Sasamat is hoping to offer a new modified day camp program this summer! This will be a program designed to accommodate all the necessary health and safety measures surrounding COVID-19. Our staff and community board of directors have given extensive thought to the question of “what is safe to do this summer”. In the end, it was important to us to be able to offer what we can, even if it is much smaller, to support our community and campers during this time.

Our goal is to be fully transparent in this process, this is a new scenario for us all. We are confident this program will be “a go”, however we are still working out details in collaboration with our Local Environmental Health Office and WorkSafeBC. Similarly, we are awaiting further information from our BC government around guidelines and best practices for BC Day Camps this summer. We also need to assess interest in this program from our families to determine if it is viable. Once finalized, we will share a comprehensive program and safety management plan. We will continue to be adaptive to the circumstances, if public health restrictions ease up over the course of the summer, we hope to expand the capacity of this program. If the opposite occurs, we will respond appropriately and possibly suspend the program.

Program Snapshot

- This program will carry the same spirit of joy and adventure as our usual day camp program; campers will enjoy time in the outdoors, swimming, paddling, kayaking, archery and much more.
- Some specific activities, for example our climbing wall, may not be able to be included this year due to sanitization protocols that are not feasible for certain areas.
- This program will be for children 6-12 years of age and run from 9:30am-3:30pm.
- We will be offering priority in the registration process to children of frontline workers in need of childcare, however it will be open to everyone.
- There will be two program options,
  - **Weekday Rovers: Monday - Friday** (five days of camp, i.e. the same as our regular Sasamat Day Camp)
  - **Weekend Trailblazers: Saturday - Sunday** (this will be two consecutive weekends, i.e. four days of day camp spread over two consecutive weekends).
- This program will host 37 campers, and campers will be in small groups of 5 or 6 children.
- There will be no more than 50 people at Sasamat at any given time, and camp will adopt a new “family cohort” model where campers only interact with those in their immediate group to keep the camper and staff “bubble” small.
- It will be entirely outdoors (rain or shine!), with the exception of using the bathroom which will have measures in place to ensure safety and physical distancing.
- Transportation (busing service) will unfortunately not be offered as we don’t feel busing can done safely with physical distancing requirements. Parents will need to have to ability to drop off and pick up their camper(s) from Sasamat Outdoor Centre.
- Given this program will look different, we will be offering it as a discounted price of $305.00 for the Weekday Rovers and $244.00 for the Weekend Trailblazers.

It is our goal that we use this smaller camp framework to create personal and very meaningful experiences for our campers this summer, as well as lots of fun of course!