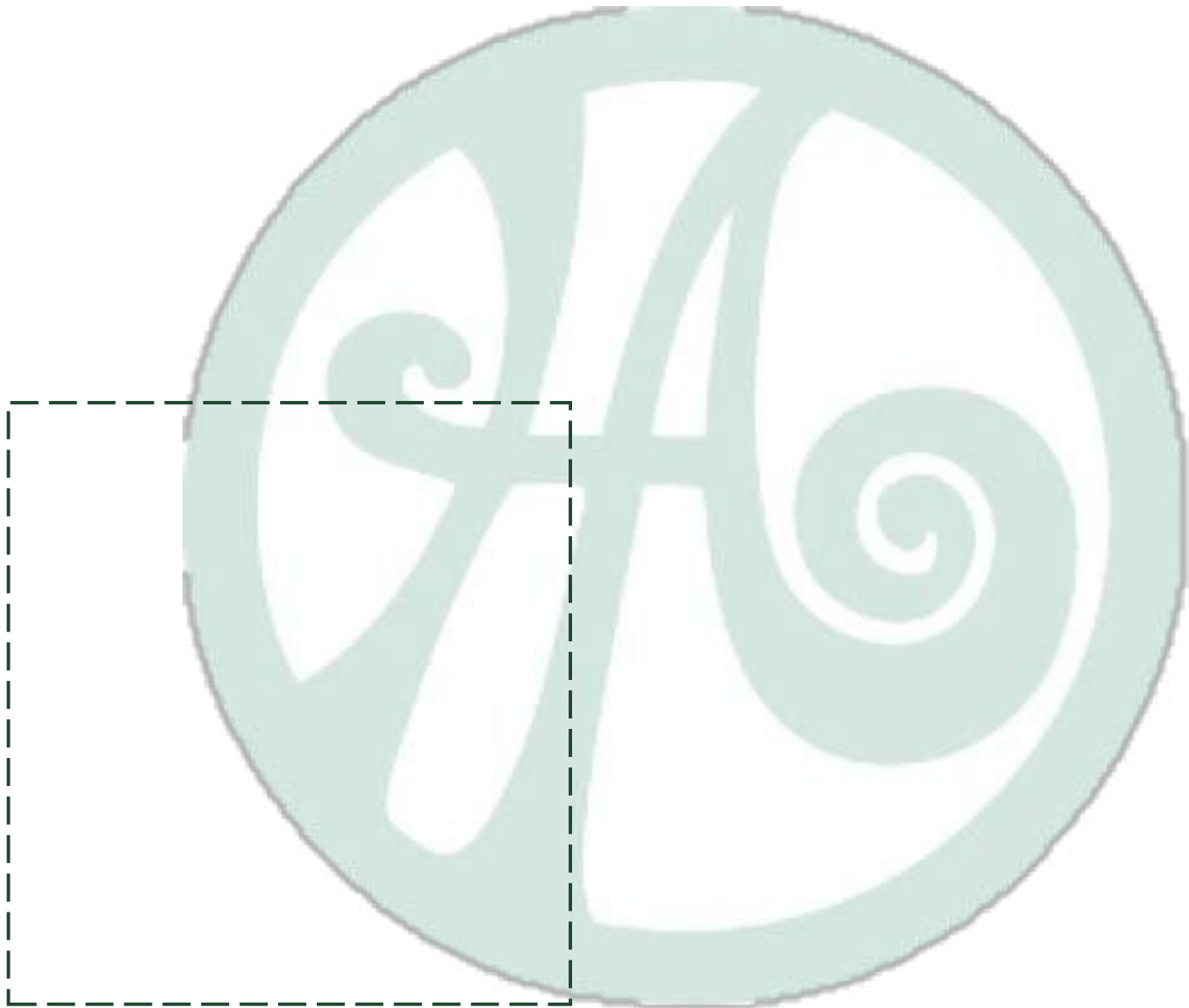
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Respect The Environment - Respect Each Other -Respect ourselves

**Registration:**

**ONLINE:**





## 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- Kayaking**

PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATION:

Marina Way Beach

267 Marina Way, Penticton, BC V2A 1H5

### **Tuesday- Mountain Biking**

PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATION:

Hoodoo Adventures

131 Ellis Street, Penticton, BC V2A 4L4

### **Wednesday- Hiking and SUP**

PICK UP: Hoodoo Adventures

DROP OFF: Marina Way Beach

### **Thursday- Canoeing**

PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATION:



## 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

## 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

## 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/>

### **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 biking along the KVR. We do not let them ride BMX bikes, bikes with pedal brakes, or bikes with training wheels. As for the maintenance of your child's 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.).









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.

Updated cancellation policy can be found on our website

### **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. .

### **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 \*\***