



# Summer Camp By and For the Blind, Low Vision, and DeafBlind Community

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## 2025 Programming Guide

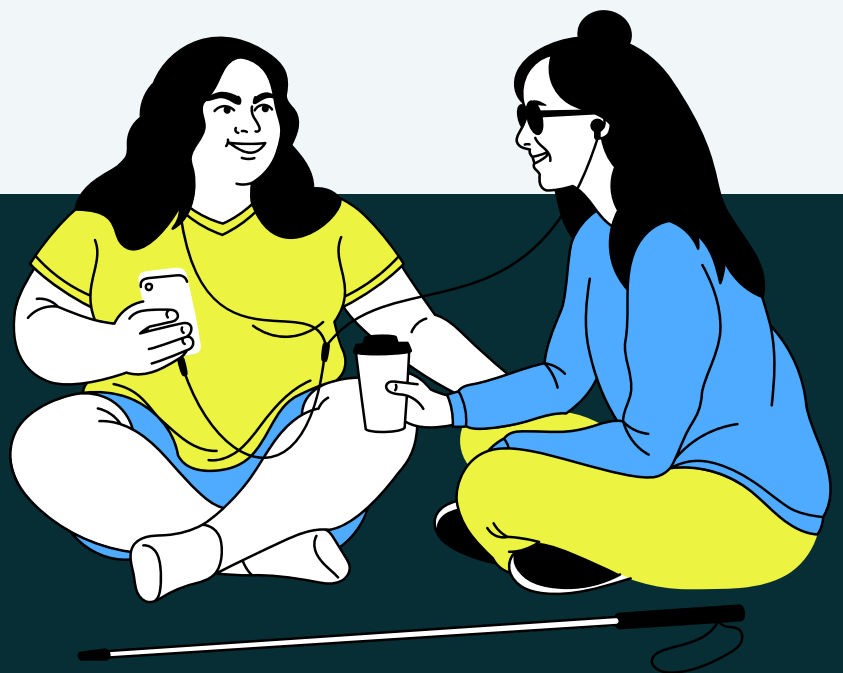
All camps are held at the beautiful Xenia Creative Development Centre on Bowen Island, BC, nestled among forests, beaches, and trails. Open to campers from all across Canada.

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# Welcome to Camp Bowen!

Whether you're exploring camp for the first time or returning for another unforgettable summer, Camp Bowen is a place where blind, DeafBlind, and low vision campers—and their families—can connect, grow, and thrive. Operated by people with lived experience, Camp Bowen is built on the belief that every camper deserves to feel seen, supported, and celebrated.

Here, adventure meets accessibility. From beach walks and campfires to music lessons and independent living workshops, every camp is crafted to build confidence, spark joy, and create lasting memories.

We offer a range of programs designed for kids, teens, adults, and families, with full accessibility and the support of skilled staff and mentors who understand the journey firsthand.



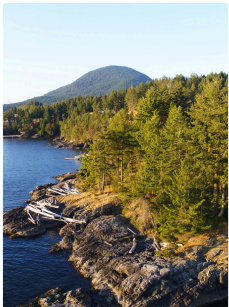
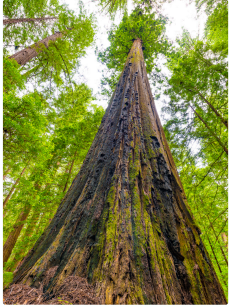
*"Finally, a place where people understand me."*

*— A 7-year-old camper,  
Summer 2024*

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# 2025 Programming



Camp	Ages	Length	Date	Cost	
Community Exploration Camp	12-18	7 Days (6 Nights)	July 8-14, 2025	\$195	<a href="#">Register</a>
Foundations of Independence	13-19	7 Days (6 Nights)	July 30 - August 5, 2025	\$195	<a href="#">Register</a>
Linda Evans Memorial Music Camp	8-18	7 Days (6 Nights)	August 12-18, 2025	\$195	<a href="#">Register</a>
Charlie Crane Memorial Camp for the DeafBlind	All	7 Days (6 Nights)	August 20-26, 2025	\$195	<a href="#">Register</a>
Family Camp	All Ages	7 Days (6 Nights)	August 26 - September 1, 2025	\$195	<a href="#">Register</a>
Adult Retreat	19+	6 Days (5 Nights)	September 30 - October 5, 2025	\$250	<a href="#">Register</a>

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# Summer Camp By and For the Blind, Low Vision, and DeafBlind Community

On Beautiful Bowen Island, BC  
Welcoming Campers from Across Canada

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# Frequently Asked Questions

**Is funding available?**

Yes! We offer financial assistance for both camp fees and travel costs. Just check the box on the registration form to get started.

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**What if my camper needs 1:1 support?**

We maintain a 1:3 staff-to-camper ratio and offer personalized assistance when needed.

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**How are medications managed?**

Medications are handled by trained staff in partnership with the local pharmacy on Bowen Island.

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**Can parents attend with their children?**

Yes. Especially for younger or first-time campers, we welcome families who want to attend together. We'll work with you to make sure the experience is the right fit.

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**Can campers bring their phones or tech devices?**

Yes—with balance. Campers are welcome to bring accessible tech, but there are times when devices are set aside so everyone can be present and connect.

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**Is travel assistance available?**

Yes! We offer support with booking travel, provide funding when needed, and can even coordinate staff travel companions.

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# Community Exploration Camp

A week of curiosity, confidence & connection.



Ages 8–18 | July 8–14, 2025 | 7 Days (6 Nights) | Cost: \$195  
Xenia Creative Development Centre, Bowen Island, BC

Does your child love adventure? Are they curious about the world around them? This summer, give them the chance to explore, learn, and grow in a fully inclusive environment tailored to blind, low vision, and DeafBlind campers.

At Camp Bowen’s Community Exploration Camp, your child will spend a week immersed in nature, bonding with peers who share similar experiences, and discovering their confidence through accessible, hands-on adventures.

## What They’ll Experience:

- Nature walks and island outings
- Swimming, scavenger hunts, and self-defense classes
- Workplace visits and marine exploration
- Braille games and creative projects

Our exceptional staff includes positive blind, low vision, and DeafBlind mentors who model confidence and independence in every interaction. With a blend of recreation, learning, and mentorship, your child will leave camp with new friendships and a stronger belief in what’s possible.

## Why Parents Love It:

- Safe, supportive environment with a 1:3 staff-to-camper ratio
- Independence-building experiences grounded in fun
- A chance for kids to be surrounded by others who just “get it”
- Practical skills your child can bring home and continue to build on



Let your child explore, grow, and connect in ways that last far beyond the summer!

[Register](#)

Registration and funding support available.

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# Foundations of Independence

Empowering teens with confidence, life skills, and community.



Ready to take on the world? Whether you're dreaming of mastering a new skill or just want to meet people who get it, this camp is for you.

At Foundations of Independence, you'll learn hands-on life skills while having a ton of fun—think cooking, tech, travel, and even self-defense. Whether you're just starting out or already pretty independent, you'll leave with new confidence and real-world experience that will help you crush your next adventure.

Ages 13–19  
July 30 – August 5  
7 Days (6 Nights)  
Cost: \$195

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Bowen Island, BC

## What the Program Covers:

- Cooking basics and safe kitchen skills
- Orientation and mobility, including cane travel
- Assistive technology use and digital literacy
- Self-defense and personal safety
- Communication and problem-solving

## Why Families Love It:

- 1:3 staff-to-camper ratio with optional one-on-one support
- Activities that are fun and practical
- Empowering role models who demonstrate what's possible
- A safe space for teens to try new things, grow, and connect



**Your teen will leave with more than new skills—they'll gain confidence, lasting friendships, and the motivation to take their independence to the next level!**

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# Linda Evans Memorial Music Camp

Inspiring young musicians to play, perform, and belong.



Is your child or teen passionate about music? Whether they're just starting out or already playing in a band, the Linda Evans Memorial Music Camp offers a supportive and inclusive space for blind, low vision, and DeafBlind youth to explore their musical abilities and grow as confident performers.

This camp is more than just music lessons—it's a place where young musicians can bond over shared interests, be guided by mentors with lived experience, and discover the joy of creative expression in a fully accessible environment.

Ages 8-18  
Including Families  
August 12-18, 2025  
7 Days (6 Nights)  
Cost: \$195

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## What Campers Will Do:

- Learn new instruments and music fundamentals
- Practice as a group using the beginner band curriculum
- Prepare for a final concert performance for families and donors
- Participate in fun camp traditions like campfires, hikes, swimming, and games

## Why Families Love It:

- Supports participation in school bands and community music programs
- Empowers youth to express themselves creatively and confidently
- Guided by blind, low vision, and DeafBlind mentors who love music too
- Balanced mix of structured music sessions and free-time recreation



Campers will leave with new skills, a sense of achievement, and the joy of sharing their talent with others. Come be part of a camp where the music never ends—and the friendships last a lifetime.

[Register](#)

Registration and funding support available.

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# Charlie Crane Memorial Camp for People Who Are DeafBlind

Adventure, connection, and confidence—  
for the whole family.



Looking for a welcoming and empowering camp designed specifically for individuals who are DeafBlind and their families? The Charlie Crane Memorial Camp is a vibrant, inclusive space where DeafBlind participants of all ages come together to explore, learn, and connect in the heart of nature.

Named in honour of Camp Bowen alumnus Charlie Crane, this camp creates meaningful opportunities for adventure and growth while celebrating each person's unique journey. Whether you're joining as a family, a caregiver, or an individual, you'll be welcomed with open arms and supported every step of the way.

All Ages  
Including Families  
August 20–26, 2025  
7 Days (6 Nights)  
Cost: \$195

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## What to Expect:

- Adaptive activities like swimming, scavenger hunts, crafts, and nature walks
- Campfires, storytelling, and shared meals under the stars
- Workshops and outings with the support of trained staff and volunteers
- A safe and fully accessible environment tailored for DeafBlind individuals

## Why Families Love It:

- Supportive, inclusive atmosphere for all ages and abilities
- A chance to meet others who understand your lived experience
- Encouragement from blind, low vision, and DeafBlind mentors
- Space to relax, have fun, and build confidence together



**Come be part of a camp that feels like family—and leaves you with friendships and memories that last long after the summer ends!**

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# Family Camp

An unforgettable adventure for the whole family.



Looking for a camp where your whole family can connect, play, and grow together? At Camp Bowen's Family Camp, we create a space where blind, DeafBlind, and low vision children—and their siblings, parents, and caregivers—can explore the outdoors, learn together, and build lasting memories.

Whether you're new to camp or returning for more, this is a warm and inclusive environment where everyone belongs. Every activity is designed to include all ages and abilities, so the entire family can enjoy shared adventures side by side.

## What to Expect:

- Nature walks, beach play, and scavenger hunts
- Arts and crafts, interactive games, and sensory play
- Evening campfires with s'mores, singing, and storytelling
- Guidance and support from mentors with lived experience

## Why Families Love It:

- Activities adapted for every family member—toddlers to teens to adults
- Practical tips from experienced parents and staff
- A supportive network of families on similar journeys
- Space to relax, recharge, and bond as a unit



Whether you're navigating blindness for the first time or simply looking for community, Family Camp offers a space to learn, laugh, and grow—together.

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# Adult Retreat

Recharge, connect, and enjoy your own kind of getaway.



Need a break from the everyday? Want to unwind, explore, and connect with others in a welcoming community? Whether you're into campfires and conversations or solo strolls and workshops, the Camp Bowen Adult Retreat is your place to relax and recharge—your way.

This retreat brings together blind, DeafBlind, and low vision adults from across Canada to share stories, try new things, and enjoy nature at your own pace. With flexible activities, accessible spaces, and a supportive team, you're free to make this experience whatever you want it to be.

19+

September 30 –

October 5, 2025

6 Days (5 Nights)

Cost: \$250

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## Your Week, Your Way:

- Explore Bowen Island's trails, beaches, and nearby shops
- Enjoy guided workshops in independent living and recreation
- Join a nature walk or a game night—or relax on the patio with friends
- Take part in optional activities, or just do your own thing

## Choose Your Stream:

- General Stream: Campfires, free time, optional activities, and classic Camp Bowen fun
- Young Adult Independence Stream (Ages 19–30): Includes workshops on living skills, cane travel, and community engagement—plus plenty of downtime for connection and play



No matter your energy level or interests, there's a place for you here. This is your time to relax, learn, and connect with others who understand the journey.

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# Learn More & Get In Touch



Thank you for exploring Camp Bowen's 2025 programs! Whether you're planning to join us for the first time or returning for another summer of connection, we're here to help make camp a smooth and unforgettable experience.

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## Ready to Sign Up?

Visit [www.campbowen.ca/register](http://www.campbowen.ca/register) or [call us](#) for 1:1 registration support

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## Funding Support

We don't want cost to be a barrier. Funding is available to help with camp fees and travel expenses—just indicate your needs on the registration form.

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## Travel Assistance

Need help planning your journey? We offer support with:

- Booking travel
- Travel funding
- Staff travel companions

Let us know your situation—we'll work with you to make it happen.

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# Registration Now Open!

## Space Is Limited, So Don't Wait!

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