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## **News Release**

## Second Annual Summer Outdoor Leadership Day Camps at Pearson

Registration Opens April 6, 2022!

This summer, the campus of <u>Pearson College UWC</u> in Metchosin will again take on a younger vibe with <u>Pearson Experiences Summer Outdoor Leadership Day Camps</u> for 6 to 14-year-olds.

Located on the traditional territory of the Sc'ianew First Nation along Pedder Bay, the Pearson campus provides acres of green space, adjacent forests and safe water access and all the amenities for an awesome childhood experience this summer.

"I can't think of a more exciting location for a day camp," said Angela Gatari, Community Events & Partnerships Manager and Dean of Students. "We promise a unique setting and an exceptional experience based on our decades of cross-cultural leadership learning and supervised outdoor experiences for young people."

During week-long day camps running from July 4 to August 5, kids from across southern Vancouver Island will participate 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 guardians will also be able to choose from a variety of safe, supervised educational field trips and other optional adventures such as supervised kayaking on Pedder Bay and swimming sessions at our indoor pool," added Gatari. Families can find out more and register at https://www.pearsoncollege.ca/leadership-day-camps/.

For busy 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 region.

"We anticipate several 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 also have kayak and watercraft safety certification, first-aid training and emergency response experience as part of our curriculum here at Pearson."

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 a full slate of outdoor weddings and events.

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