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ASC Summer Programming 2026 Parent Information Guide

Welcome to our summer programs. This overview is designed to help families understand our daily routines and expectations and prepare for a fun and rewarding camp experience.

Camp Location

All camps take place on Bowen Island, with BICS as our primary home base. Throughout the week, we make use of a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces. Some camps may have different drop-off and pick-up locations; these details will be shared in advance, so families know exactly where to go.

What Camp Looks Like

Our camps are thoughtfully designed to balance movement, creativity, exploration, and rest. A typical day may include:

- Open-ended play and outdoor exploration on nearby trails
- Group games and activities that foster connection and collaboration
- Creative projects and experiences aligned with each camp's theme
- Quiet moments and downtime, including occasional movies or calm activities

Because we move between spaces and activities, campers can expect regular transitions and time spent in larger group settings.

Policy and Procedures

To help ensure a safe, fun, and well-organized summer, we operate under specific policies and procedures, including our Child Supervision and Water Play guidelines.

Our complete policies and procedures are available on the Bowen Children's website. We ask that families take a few moments to review them before completing registration so everyone has a clear understanding of expectations and safety practices.

Outdoor Exploration

We aim to spend as much time outdoors as possible. Most days include trail walks, outdoor games, and time in nature. During very hot or heat-wave conditions, we shift to air-conditioned indoor spaces to ensure comfort and safety.

Food, Water & Personal Items

Please send campers with:

- A substantial lunch
- Plenty of snacks
- A large refillable water bottle

Active days require steady nourishment and hydration, and we encourage campers to eat and drink throughout the day.

What to Bring

Depending on the camp, additional items may be required, such as:

- Life jackets
- Towels
- Sunscreen and hats
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Closed-toe shoes

A detailed packing list will be provided before each session.

Clothing Expectations: camp is active and hands-on. Clothing may come home wet, sandy, or dirty. Comfortable, weather-appropriate layers—and occasionally a change of clothes—are helpful.

Safety, Supervision & Communication

Safety is a shared responsibility within our camp community. Staff offer guidance, model expectations, and support children as they move through the day. Campers are asked to follow staff instructions so everyone can participate fully and safely, particularly during transitions, outdoor exploration, and group activities.

We keep families informed by sharing important updates in advance and remaining available throughout each session to support camper needs.

Looking Ahead

We're excited for a summer filled with creativity, movement, connection, and discovery!

The 2026 ASC Summer Team