



Camp  
Fircom

Spring Break & Easter  
Vacation Getaway  
Welcome Package

**2021**

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## OUR VACATION OPTIONS

**For the spring season, we will be operating as a campground/resort facility. For families and campers that have attended our camp sessions previously, it is important to be aware of this distinction.** We are offering two vacation getaway options for families, Vacation Getaway Packages and Vacation Getaway Rentals.

### **Spring Break Break & Easter Vacation Getaway Packages**

For families interested in a more rustic 'camp-like' experience, we are offering vacation getaway packages that include accommodation (Cabins), food service, **some traditional camp programming that is signed up for at time of booking**, and round-trip water taxi transportation between Horseshoe Bay and Camp Fircom. Families that join us for our Easter Vacation Getaway will also have the opportunity to participate in some Easter-themed activities.

**Families staying in Cabins will be sharing washroom facilities with other families. Each accommodation will have its own designated sink(s), toilet stall(s) and shower(s). Please be sure to ONLY USE THE ONES THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO YOUR ACCOMMODATION.** To ensure that physical distancing can be maintained, families are required to book shower times at the Camp Office so that we can guarantee that only one family is in the shower area at any given time. Please be sure to follow instructions provided on signage posted outside the washroom facilities regarding maximum occupancy levels of the sink and toilet area.

### **Family Vacation Getaway Rentals**

For families interested in more of a self-sufficient island vacation getaway, we are offering opportunities to rent our Farmhouse, Cottage and Craiggroft accommodations. The cost for vacation rentals includes accommodation and **some traditional camp programming that is signed up for at time of booking**. Please note that there is a mandatory add-on cost per family member for round-trip water taxi transportation between Horseshoe Bay and Camp Fircom. Families that join us for our Easter Vacation Getaway will also have the opportunity to participate in some Easter-themed activities.

### **Availability**

Session #	Dates
MDWK #1	Monday, March 15 to Thursday, March 18
WKND #1	Friday, March 19 to Sunday, March 21
MDWK #2	Monday, March 22 to Thursday, March 25
WKND #2	Friday, March 26 to Sunday, March 28
LWKND #3	Friday, April 2 to Monday, April 5

For more information about our Spring Break & Easter Vacation Getaway options, please visit our website: <https://www.fircom.ca/>

## PREPARING FOR A SUCCESSFUL VACATION GETAWAY

We are truly excited to be able to offer families an opportunity to experience a vacation getaway on our beautiful property! We have adjusted to the 'new normal' and we are continuing to discover ways we can create community while keeping each other safe. Many things at Fircom have been adjusted to ensure proper social distancing, hand-washing, and increased cleaning.

Imagine days filled with walks and hikes in the forest, participation in a camp program, swimming in the ocean, spending time in the garden, visiting with our Fircom chickens, and snacking on Tuck Shop homemade baked goods and thirst-quenching drinks.

Imagine nights filled with stargazing, deer sightings and snuggling up around a cozy campfire.

Imagine, for families that choose to take advantage of our vacation getaway packages, enjoying three delicious meals a day in our Dining Hall, surrounded by the lush sights of the forest and ocean!

This Welcome Package is designed to help you and your family prepare for your island vacation getaway, so that you can relax and enjoy all that Fircom has to offer without worrying about what to expect ... or what you may have forgotten to pack!

Please ensure you have read this package in its entirety and followed our instructions. If you can't find the answers to your questions here, feel free to contact us by email at [info@fircom.ca](mailto:info@fircom.ca)

### What's there to do at Camp Fircom?

There is never a "Typical Day" at Fircom! It's your vacation getaway and your family is free to choose your own adventure! Aside from fixed meal times (for families staying in Cabins and those staying in our vacation rental accommodations and opt for Food Service) and programming times, your family is free to enjoy our property at your leisure. Yearning for some quiet time to reflect and connect with nature? We recommend walking the Labyrinth or spending time in the Gazebo, at Lower Lookout or at the benches or bluffs. Looking for an adventure? Embark on a morning hike to Halkett Bay! Itching to get your hands in the dirt? Visit the garden to see if you can lend a helping hand. Feeling artsy? Take some of the arts 'n crafts materials from your 'Welcome Basket' and go draw in the woods! Wanting to explore? Check out Blackberry Beach and explore the tide pools! Here at Fircom, there's so much to see and do!

**\*\*\*Please note: We WILL NOT have watercraft (i.e., canoes, kayaks and paddle boards) available for rent. If you wish to participate in any of these activities, you MUST sign up for one of our Guided Canoeing/Kayaking/Paddle Board sessions. If you did not do so at time of booking, you can send an email to our [info@fircom.ca](mailto:info@fircom.ca) account. Be sure to include the name the booking is under and the session/dates your booking is for.**

## Supervision

Camp Fircom must ensure that we are respecting all orders and guidelines provided by the Public Health Officer. We wish all children could play together; however, we need to respect that each family is a bubble and needs to be able to maintain a physical distance of 2m from all other families and staff. Camp Fircom is not providing supervision for children. Parents/guardians are responsible for their own children at all times, including ensuring they are physically distancing from everyone outside their family bubble, and are following all camp rules. During scheduled activities, we prefer if the whole family participates for the most fun! At least one adult must be present with children .

## Games and Equipment

**We will have some balls and Frisbees available for use during your stay. They can be signed out at our Camp Office and should be returned on the same day after use so that we can sanitize them and have them ready for other guests to use.**

**Your family is encouraged to bring your own cards, games and any sporting equipment that you enjoy playing/using during your vacation getaway, just as you would at a campground or camping resort.**

## Guided Camp Programming

Over the course of your stay, your family will have an opportunity to participate in the Guided Camp Programs (2 sessions for weekend stays and 3 sessions for the mid-week and Easter long weekend stays) that you signed up for at time of booking. Our programming places an emphasis on creativity, imagination, hands-on experiences, and adventure in a safe, fun-filled atmosphere designed to encourage personal growth and development.

### *Canoeing/Kayaking/Stand Up Paddle Boarding*

Getting on the waters of Halkett Bay is one of the most rewarding experiences that Fircom can offer! For an additional fee, our experienced guides can show your family how to safely enjoy our paddling adventures. First, we'll go through safety procedures and then we'll hop on board and have some fun. Will you see the seals who call Halkett home? Or maybe the tide will be low and we'll get a glimpse of the purple sea stars lining the ocean floor! Waterfront activities will only happen if the wind is light and we can ensure a low risk outing. Staying 2m apart is easy on the water, until someone falls out and needs a little help to get back in their boat. Staff are trained in rescue techniques, but now more than ever we will be proactive in lowering the risk of the need for a rescue.

### *Archery*

Is your family ready to stretch their competitive edge and try a new challenge? Archery is the activity for you! Suitable for kids ages 6 and up, archery is a fun new skill to learn and a surefire way to have some laughs. In our expansive archery range, our staff will show you how to be safe and hit that bulls-eye! Well, no promises about the bulls-eye, but you will definitely have a blast!

## *Tie Dye*

Ready to get groovy? Bring some white cotton items from home (t-shirts, socks, etc) and bring colour into your family's wardrobe! Our tie dye experts will have a kit ready for your family to tie dye whatever you want, and will show you some techniques to bring a rainbow of colour into your life!

## *Guided Nature Walk/Hike*

On our guided nature walks we will head into the forest to learn about local plants and their uses, invasive species, and all the creatures who call the woods their home. Depending on your family's interests, we can facilitate a more challenging hike or an easy-going interpretative nature walk more suitable for even the littlest family members, all while staying physically distanced from each other. Our guides can share nature mindfulness activities, plant identification tips, and even some fun games to get energy flowing!

## *Garden & Chickens*

Come on in and explore the Fircom Farm! Every session will be slightly different. Maybe the Fircom Farmer will help each family harvest ingredients to make a natural tea. Maybe you'll have a chance to explore our historic orchard which is planted with fruit trees and berries. Maybe you can help weed and harvest some of the plants we are growing. The farm is an educational space where folks of all ages will have the opportunity to wonder at the complexity and interdependence of nature, and maybe to taste some of its delicious bounty!

A garden session could also include a visit with our chicken flock ... and the possibility of collecting some eggs! Learn how chickens create a closed loop nutrient cycle and reduce our waste here at Fircom. Monitoring chicken behavior and observation will be a participatory learning opportunity. Maybe you'll even get to feed the chickens!

## *Swimming*

Canoe Cove, our swimming beach, will be open daily. **Swimming is at your own risk, as we do not have a lifeguard on duty.**

To give those families enjoying a guided canoe/kayak/SUP session enough space to launch and land, one half of the beach will be reserved for waterfront activities. Swimmers will have to return to shore or stay on the dock each time a group of canoe/kayak/SUP is leaving the beach or returning to the beach. All guests should swim within the area roped off by our swimming line.

**There is also a public beach available for use by the Public Dock. Swimming at this beach is also at your own risk, as there are no lifeguards on duty. Fircom is not responsible for the use of this beach and it is important to know that local Gambier families also utilize this beach. Please ensure that your family maintains physical distancing between yourselves and anyone else that is at the beach.**

## Welcome Baskets

Upon arrival, families with children 12 and under will find Arts 'n Crafts Kits on the tables of their accommodations. These kits will include drawing and crafting materials, a nature scavenger hunt, as well as bracelet making materials.

## Campfires

Every accommodation has its own picnic table and campfire pit! A bundle of wood will be delivered to your campfire area by 7pm on your first evening, and additional bundles of wood will be delivered on an as needed basis. S'mores Kits can be purchased through the Tuck Shop.

The flames of a campfire must never be more than 0.5 metre high, and all fires must be extinguished with water from the bucket provided by 10:30pm each evening. If a campfire ban is in effect, NO FIRES WILL BE PERMITTED ON SITE.

## Food Service (for families that opted for Vacation Getaway Packages)

### Menu

The food at Fircom is delicious. Our focus is to create a healthy from scratch menu, incorporating local food to the best of our ability, with a special focus on utilizing fresh Organic produce and herbs from our beautiful garden. Reducing our carbon footprint, providing in season recipes and being stewards of the land are food values that are important to us. Check out the Fircom Menu sheet for a sample of the meals that will be served at camp.

In addition to three meals, dessert will be served with dinner. Additional sweet treats and thirst-quenching drinks are available in the afternoon for purchase from our Tuck Shop during full days at Fircom (i.e., Saturdays for weekend stays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for mid-week stays, and Saturday and Sunday for the Easter long weekend stay).

### Dietary Preferences and Restrictions

Generally speaking, our menus and recipes are designed to accommodate most allergy and dietary restrictions/preferences, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten and dairy-free meals, as well as no use of nuts. While Camp Fircom's kitchen is nut-aware/gluten-aware, we cannot promise a nut or gluten free facility. We have undergone allergy awareness training and use best practices to facilitate non-cross contamination of allergen causing foods.

All allergies will be reviewed by the chef and some one-on-one conversations may occur to facilitate the food experience of your family/household.

Please ensure that you list all of your family/household members allergies on your booking form. For guests that require a vegan, gluten free and/or dairy free diet, an additional fee of \$20.00 per person will be collected prior to arrival for a regular weekend stay, and an additional fee of \$30.00 per person will be collected prior to arrival for a mid-week stay or the Easter long weekend stay.

Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be served in our spacious Dining Hall. Each family will be assigned their own table for the duration of their stay. All meals will be served 'family style', meaning that food platters will be delivered to each table and families can dish out their own portions. Servers will be available if second-helpings are desired!

## Meal Times

Please arrive for meals on time, as we want to ensure that your meals are served at their optimal temperature:

- **Breakfast:** 8:30am
- **Lunch:** 12:30pm
- **Dinner:** 6:00pm

## Meal Time Routines

When you come for a meal, you are asked to line up on the side deck of the Dining Hall (with physical distance between each family) to wait for our Wellness Coordinator to direct your family inside to wash your hands. When you finish, you will be instructed to head to your table in the Dining Hall. Once seated, our Dining Host will bring your meal platter to you. Don't worry, if you're still hungry after you eat what is on your platter, our Dining Area Host will come around offering an opportunity for seconds.

When you have finished eating, please scrape any leftover food and tea bags onto your platter, stack your dishes and cups, and place any burnables (i.e., napkins and tea bag wrappers) into an empty cup or bowl.

## Meals (for families staying in Cottage, Farmhouse & Craiggroft)

Our kitchens in the Cottage, Farmhouse and Craiggroft are equipped with all the basic cookware, bowls, dishes and cutlery necessary to prepare a tasty meal. No condiments, spices, coffee or tea are provided, so be sure to bring everything with you that your meal plan requires.

Depending on availability, families staying in our vacation getaway rental accommodations may opt for Food Service at a cost of \$80 per adult (13+ years) and \$60 per child (5+ years) for a regular weekend stay and \$120 per adult and \$90 per child for mid-week and the Easter long weekend stay. Children 4 and under are free. Please contact the Fircom office immediately after booking your vacation getaway if you wish to opt in for Food Service.

## Tuck Shop

Upon arrival, families will find a Tuck Shop order form(s) waiting for them in their accommodations. Families are asked to complete the order form and return it to a Dining Host in the Dining Hall by 9:30am in the morning each full day at camp. The Tuck Shop will feature treats like popcorn, cookies and other baked goods, as well as sparkling lemonade and iced chai lattes. In addition, S'mores Kits for evening campfires, Fircom swag (i.e., hoodies, tote bags, stickers and toques) will be available for purchase. Fircom swag will be on display in our Camp Office ... be sure to take a look at what we have available for purchase (this includes our new hoodie colours)!

Tuck Shop food, drink and S'mores Kit orders will be delivered to picnic tables at accommodations between 3:00pm and 3:30pm each full day of a vacation getaway session (i.e., Saturdays for regular weekend stays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for mid-week stays, and Saturdays and Sundays for the Easter long weekend stay).

## Personal Food and Beverages

### Snacks

Families are welcome to bring snacks so long as they are sealed in airtight tupperware containers. For families staying in Cabins, a bin will be provided OUTSIDE your accommodation to store your snack containers in. For the safety of our guests, *absolutely NO NUTS ALLOWED*.

### Alcohol & Other Beverages

Consumption of alcohol is permitted on site, as long as guests drink in moderation and consume alcohol only in their accommodations or in the outdoor picnic and campfire area assigned to their accommodation. Please ensure all bottles and cans are rinsed after use, and that you take them home with you at the end of your stay.

### Smoking

Please only smoke tobacco in designated smoking areas and dispose of butts in designated bins.

## Lost & Found

We do our best to keep guests and their possessions together, but every year we have many unclaimed items with no identification. Labelling all items makes it easier for us to return them to their rightful owners. All items we find in your accommodation will be kept in our 'Lost & Found' bin for 2 weeks after your vacation getaway session. If you've lost something at Fircom, please email our office with a complete description of the item(s). Items not claimed within 2 weeks of the vacation getaway session ending will be donated to families in need.

## What to Bring to Fircom



It is important that guests make sure to pack all of the appropriate clothing and gear for their vacation getaway sessions.

The items we have listed on the packing checklist are necessary for the health, safety and enjoyment of the vacation getaway experience for all guests. Below are some tips to help make packing for Fircom easier:

### Packing Tips

- Engaging with nature and participating in outdoor activities are an integral part of Fircom! Therefore, please pack clothing that can get dirty. **Choose functionality over fashion.** Do not bring anything to Fircom that you are not willing to lose – things happen!
- Many of the clothing items on the list can be found quite reasonably at large department stores or even at some second hand shops. These stores have a great selection of inexpensive fleece sweaters, fleece jackets, thermal polyester blend shirts and bottoms, and waterproof rain gear.
- It is important that guests **bring a variety of clothing layers** so that they can keep warm in the event of inclement weather. On a rainy day or on an evening by the ocean, a toque can be a great thing to have!
- Please label EVERYTHING with first and last names.
- **Guests must be able to carry their own luggage for short distances. Fircom staff will not be able to assist with luggage and will not be loading luggage into a truck. Water taxi staff are also unable to help with guest luggage. Please try to pack light to make transporting bags, totes and coolers easier.**

### Mandatory items

While all guests are expected to arrive with the items on the following list, these are a few key things to ensure don't get forgotten:

- **Water shoes** (or old running shoes) – guests of all ages must wear water shoes for boating and swimming, as well as in shared washroom facilities (including showers).
- **Weather-appropriate clothing** – weather can change quickly on the coast. Please ensure that all guests pack for a variety of weather conditions, including rain.
- **Bedding** – all guests staying in Cabins must bring their own bedding. Usually, guests opt for a fitted Twin sheet, a sleeping bag, an extra blanket and a pillow.
- **Headlamp/flashlight** – you want to be able to see after dark!
- **Toiletries** – to keep you clean and happy.
- **Sturdy close-toed shoes** – good running shoes or light hiking shoes are perfect for Fircom's activities. Several activities require close-toed shoes.
- **TWO or THREE masks per guest (for return water taxi trips, and to wear in the Dining Hall when not seated).**

## WHAT TO BRING - Vacation Packages (Cabins)

Below is a general packing list to use as a guideline.

<b>Toiletries</b>	<b>Clothing, Footwear &amp; Masks</b>
<p><i>Please opt for biodegradable/eco-friendly where possible.</i></p>	<p><i>Choose quick-drying options where possible.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Toothbrush/toothpaste</li> <li>■ Shampoo/conditioner/soap</li> <li>■ Brush/comb</li> <li>■ Deodorant</li> <li>■ Sunscreen (SPF 50+)</li> <li>■ Menstrual supplies</li> <li>■ Medication (if required)</li> <li>■ Towel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ T-shirts &amp; shorts</li> <li>■ Long pants</li> <li>■ Sweater(s)</li> <li>■ 1 warm jacket</li> <li>■ Socks (wool preferred)</li> <li>■ Underwear</li> <li>■ Bathing suit</li> <li>■ Rain jacket</li> <li>■ Pajamas</li> </ul>
<b>Luggage, Bedding &amp; Other Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Toque (for cold evenings)</li> <li>■ STURDY shoes for the waterfront (neoprene booties, old running shoes, or crocs that can be worn in the water – NO FLIP FLOPS)</li> <li>■ Close-toed running or walking shoes to wear on site &amp; during activities</li> <li>■ MANDATORY bathroom shoes (i.e. Flip Flops) to wear in the washrooms</li> <li>■ <b><u>2-3 masks per guest (for return water taxi trips, &amp; to wear in the Dining Hall when not seated.)</u></b></li> <li>■ <b><u>Personal bottle of hand sanitizer</u></b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Backpack or duffle bag (suitcases don't roll well on our dirt roads)</li> <li>■ Sleeping bag &amp; Warm Blanket</li> <li>■ Fitted Twin Sheet</li> <li>■ Pillow</li> <li>■ Water bottle</li> <li>■ Reusable Coffee Mug</li> <li>■ Alcoholic Beverages (Optional)</li> <li>■ Extra Snacks (Optional)</li> <li>■ Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries</li> <li>■ Sunglasses</li> </ul>	
<b>Recommended/Optional Items</b>	<b>What <u>NOT</u> to Bring*</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Camera</li> <li>■ White shirts/items to Tie Dye</li> <li>■ Small games like cards, Mad Libs, etc.</li> <li>■ Sports Equipment (i.e., Soccer Ball)</li> <li>■ Book(s)</li> <li>■ Rain pants</li> <li>■ Journal/pen</li> <li>■ Insect repellent</li> <li>■ Money for the Tuck Shop (credit card payment or e-transfers accepted, cash is NOT accepted)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Expensive items &amp; technology (i.e. jewellery, iPods, game consoles, iPads/laptops)</li> <li>■ Hair dryer/curling iron</li> <li>■ Clothes that you don't want dirtied/lost</li> <li>■ Drugs (including marijuana)</li> <li>■ Knives, matches or candles</li> </ul>

## WHAT TO BRING - Vacation Getaway Rentals (Farmhouse, Cottage & Craigcroft)

Below is a general packing list to use as a guideline.

<b>Toiletries</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>
<p><i>Please opt for biodegradable/eco-friendly where possible.</i></p>	<p><i>Choose quick-drying options where possible.</i></p>
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<b>Luggage, Food &amp; Other Items</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Backpack or duffle bag (suitcases don't roll well on our dirt roads)</li> <li>■ Reusable Coffee Mug</li> <li>■ Water bottle</li> <li>■ Food for all meals, including spices and condiments</li> <li>■ Coffee and Tea (optional)</li> <li>■ Alcoholic Beverages (optional)</li> <li>■ Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries</li> <li>■ Sunglasses</li> </ul>	
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## Luggage

Luggage need not be expensive! While backpacks are ideal, hockey bags, duffels, and big laundry bags are also fine. **Do not pack items in garbage bags**, as they rip easily and can be mistaken for garbage. Include a sturdy, small backpack to carry your water bottle and sunscreen. Remember to label your luggage as well! **Please ensure you are able to lift and carry your own belongings. Due to COVID-19 protocols, our staff will not be able to touch or lift your bags on your behalf. If you have mobility challenges and require assistance with your luggage, please contact us at [info@fircom.ca](mailto:info@fircom.ca)**

## Rain Gear

Despite what may look like a great weather forecast while at Fircom during your session, please be well prepared for all types of weather. Mother Nature isn't 100% predictable, so all planned activities will continue despite the occasional rainy day! Rain gear (jacket and pants) and sturdy, well-sealed rubber boots provide the best protection. Please remember to label rubber boots, as they often look the same as those belonging to other guests! If you don't have rubber boots and or do not wish to bring some, please pack an extra pair of footwear in case one pair gets wet during a rainy day.

## Zero Waste

Camp Fircom is located on a remote island that does not have garbage or recycling services. Zero waste is a philosophy that encourages the redesign of resource life cycles so that all products are reused and any trash sent to landfills is minimal. At Camp Fircom, we use environmentally sustainable products whenever possible. We compost all food waste and paper towel waste. Paper, plastic and glass is recycled. In the end, we're very proud to say that the amount of garbage left (after sorting compost and recyclables) is minimal!

We actively ask guests to partake in our zero-waste philosophy while at camp. Try to leave any packaging at home and bring your snacks in airtight Tupperware. At the end of your vacation getaway session, we respectfully ask that you take your recyclables and any garbage you created in your accommodation off island with you in a double sealed garbage bag.

## Biodegradable Hygiene Products

Due to the sensitivity of our septic system, we ask that all soap products used (shampoo, soap and conditioners) be biodegradable whenever possible, as our water is treated and returned directly to the ocean. We need your help to protect the environment, and our water system works best and operates cleanly when all soap products used are biodegradable. Biodegradable hygiene products are affordable and available at outdoor recreation stores like MEC.

## Pets

Unfortunately, Fircom does not allow guests to bring pets on site.

## GETTING TO & FROM CAMP!

### Water Taxi Times

Roundtrip water taxi service from Horseshoe Bay to Camp Fircom will be provided through Cormorant Marine. For our Spring Break Vacation Getaways, water taxis will depart from Horseshoe Bay between 2pm and 3pm on arrival days, leaving Fircom between 12:30pm and 1:30pm on departure days. For our special Easter Vacation Getaway, water taxis will depart between 10:00am and 11:00am on arrival day, leaving Fircom between 12:30pm and 1:30pm on departure day. A more precise time for your family's trip will be provided no less than 48 hours prior to departure. We ask that families be prepared to depart Horseshoe Bay at any point during that window of time, as we cannot accommodate individual requests for earlier or later times within the window provided.

### Arrival Day (Boat Day)

Arrival day for vacation getaways will be much less hectic than normal summer camp arrival days. Our watertaxi partners are only filling their boats to ½ capacity to increase distance between guests. We are working to schedule departure times separated by at least 15 minutes, and are giving each family a specific departure time to avoid crowding.

**Please DO NOT come to the end of the Public Dock more than 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time. If you arrive early, wait in the public park.**

Here are some important details to remember on boat day:

- All families must maintain physical distancing (at least 2 metres) between themselves and other families and Fircom staff/volunteers.
- Send **one member of your family** to the **end of the public dock** to meet the Fircom Arrival Host.
- The Fircom Arrival Host will check you in and assign a space on the dock or in the public park for your family to wait until it is time to board the water taxi.
- Please arrive wearing your mask. If you forgot, you can purchase masks from the Fircom Arrival Host for \$1 each.
- When instructed to do so, carry your luggage down to the water taxi. Once you load your luggage, please follow directions given by the boat captain and Fircom Arrival Host carefully, and sit **ONLY** in seats that have been assigned to your family.
- Make bags as easy to carry as possible to help make onloading and offloading the boat easier (we prefer two small bags instead of one huge, heavy one).
- Your family should be able to carry your own bag(s), as guests will need to bring them to the end of the dock in Horseshoe Bay, load and unload them onto the water taxi, and carry them to their accommodations, as well.

### Horseshoe Bay

Due to ongoing construction in Horseshoe Bay village, be aware that the usual drop-off loop by the dock may be closed. Parking is limited so give yourself extra time. Consider arranging to be dropped off, or **arrive 30 minutes before boat departure times to find parking.**

There are a few options for parking in Horseshoe Bay. There are short-term pay parking lots, and several streets that offer 1-3 hours of free parking. For longer durations, there is:

### **BC Ferries Parking Lot**

- \$17 per day (24 hours)
- In Horseshoe Bay Village (5min walk from check-in)

▪ [Google Maps Location](#)

▪ [Lot Website](#)

### **Lions Tiddlycove Parking Lot (may be closed due to construction).**

- \$10 per day Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Near Horseshoe Bay Village (15min walk from check-in)

▪ [Google Maps Location](#)

▪ [Lot Website](#)

*\*\*Please note:* These lots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. This is not an exhaustive list – there are some other outdoor lots, that typically cost approx. \$25/day.

### [Public Transit – The Bus \(250 or 257\)](#)

Guests can hop on the bus from downtown Vancouver on Georgia Street and get off the bus in Horseshoe Bay. From there it is a short walk to the public dock.



## **KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE AND HEALTHY!**

During the booking process, you should have filled in any important health requirements (ie: dietary and allergies, as well as accessibility/mobility needs) pertaining to yourself and the members of your family. If anything was missed when booking, or anything has changed since, please call/email our camp office and let us know a minimum of one week PRIOR to the start date of your vacation session. This gives us enough time to update our Wellness Coordinator and Head Chef.

## Wellness Policy

If you or a member of your family is COVID-19 positive or showing any COVID-19 symptoms in the days leading up to your arrival at camp, we ask that your family please stay home.

We also ask that you stay home if you or a family member:

- have travelled outside of Canada within the 14 day period prior to your arrival date at camp
- have been in contact with someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has exhibited signs of respiratory illness within the 14 day period prior to your arrival
- have been exposed to COVID-19 (public exposure) at one of the locations identified by the BC Centre for Disease Control

**If you test positive for COVID-19 after you make a booking, we can cancel and refund your booking with no charge.**

## Life-Threatening Allergies

For life-threatening allergies, please make sure to connect with our Wellness Coordinator upon arriving at Fircom to share details about your or a member of your family's allergy, as well as to inform them of where the guest with the allergy will be storing their Epi-Pen or other allergy medication.

## In Case of Injury or Illness

In the especially rare event that emergency medical treatment is required, our Wellness Coordinator will make arrangements to transport you or your family member to the hospital. If necessary, they will also contact the Emergency Contact listed in your booking information and will ask that person to meet you or your family member at the hospital.

## Community Living

In the spirit of community living, all guests are expected to be respectful and mindful of others. Fircom's Code of Conduct is designed around safety and respect. In addition to expectations listed in our Code of Conduct, please speak to your family about the following points before you arrive at camp:

- Being that camp is a community, guests are expected to take responsibility in caring for others. This includes respecting privacy of other guests, respecting other people's belongings, treating others fairly, respecting physical distancing protocols, and respecting differences (cultural or otherwise). Parents are responsible for supervising their children at all times other than during guided camp programs.
- Guests are expected to take responsibility in caring for the environment. This includes respecting the natural life around camp (trees & animals), keeping the site clean of garbage and recycling, and not being wasteful (particularly at meal times). Guests are expected to be respectful of Fircom's equipment, accommodations, and general camp property.

- Guests are expected to take responsibility in caring for themselves. This includes wearing sunscreen, wearing weather appropriate clothing, washing hands regularly, keeping 2m apart from other families and staff, getting enough rest, and listening to instructions and directions from Fircom staff/volunteers.

## Guest Dismissal

Although guest dismissal is rare, it is important to note that the following behaviors or actions are not tolerated at Camp Fircom: failure to adhere to Camp Fircom's rules, policies and guest Code of Conduct; failure to adhere to physical distancing protocols (keeping 2 metres away from staff, volunteers and other guests that are not part of your family unit or household group); bullying and/or harassment; use of derogatory language; excessive use of profanity (swearing) or use of profanity toward staff, volunteers or other guests; theft, vandalism; and, aggressive defiant/disorderly conduct. The Executive Director reserves the right to withdraw any guest without warning who, in their opinion, compromises the physical or emotional safety of any person on site, or who is an immediate hazard to the safety of themselves or others. You will be responsible for any costs associated with your or one of your family member's dismissal due to behavioural/safety issues and no refund of booking fees will be given.

## Possession of Illicit Substances

Camp Fircom is a fully drug-free and marijuana-free facility throughout all of our vacation getaway sessions. Any guest, staff or volunteer who disregards this policy will be automatically removed, regardless of circumstance or degree of participation. You will be responsible for any costs associated with your or one of your family member's dismissal for possession of illicit substances, and no refund of booking fees will be given.

## Cancellation and Refunds

If a booking is cancelled more than 14 days prior to arrival, a \$100.00 cancellation fee will be withheld and all other fees paid will be refunded.

If a booking is cancelled within the 14 day period prior to arrival, but more than 48 hours prior to arrival, 50% of fees paid will be refunded.

If a booking is cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival, no refund will be given.



## QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

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