



## Guidelines and Expectations

*To make your stay safe and pleasant, we ask all teachers and chaperones to thoroughly read and comply with the following.*

- For the health of all participants, students/teachers/chaperones who are experiencing or displaying symptoms of communicable disease, including but not limited to COVID-19, cold/flu, or gastrointestinal (Noro-) virus should not attend Camp Thunderbird, and if symptoms develop after arrival, the school will be responsible for arranging their transportation to care off property at the earliest possible time.
- The school or client group representative must obtain informed consent from parents/guardians and participants for the activities (and associated risks) that will take place at The Y Outdoor Centre. Please share our Risk Awareness Document with participants and parents/guardians.
- **Coach buses do not fit on Camp Thunderbird roads. Only school buses should be booked for student transportation. If this poses a barrier, please contact us.**
- The school is required to provide adult (parents and teachers) supervision in order to have one adult in each cabin and one adult in each activity group (as a minimum). This requires a 1:8 chaperone to child ratio for overnight groups and a 1:14 ratio (or one per activity group) for day groups. One chaperone for every 8 (overnight) or 14 (day) students is complementary. Camp Thunderbird can provide these chaperones for an additional fee.
- Chaperones are expected to be active leaders in behaviour guidance/management, and to directly supervise children. Children under the age of 12 must be directly supervised at all times (Y Child Protection Policy).
- **One teacher/chaperone must be designated as the first aid attendant;** teachers/chaperones are responsible for overseeing first aid given to their students. A first aid kit is required for the attendant. A vehicle must be brought to the site and must be available and designated as the emergency vehicle. One teacher/chaperone must be designated as the emergency vehicle driver (may or may not be the same person as the first aid attendant). Ambulance service will be called when required and will be the financial responsibility of the injured party. Camp Thunderbird staff will help provide first aid if needed. Camp Thunderbird will not provide medication.
- The school must collect participant medical information and bring it Camp Thunderbird. The school will notify Camp Thunderbird of severe medical conditions using the "Confirmation Sheets".
- Food allergies and dietary requests must be indicated on the "Confirmation Sheets", and most limitations can be accommodated. We ask that in general, schools not bring any additional food to camp. We have limited storage space for food, thus any additional food will need to be stored in the first aid vehicle. Our kitchen/cooking facilities are not available for group use.
- No food is kept in the cabins (a health and safety precaution). Any damage or unnecessary cleaning that is caused by food in the cabins will result in a charge.
- We ask that peanut and nut products are not brought to Camp Thunderbird.
- A group's behaviour, program objectives, and activities must be consistent with the values and mission of the YMCA-YWCA of Vancouver Island.
- Staff and Instructors reserve the right to terminate any activity if weather, participant behaviour, or other factor is jeopardizing the wellbeing or safety of participants, chaperones, or staff.
- PFDs must be worn by all children and adults while boating and on boating docks. Camp Thunderbird staff must lifeguard while student & adult participants are in the swimming/waterfront area.



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- Groups may not have media relations on YMCA-YWCA property without the prior written consent of the CEO.
- Damage to facilities, equipment or the environment will be assessed at replacement value and will be charged.
- Possession of alcohol, non-prescribed cannabis, controlled substances, and illegal drugs on YMCA-YWCA property is prohibited.
- The Y Outdoor Centre/Camp Thunderbird is a non-smoking and non-vaping facility. Those adults needing to smoke or vape must leave camp property to do so.
- Camp staff will manage all outdoor campfires, in designated campfire sites only.
- Pets are not permitted.

**Failure to comply with these Guidelines and Expectations may result in decreased priority for future bookings or the termination of the contract and the removal of the group from the site. *If there are any questions regarding the policies detailed above, please feel free to email [hkucera@vancouverislandy.ca](mailto:hkucera@vancouverislandy.ca).***