



Outdoor Place-Based Learning at Cultus Lake School

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Outdoor and community locations in the local communities of Cultus Lake, Soowhalie and Columbia Valley are used to provide students with a "hands-on, first hand experience" in learning their curriculum.

Frequently Asked Questions

The following are some questions that have been asked by partner groups (Parents, the Community School and Staff):

1. **Is the regular curriculum still covered?** **YES, absolutely !!** Literacy and Math are still the main focus of our school. The goal is to use the local outdoor environment to give students a rich, hands-on experience in learning the BC Curriculum.
2. **How much time will you be outside?** This will vary depending on the seasons and teaching units. For students in the Nature Kindergarten Program, it will be 4 afternoons per week. For students in other grades it will be at a minimum about two afternoons a week.
3. **What clothing will my child need?** While we will not be going outside in extreme weather, our plan is for activities to take place in all 4 seasons in various weather conditions. As students will be outdoors in various natural environments, we recommend that students have a rain coat & water proof foot wear in the fall and spring, and a warm outdoor coat and foot wear In the winter. For our younger students we recommend waterproof pants appropriate to the season. Should affordability present a problem, please

Speak with your child's teacher or the school principal. The school has a small amount of outdoor gear that can be borrowed by students.

4. **How will you be ensuring children are safe?** While all field experiences involve some risk, we have developed some "protocols" we will use as a staff to help ensure student safety and supervision. This includes teaching and monitoring expectations to the students, staff carrying some safety gear(eg: First Aid Kit) and plans to communicate with the school should additional help be needed at any point
5. **Can Parents Volunteer?** **Yes, we would love to have parent volunteers.** All volunteers **MUST** have a completed Criminal Record Check on file with the office. Please speak with you child's teacher about volunteer opportunities.

What Clothing will my Child need for the Outdoors ?

You may wish to consider something like:



Spring & Fall

All Season
& Winter

We suggest avoiding:



Most gear can be purchased either locally or online. Please speak with your child's teacher or our office if you have any questions about outdoor clothing.