

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
MORRELL SUMMER DAY CAMP 2026

Q: What is the age limit?

A: Children aged 5-9. Must be 5 on the day of camp.

Q: Is there a camp for older children?

A: Yes, the Junior Leader for children aged 10-12. Must be 10 on the day of the camp.

Q: Registration opens when?

A: Both camps are open for registration on March 1 @ 12:00 noon.

Q: How many camps are offered for both programs?

A: 10 weeks of nature camps, June 29 to Sept 3 (No Camp on July 1, August 4 and Sept 4). Each week has a different theme. Registrations are day by day per Camper, but multiple days may be subscribed per registration. Junior Leaders may only register for a maximum of 2 full weeks & must attend from Mon-Fri (no daily registrations accepted for this program).

Q: May I attend camp with my child?

A: Sorry No. Our camps are designed for children aged 5-9. Our goal is to encourage & foster friendships with other participants. We do not offer the option for parent participation.

Q: What is participant to Camp Leader ratio & how many spots are available/ day?

A: 12 participants = 1 Camp Leader. There are 24 spots/ day & 2 Junior Leader spots/ day. "For municipal recreation programs, the BC Recreation & Parks Association recommends a 1:15 Staff to Camper ratio for ages 6 & older and a 1:12 Staff to Camper ratio for ages 5 & younger."

Q: Are the Camp Leaders trained in First Aid/ CPR?

A: Yes, at least one Camp Leader is trained in First Aid/ CPR.

Q: Who are the Camp Leaders

A: Our Camp Leaders are educated nature enthusiasts who have experience working with children, enjoy leading nature walks as well as, guiding hands on creative/fun activities & games. Our interview panel includes the Office Manager, Day Camp Supervisor, and a Board Member. Successful candidates require a clear RCMP vulnerable sector criminal check & we contact several references.

Q: What if my child has special needs?

A: We strive for inclusivity & aim to accommodate all children when possible. Our camps are active days with frequent transitions & unexpected sensory changes. Participants MUST follow instructions & safety rules without needing adult prompts, and keep up/ keep going when the group is hiking. Please email the Office Manager at summercamp@morrellnaturesanctuary.ca to discuss your child's needs before registering. If possible, please expect to discuss applicable tools, resources and/or support plans your may child need.

Q: What are the bathroom policies & available facilities?

A: All participants must be toilet trained & able to use the washroom independently. The Woods Room where indoor activities happen, has a washroom, plenty of hand soap, hot/cold running water, ultraviolet hand dryer and paper towels. Outdoors participants will have access to two outhouses which are regularly sanitized, with sanitary supplies provided by Morrell Volunteers. Please send a change of clothes in case of an accident.

Q: What if my child needs medication?

A: Camp Leaders only administer emergency, life-saving medications, e.g. epi-pens/ rescue inhalers. If your child has life threatening allergies, please complete the "Other Info" form attached to your registration confirmation email prior to 08:30 on the day of camp. If your child has other medication needs, i.e., oral antihistamines please administer these before and/or after camp.

Q: Do I need to send a lunch and/or snacks? What should I send?

*A: Yes, please send your child with a snack, lunch & water bottle. We encourage high protein foods & fruits/ vegetables to ensure participants have adequate energy for the day. Please avoid sending high sugar, highly processed foods &/or candy as these items are known to cause erratic behaviour in children. We often hike to the lake for lunch & participants are expected to carry their lunch/ water bottle. Please ensure these items are manageable for your child. **Note:** There is no refrigerator or microwave available. If your child has a food allergy or medical condition (i.e., celiac disease) please note it on the "Other Info" form attached to your registration confirmation email. **Note:** We are **NOT** a nut-free site, as the wildlife is often fed nuts by other sanctuary visitors. However, we ask parents to provide their children with nut-free lunches to ensure everyone's safety.*

Q: Are sunscreen & insect repellent provided?

A: No, we do not provide these items. Please apply these products BEFORE arriving at camp. Due to allergies and/or some children's skin/nasal sensitivity to some scents we advise participants to leave these products at home. If you choose to send these items with your child, Camp Leaders are not responsible for reapplication. Additionally, some children are sensitive to chemical scents. When possible, please avoid heavily scented fabric softeners, shampoos, hand lotions and/or sunscreen for the duration of your child's attendance.

Q: What do participants need to wear & bring in their backpack?

*A: Camp operates rain or shine. Participants need to dress for the weather & in clothes they can get dirty given the amount of time spent outdoors &/or the use of paint for crafts. Participants need a brimmed hat, raincoat & **MUST** wear close toed & sturdy walking shoes (open toed shoes are prohibited). Participants are responsible for their own belongings. Please leave electronics & toys at home. We are not responsible for personal items, and we wouldn't want any participant's special items damaged or lost. Participants who arrive with these items can expect Camp Leaders to confiscate them to be stored away for safe keeping for the remainder of the day. Lost items will be kept in the lost & found bin until September 17th & will be donated if not collected by this date.*