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January 2019 MiniCamp

Registration Deadline:	Midnight Sunday January 6, 2019
MiniCamp Dates/Times:	Friday, January 18 to Sunday January 20, 2019 arrive at 7 pm Friday and depart at 2 pm Sunday
Camp Location :	Sasamat Outdoor Center, 3302 Senkler Road, Belcarra

What is CISV?

CISV is a global organization dedicated to educating and inspiring for peace through building inter-cultural friendship, cooperation and understanding. CISV provides children and young people the opportunity to build lasting friendships through international and local educational programs. CISV's innovative, fun, non-formal "learning by doing" programs include an exciting blend of seven international camp-based, exchange and local community programs. CISV aims to help participants develop the skills they need to become informed, responsible and active global citizens and make a difference in their communities and the world.

What is a CISV MiniCamp?

Local and regional miniCamps are held at various times during the year to spread awareness of CISV values and principles among its current and future members. The camps are designed to be similar to a three-day experience at one of CISV's programs. This approach gives young people, who might be interested in applying for one of CISV's international programs, a glimpse into what the international experience might be like.

What activities happen at MiniCamp?

Participants will take part in a variety of educational, cultural and fun activities that have been planned by the youth from the chapter's Junior Branch. The activities will revolve around a common theme and CISV's peace education content areas, which are: diversity, human rights, conflict and resolution, and sustainable development. On occasion some educational activities may engage participants at an intensive level bringing out deep feelings, thoughts and emotions. This is done to help explore, but not judge, different views and perspectives on issues relevant to CISV educational goals.

Who can attend MiniCamp?

Any young person between 10 and 17 years who is interested in building local and global friendships in a fun and caring environment are encouraged to attend. The camps are especially important for those wishing to apply for one of CISV's national or international programs as they help young people develop an understanding of CISV and its culture. If you are considering applying to participate in an international program in 2019, please note that applicants must attend at least one local MiniCamp in the last 12 months before being eligible for a travel delegate position. CISV Vancouver hosts two MiniCamps each year; the second will be held in October 2019. MiniCamps are open to CISV members and non-members. Youth may attend one MiniCamp with a complimentary membership before being required to join CISV Vancouver.

Who plans and leads activities at a MiniCamp?

In line with CISV's "learning by doing" approach, activities at MiniCamp are planned and lead by youth of various ages from the chapter's Junior Branch (JB). The JB organizes several meetings leading up to the camp when youth members develop and organize the activities for the camp. To support the youth and to ensure that appropriate safety and risk management measures are met, trained adult



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leaders, supported by CISV Vancouver's Risk Manager, will guide the camp activities and ensure overall accountability of the program. CISV's adult leaders receive training through CISV Canada / International, complete a criminal record check and are supervised by program coordinators from the CISV Vancouver board. We maintain an adult leader to participant ratio of 1:10.

Does my child have to attend the entire MiniCamp?

YES – Participants are to arrive at 7 pm on Friday and attend CONTINUOUSLY until Sunday at 2 pm. Your child's experience and the experience of others is significantly impacted if participants depart for short commitments (such as soccer games) – please ensure this does NOT occur. The disruption of having a participant leave the camp also creates safety and logistical concerns for leaders and takes them away from activities with the other participants. For these reasons, any participant who has to leave the camp must have prior permission from the Camp Director.

How can parents find out more about CISV?

After arriving and signing-in your child on Friday evening, come and join other CISV parents for an hour of socializing. This is a great opportunity to meet new families, speak with those whose children have already travelled with CISV Vancouver and hear about upcoming events. Following the social meeting, parents will be invited to join the youth in an activity, planned by the Junior Branch members. This will give you a taste of what CISV is all about! CISV Vancouver's website's "ABOUT" page also contains lots of information about our local chapter as well as links to CISV Canada and CISV International. Questions can also be directed to our team at info@cisvVancouver.ca.

To receive regular updates from our chapter about events and programs, please sign up for our newsletter! [SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER HERE!](#)

How much does MiniCamp cost?

CISV Members: \$ 140 for current members

Non-Member Rate: \$ 160 for non-members

Sibling Discount: \$ 10 discount for each child, when more than one child living in the same home attends

New Family Referral Discount Draw: Referring families as well as new families will be entered into a draw to each win \$ 50 towards their camp fees.

If you have already attended one MiniCamp but have not yet joined CISV Vancouver, an annual membership is required. Please consult www.cisvvancouver.ca for information regarding memberships.

Non-Members may ONLY attend one MiniCamp before an annual membership is required. A membership is also required for all international program participants.



What is the MiniCamp refund/cancellation policy?

Please note that CISV Vancouver's MiniCamp refund/cancellation policy is to provide a full refund of camp fees if the Camp Registrar is advised of the cancellation at least 14 days before the start of the camp. Within fourteen days of the camp, a fifty percent (50%) refund will be provided. Within 48 hours of the camp, no refund will be provided without a doctor's note. In consideration of other campers and our staff, please refrain from sending your child to camp if they are feeling poorly or have been ill with a contagious illness in the previous 24 hours.

How do we register and pay for MiniCamp?

A new online registration and payment portal for MiniCamp will open the week of December 2nd and will be accessible from CISV Vancouver's website or via a link that will be emailed to CISV members. MiniCamp registration will also require that families set up an account with ePACT, a well-recognized and secure emergency record and support network that our Chapter has teamed up with to facilitate the collection and confidential management of your child's emergency contact and medical information.

MiniCamp regularly sells out very quickly! To avoid disappointment, please submit your completed online registration and payment form(s) and set up your family's ePACT account as soon as possible.

Registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received and will not be considered complete until payment is received and processed. Registrations received after the posted deadline may be placed on a waitlist or may not be accepted, depending on catering and other site constraints. **If you have questions or concerns regarding your registration, please contact: minicamp@cisvVancouver.ca**

What should participants bring to MiniCamp?

A. Personal Items

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Two full changes of clothes
- Suitable outdoor clothes and footwear including rain jacket, boots, hat and gloves if it's cold
- Toiletries including a toothbrush
- Slippers or indoor shoes
- Pyjamas and a bedtime buddy/stuffy!
- Flashlight with charged batteries - please test it before camp !
- Water bottle
- Any personal medications required. Please place in a clearly labelled ziploc bag with the camper's name, medication name(s) and administration instructions listed on the outside
- Musical instrument (if you want to jam!)
- Tons of CISV spirit!

*** Please be sure to clearly label all of your belongings***

B. Shared Snack Contribution:

- Last name begins with A-L: please bring COOKIES/SQUARES to share with 10 people **Please make sure they're NUT FREE!**
- Last name begins with M-Z: please bring ripe, washed and ready to eat FRUIT to share with 10 people

Note: All of these snacks are to be handed in upon arrival; no snacks are to go to the dormitories!



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Do **NOT** Bring:

- Valuables, money or expensive clothes
- Phones, ipods or electronic games
- Candy, nuts or personal snacks

Where is MiniCamp?

Sasamat Outdoor Center is located on beautiful Sasamat Lake in Belcarra. <https://sasamat.org>

Is carpooling an option?

Yes – If you know other families who are attending, we encourage you to make your own arrangements. If you have seats to spare, or need a space, please email the minicamp@cisvVancouver.ca and we will try to connect up families. Carpooling arrangements are the responsibility of each individual family, however we will assist when possible by trying to connect those with space with those needing rides. When carpooling, please ensure that the additional authorized people to pick up your children are in ePACT.

What if I arrive late to pick-up my child?

Parents are expected to make arrangements to pick up their child **promptly at 2 pm on Sunday**. Arriving late puts undue strain and stress on our volunteer leaders and is not acceptable. Please notify our Camp Director at the phone number below if you are experiencing problems at the last minute. If you know that someone else will be picking up your child, please note that they have the authority to do so in your ePACT account and when checking in on Friday evening.

Who do I contact for more information or if I need to reach my child at camp?

Mini Camp coordinators: Minicamp@cisvVancouver.ca

For specific camp enquires or in case of an emergency during the camp:

Mackenzie Higa, Chapter Junior Branch Liaison at jbliaison@cisvvancouver.ca or 604-250-5081

Autumn Longley, Chapter Programming Coordinator at Autumn.Longley@gmail.com or 604-446-1492

Aaron Jackson, Chapter Risk Manager at riskmanager@cisvVancouver.ca or 604-830-8664

Heidi Luking, Chapter Chair at chair@cisvVancouver.ca