



## COLUMBIA OUTDOOR SCHOOL & BLUE LAKE CAMP

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### **CAMPERSHIP FUNDING**

Please read the document carefully and ensure that all components are complete. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us!

#### **Who is eligible to receive financial assistance?**

Families whose financial circumstances make them unable to pay the full fee for their child's camping program.

#### **What sessions can Camperships help subsidize?**

Camperships can help subsidize any camp program. You may apply for one session per person per season.

#### **Where does the money come from?**

The campership program is generously supported by individuals, businesses, and others who donate to the Blue Paddle Campaign. Our Blue Paddle committee organizes fundraising events throughout the year.

#### **If I received a Campership from Blue Lake in the past, can I apply again?**

Yes. It is our goal that, if possible, you continue to contribute more towards the camp fee each year.

#### **Is my application kept confidential?**

Yes. Your application and financial documents are kept confidential. Your application is managed exclusively by the Camp Registrar who will contact you once your application has been received and reviewed.

#### **Is it possible to attend camp for free?**

Every family should pay a portion of the fee themselves, even if they are eligible for ministry or other outside funding.

#### **How does Blue Lake determine how much I pay?**

Each family needs to contribute as much as they can afford and families are welcome to make monthly payments to help manage the cost. The subsidy will vary depending on income and cannot be determined without completing the application.

#### **Suggested contribution amount from applicant:**

\$100.00 Registration Fee, if possible or what you can contribute.

#### **If I receive a subsidy through the Campership program, what is expected of me?**

Applying for subsidy requires a commitment of completing your application, registration and payments on time, attending the camp that you are registered for, and completing a thank you letter after camp.



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### Letter of Reference:

The letter of reference **MUST** be from non-relatives. The letter should state their relationship to the child, include contact information and signature of the person providing the reference, and answering the following questions:

1. What makes this child/family a deserving candidate for the Campership program?
2. How do you think this child will benefit from a summer camp experience?

### Thank you letters / Testimonials:

A thank you card or letter from you and your child will help us show appreciation to our donors and will help our fund-raising efforts in the future. When donors hear how their donation helped make a difference in a child's life, they are more likely to donate again and encourage others to do the same. Please help us thank our donors with letters, cards and stories (for privacy, you do not have to use full names, you may also sign with initials).

We would like you to answer the following questions:

- What did you like about camp?
- What have you learned?
- What skills did you acquire?
- How has camp made a difference to you?
- What would you like to say to donors who helped make it possible for you to attend camp?

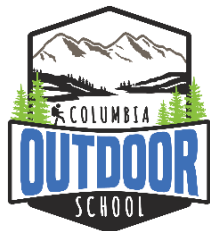
These thank you letters are important to show appreciation to donors for their contributions and will help raise more Campership money in the future.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

1. Registration. Go online to [www.columbiaoutdoorschool.com](http://www.columbiaoutdoorschool.com) and register your child (and caregiver if needed) for the desired program. Select the payment option "Campership". This will temporarily hold a spot. It is important to do this as we sell out quickly. **Campership applications must be provided within 3 weeks of registering your child(ren)**. If your application is not received within 3 weeks, your child(ren) will be removed from camp registration.
2. Completed Campership Application.
3. Proof of your family's income (e.g. wage stubs last three months, T4 income slip, child tax benefits, student loan documentation, social assistance documentation, employment insurance/disability insurance).
4. Letter of Reference.

**Applications will be accepted until June 1st.**

**Questions?** Please contact the camp registrar at 250-426-3676 or [info@columbiaoutdoorschool.com](mailto:info@columbiaoutdoorschool.com)



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#### CAMPERSHIP FUNDING APPLICATION

Parent / Guardian (s) Name:		
Mailing Address:	City:	Postal Code:
Phone Number:	Email Address:	
Mailing Address:	City / Province:	Postal Code:

Child's Name:	1st Camp Session Choice:	2nd Camp Session Choice:

\* for campers that require a Caregiver to assist them at camp and who require funding for the Caregiver's camp fees.

Care giver's Name;	Camp Session Choice	Name of Camper you are supporting:

#### FAMILY HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

Gross Monthly Income (all adults in household): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Monthly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Monthly Income For Household: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you on income assistance? YES NO  
 How many people are in your family? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Has your family received a Campership in the past? YES NO

#### CAMP FEES:

Total registration fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount you can contribute to the registration fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount requested from Campership Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Subsidy (Ministry subsidy, school bursary): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Applications must be provided within 3 weeks of registering.

I confirm that all information stated on this application is true and correct.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Send Your Application and Letters of Support:

**By Mail:** PO Box 759, Cranbrook, BC V1C 4J5

**By Email:** info@columbiaoutdoorschool.com

**In Person:** 2279 Cranbrook Street North, Cranbrook, BC