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### **Pearson Welcoming 6 to 14-year-olds to Unique Summer Outdoor Leadership Day Camps**

*Day Camps every week July 5 to August 20, 2021*

This summer, the campus of Pearson College UWC in Metchosin will take on a younger vibe with the first-ever “Pearson Experiences” Summer Outdoor Leadership Day Camps for 6 to 14-year-olds.

“Our college is located on 77 acres of beautifully forested land along the shores of Pedder Bay – I can’t think of a more exciting location for a kids camp!” said Angela Gatari, Community Events & Partnerships Manager *and Mom*.

“And we’re not only promising a unique setting but also an exceptional experience based on Pearson’s nearly half-century of leadership learning and supervised outdoor experiences.”

This summer, during July and August week-long day camps at Pearson, kids from across southern Vancouver Island will enjoy participating in activities such as hiking, kayaking, sports, arts and crafts, drama, dance, leadership and team building, unique cultural celebrations and much, much more on campus.

“Parents and families will also be able to choose from a variety of safe, supervised educational field trips plus other optional adventures such as supervised tours around Race Rocks Ecological Reserve, kayak tours of Pedder Bay and swimming lessons,” added Gatari. Families can find out more and register at <https://www.pearsoncollege.ca/leadership-day-camps/>.

For busy parents and families, options for campers also include before and after-camp care, upon-request hot lunches and snacks and three pick-up and drop-off points around the area.

Pearson Experiences campers are also assured of a distinctive cross-cultural experience thanks to the College’s unique history of welcoming students from around the world for nearly half-a-century.

“We anticipate that many of our camp leaders and counsellors will be drawn from current students on campus, including international students, who will enrich campers’ experience through cross-cultural learning opportunities,” said Gatari.

“Many of our students who become day camp leaders and counsellors have also acquired kayak and watercraft safety certification, first-aid training and emergency response experience as part of our regular outdoors-oriented curriculum here at Pearson.”

Gatari stressed that all COVID-safe measures and protocols will be in place during the day camps, and they will be adjusted as determined by public health guidance. All campers should be screened for symptoms by parents/guardians in the morning before coming to camp. All participants will be monitored for any symptoms during the day.

Pearson is known as one of 18 United World Colleges around the world --- and the only UWC in Canada. During the school year, Pearson hosts 200 16 to 19-year-old students from across Canada and around the world and is the site of a number of summer activities such as the [Pacific Paddling Symposium](#), the [Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts](#) and a full slate of outdoor weddings and other events.

“With the continued uncertainty due to the pandemic, a number of major campus events that require long-term planning were forced to either cancel or move to online-only activities,” said Gatari.

“This opened up opportunities for us to be creative and offer our local and regional community families and friends a chance for their children to experience a summer camp in an unparalleled natural setting close to home.”

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