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CAMP BOWEN'S COMMUNITY EXPLORATION CAMP

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Camp Bowen's Community Exploration Camp offers a unique summer adventure designed for blind, low vision, and DeafBlind children from across Canada. Imagine a week on Bowen Island where kids immerse themselves in Braille, explore the island, bond with peers facing similar challenges, and develop unshakable confidence—all while having a fantastic time.



What sets Camp Bowen apart is its exceptional staff. This camp has a wonderful group of caring instructors, including positive blind, low vision, and DeafBlind mentors. They offer practical advice, demonstrating their confidence and competence and showing campers what's possible when you believe in yourself.



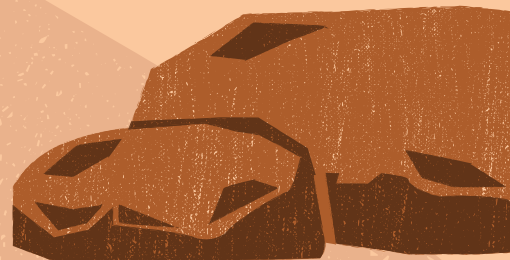
This camp is more than just fun; it's about creating a safe, inclusive environment where every child can thrive, regardless of their abilities, and discover the world around them. From exploring local workplaces to encountering sea life brought up by a diver, these activities open doors to a world of possibilities, creating impactful experiences for many children.

But the excitement doesn't stop there. Campers also dive into the world of Braille through games, crafts, and projects. These activities not only educate but also inspire a lifelong love of Braille for DeafBlind, blind and low vision campers. As Ruby Ryles highlights in a 2004 study, "low-vision kids need to be taught Braille." And if that wasn't enough, campers enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, from campfires and hikes to self-defense and swimming. So, join us this summer to explore new horizons, forge lasting friendships, and empower yourself in ways you never thought possible.



For more info,
go to <https://campbowen.ca/>

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INFORMATION

ABOUT US

At the Camp Bowen Division of the Canadian Organization of the Blind and DeafBlind we are passionate about building excellent summer camps where the independence of people, who are blind, DeafBlind, and low vision can be fostered through friendship.

We also operate the Foundations of Independence blindness / DeafBlindness skills training program that connects adults, who are blind, DeafBlind, and low vision with the skills they need to live life independently.

The Canadian Council of the Blind Bowen Island Chapter is dedicated to advancing the independence of Canadians who are blind, DeafBlind, and low vision. With more than 75 chapters across the country, the Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB) is the largest membership based organization for the blind in Canada and is known as the "Voice of the Blind™".

COST AND FUNDING

The cost per Camp Bowen session is \$195.00 CAD, though funding is available to cover this expense. At Camp Bowen, we believe every child deserves a chance to experience the magic of summer camp. That's why we offer funding to cover camp fees and travel expenses, ensuring that financial barriers never stand in the way of an unforgettable camp experience. Simply request funding during the registration process, and let the adventure begin!

LOCATION

The Xenia Creative development Centre, nestled on Bowen Island, British Columbia, offers a truly enchanting setting, perfect for camps for youth who are blind, DeafBlind, and low vision. Surrounded by the island's lush, forested landscapes and breathtaking mountain views, the retreat exudes tranquility and seclusion, creating an atmosphere conducive to learning.

Please visit cobd.ca/xenia for more information

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Camp Bowen is pleased to provide travel assistance to help campers participate in our life-changing programs.

Whether assistance is needed in the form of financial support, help booking transportation, or a staff travel companion, we want to make sure getting to camp is an easy and enjoyable experience for everyone. For assistance planning your unique travel situation, please call:

+1 (800) 264-2623, extension 102 or email
campbowen@cobd.ca.

REGISTRATION

Ready to embark on the adventure of a lifetime? Registering for Camp Bowen is simple! Just fill out the camp registration form, and you'll be on your way to an unforgettable summer experience.

Need help with the form, please call: Register today at:
campbowen.ca/camps, +1 (800) 264-2623, extension 102
or email campbowen@cobd.ca.