

BC Lions Society Quarterly Update January 2023

I am happy to share some updates regarding all the great programs and services that the BC Lions Society offers our communities.

Easter Seals Camps

- Easter Seals has been offering summer camp experiences to individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities since 1968.
- From day camps, to week-long overnight camps, there are options available for all interests, and for all children and adults with disabilities aged 6-49 years old.
- Trained counsellors bring out the fun and silly in every activity and event, creating experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.
- Our goal is to provide our Camper community with the self-esteem, self-confidence and sense of independence that is needed to help them live their best life.
- Overnight camps have a camper to staff ratio of 3:1 and a 24-hour medical team on-site. All camps, in-person and virtual, have counselors trained specifically to work with persons with disabilities.

Updates

- Camp registration opens Monday, February 13th, an exciting day for our Campers.
- We have started hiring for all Camp positions now.
- There will be an Easter Family Camp Weekend at Winfield this year, April 8 – 10.
- Camp Winfield Overnight Summer Camp Dates (and age groups):

○ New Camper	6-18	June 23 – 25
○ Week 1	6-18	July 1 – 5
○ Week 2	19-49	July 9 – 14
○ Week 3	6-18	July 18 – 22
○ Week 4	19-49	July 26 – 31
○ Week 5	6-18	August 4 – 8
○ Family Camp	all ages	August 11 – 13

- Camp Shawnigan Overnight Summer Camp Dates (and age groups):

○ New Camper	6-18	June 23 – 25
○ Week 1	6-18	July 1 – 5
○ Week 2	19-49	July 9 – 14
○ Week 3	6-18	July 18 – 22
○ Week 4	19-49	July 26 – 31
○ Week 5	6-18	August 4 – 8
○ Family Camp	all ages	August 11 – 13

- Camp Squamish Overnight Summer Camp Dates (and age groups):
 - New Camper 6-18 June 30 – July 2
 - Week 1 6-18 July 8 - 12
 - Week 2 19-49 July 16 - 21
 - Week 3 6-18 July 25 – 29
 - Week 4 19-49 August 2 - 7
 - Week 5 6-18 August 11 - 15
 - Family Camp all ages August 18 - 20

Easter Seals House

- Easter Seals House is a home away from home, a place to stay when traveling to Vancouver for medical treatment and appointments.
- Suites are also available for respite to parents and families needing a place to stay to relax and recharge.

Updates

- The House is averaging a 94% occupancy rate. We have seen our days of occupancy expand and now our busy times are Sunday to Friday, and sometimes our Saturdays are full as well.
- Guests are still enjoying the renovated Garden so much. When it snowed in December, we had some families out enjoying the winter fun. It is a wonderful respite area in all kinds of weather.
- Easter Seals House has recently started another room renovation thanks to a Vancouver Piano Concert put on by 5 Grade 10 boys. There are just a few rooms left to renovate. The main lobby has just had a refresh done including new paint and flooring and it looks great.

Drop Zone

- Registration is now open! Looking forward to another great year of Drop Zone events.
- Victoria Drop Zone is back again this year.
- Here are our 5 locations and dates:
 - Vancouver September 7th
 - Surrey September 12th
 - Burnaby September 14th
 - Victoria September 19th
 - Kelowna September 26th
- Become a Superhero and register today! <https://p2p.onecause.com/dropzone2023>

Thank you for 75 years of service.



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