



2023 Summer Independence Camps

CAMP BOWEN

In summer 2023, we are thrilled to return to in-person camps for blind, DeafBlind and low-vision youth at the Bowen Lodge.

We are excited to offer:

- Linda Evans Memorial Music Camp for children and teens 8-18;
- Braille Literacy Camp for children 8-12.

Linda Evans Memorial Music Camp:

Ages: 8-18

Length: 7 Days (6 Nights)

Dates: August 14-20, 2023

Cost: \$195 (funding available)

Travel support available: Yes

Braille Literacy Camp:

Ages: 8-12

Length: 7 Days (6 Nights)

Dates: August 6-13, 2023

Cost: \$195 (funding available)

Travel support available: Yes

For more information or to register: visit campbowen.ca or call +1 (800) 264-2623, extension 102.



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About the Linda Evans Memorial Music Camp

Camp Bowen's Linda Evans Memorial Music Camp brings together blind, low vision, and Deafblind youth to learn music-related skills, make friends who experience some of the same challenges they do, have fun, and gain confidence essential for full and equal participation in school band and other music programs in their communities alongside their sighted peers. There are two streams the band-stream, and the songwriting stream:

Band Stream participants explore the beginner band curriculum and demonstrate what they have learned in an end of camp concert that their families, friends, and donors will be invited to attend. Camp Bowen staff are very pleased to be working alongside volunteers from the West Vancouver Youth Band and their Executive Director, Doug Macaulay, to provide this exciting program. The West Vancouver Youth Band and Long and McQuade have supported this program since 2004.

Songwriting Stream, campers learn how to compose original songs through activities that help them discover and refine their musical abilities as songwriters. The stream also encourages campers to explore music in new ways and helps them incorporate what they find into their own creations. At the end of the week, campers have the opportunity to share their songs in an end of camp concert that their families, friends, donors, and the Bowen Island community will be invited to attend. Camp Bowen staff are very pleased to be working alongside Masceo Williams of MEW Productions to produce this exciting stream.

About Braille Literacy Camp:

Braille Literacy Camp is a seven-day overnight summer independence camp that brings together blind, low vision, and DeafBlind children from across Canada to learn and improve Braille skills. And of course to make friends who experience some of the same challenges they do, have fun, and gain confidence. Campers explore Braille through games, crafts, and practical projects such as writing Braille news articles, composing poetry, and publishing a daily Braille newspaper. The activities are designed to excite children about Braille while improving their skills, and increasing their understanding of the world around them. Positive blind and DeafBlind staff-mentors ensure participants understand that blind, low vision, and DeafBlind people can become confident and competent adults. Read about the importance of braille on our website campbowen.ca

About Camp Bowen:

Located on beautiful Bowen Island, a quick twenty minute ferry ride off the coast of British Columbia, Camp Bowen is a summer camp for blind, low vision, and Deafblind Canadians. Established in 1963, the camp is now operated by the Camp Bowen Division of the Canadian Organization of the Blind and Deafblind.

For 60 years, Camp Bowen has been a second home to its campers and a cornerstone of Canada's Blind, low vision, and Deafblind Community. For many Canadians who are blind, low vision, or Deafblind, Camp Bowen is the one place where they can truly be themselves, surrounded by friends who share in their life experiences. Whether it is swimming independently for the first time or just meeting likeminded people, Camp Bowen is a sanctuary, where life-long friendships are made, blindness and Deafblindness are not barriers, and campers are encouraged to reach their full potentials. Read more about Camp Bowen at campbowen.ca.

We do not want funding to be a barrier for any child or teen who wishes to attend Camp Bowen. Funding is available to cover camp fees and travel expenses, thanks to a generous contribution from the federal government.

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