Grown-ups have all the fun at the Royal BC Museum this August

VICTORIA, BC–Embrace your inner child and experience the nostalgia of summer camp (with a grown-up twist) at the Royal BC Museum.

Pack a lunch, ditch the kids and bring a friend for a Day Camp like no other. Sneak behind the scenes, meet knowledgeable staff, make connections with our feature and core exhibitions and experience fun hands-on activities. Each grown-up Day Camp has a different theme: August 11 is Arts & Crafts, August 18 is Campfire (Hi)stories and August 25 is Nature Merit Badge. Grown-up Day Camp takes place from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and is \$50 per person (10 per cent member discount).

Don't stop with Day Camp. For a complete trip down memory lane, come to Night at the Museum – Grown-ups Only! This is the first time the Royal BC Museum has hosted a 19+ sleepover. Share ghost stories around the campfire, create nostalgic summer camp crafts and explore behind the scenes after hours by flashlight. This sleepover includes a \$10 voucher to our on-site Food Trucks, live entertainment and a delicious breakfast. Grown-up drinks are available for purchase. Night at the Museum runs from Saturday, August 26 at 6:30 pm to Sunday, August 27 at 9:00 am. Tickets are \$80 per person (10 percent member discount). Combine one Grown-Up Day Camp with Night at the Museum–Grown-Ups Only for \$115 per person. These events are 19+.

It's not too late to help your kids create amazing memories. There are still some open spots in Story Camp (ages 7-11), a full day camp with fun field trips, engaging guest speakers and behind-the-scenes access to the museum. Sign up your camper for <u>August 14-18</u> or <u>August 21-25</u>. The cost is \$280 per camper (10 per cent discount for members). Find more information about camps here: <u>royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/camps</u>

Take part in a <u>Cedar-Weaving Workshop</u> in the *Our Living Languages* exhibition. Learn about the importance of cedar in Coast Salish culture, from transportation to clothing, and how to weave a cedar rose (one that you can take home). Watch a demonstration <u>here</u>. Join in on Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:00 pm throughout August. Included with museum admission or membership.

Discover the connection between <u>Canoes and Culture</u> in the *Our Living Languages* exhibition. Learn about the importance of canoes to the Coast Salish people, handle objects and make your own Coast Salish canoe model out of paper. Take part on Thursdays and Saturdays at 2:00 pm throughout August. Included with museum admission or membership. The Cedar-Weaving and Canoes and Culture workshops are proudly sponsored by Helijet.

Enjoy live <u>Music at the Museum</u> in our feature exhibition *Family: Bonds & Belonging* from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm on Saturdays throughout August. Hear Canadian music, from classics to new jams, from every province and territory of this beautiful country. Included with museum admission or membership.

Hear a different kind of music on Sunday, August 13 and 20 when Provincial Carillonneur Rosemary Laing gives a <u>free recital</u> from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm. Gather round and grab a seat in the Native Plant garden by the Carillon to listen.



On Sunday, August 13 join <u>Fieldtrippers: Witty's Walk</u>. Curator of Vertebrates Dr. Gavin Hanke leads a nature walkabout the habitats and animals of Witty's Lagoon Regional Park. Meet in front of the Nature House in the main parking lot of Witty's Lagoon Regional Park. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome. Please leave dogs at home. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

Our discussion series, <u>It's Complicated</u>, returns on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 pm. Bring your boomer or millennial and join into this intergenerational dialogue in Clifford Carl Hall. By donation.

Educators can get some professional development under their belt before the school year starts with The Big Blue and You. Join Ocean Networks Canada, the Canadian Network for Ocean Education and the Royal BC Museum for two days of ocean-focused Pro-D on Monday, August 28 from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm and Tuesday, August 29 from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm. Explore cool, weird and wonderful marine creatures in the museum's collections and dive into ONC's Ocean Sense program to explore learning resources for the BC curriculum integrating western science with Indigenous place-based knowledge. Register.

Learn more about one of Canada's greatest heroes by visiting the popular <u>Terry Fox:</u> <u>Running to the Heart of Canada</u> exhibition. Discover how BC families have contributed to this nation in the companion exhibition <u>Family: Bonds & Belonging</u>. Share your own family photo on Twitter or Instagram with the tag <u>#RBCMFamily</u> to be featured in the exhibition.

For more information about any of these events, visit our online calendar at royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/visit/calendar.

About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. We are a hub of community connections in BC– onsite, offsite and online–taking pride in our collective histories.

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