

## Living Lab 'Eco-Culture and Science' - Youth Camp 2019

## Tuesday July 23 from 9-5 PM and Wednesday 24th, 2019 from 9-4 PM

This is an invitation for local Indigenous youth (aged 12-18) to participate in the 2019 **Living Lab Summer Camp**. At the camp you'll have fun, meet new friends and connect to the amazing place and ecosystem that we are part of. This is a two-day event, taking place at UVic and at off-campus sites on LEKWUNGEN and WSÁNEĆ traditional territories.

Join us for one or both days. This event is FREE and includes snacks, lunch, supplies, an IMAX movie, and within-event transportation. To REGISTER or more Info Maeve Lydon - Living Lab Manager @ 250-891-8096 mlydon@uvic.ca Include youth's name, age and how many days you can come. (Youth under the age of 16 need parental permission). Special Invite! - Parents and immediate caregivers are welcome to join or drop in to any of the activities. We especially welcome you to join us as a guest at the IMAX movie on Tuesday from 3-3:45. Please RSVP for the movie so we can reserve seats.

## **Activities**

Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>: We begin the day at 9 AM (First People's House, UVic) with a Welcome and a discussion about the relationships between people and the land in Lekwungen and WSANEC territories. This is followed by an 'Eco-Art' activity led by Sarah Jim. Then we head to Science Venture's UVic Labs to try out mini remote ocean vehicles (ROV) so we can learn about some of the technology used to monitor the ocean. Then at noon we head to "Sitchanalth"/Willows Beach in Oak Bay, a Songhees village site. Activities at beach include beach seining to find marine species, trying out a real ROV and exploring charts and maps and a discussion about tides and currents. We'll leave there at 2:15 to catch the 3PM showing of The Great Bear Rainforest movie at IMAX (<a href="https://imaxvictoria.com/movie/great-bear-rainforest/">https://imaxvictoria.com/movie/great-bear-rainforest/</a>. We will end the day with a 'hands-on' bear genetics experiment! We'll leave the downtown museum by 4:30 and be back at 5 PM at the front of the UVic Student Union Building.

Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>: We meet at 9 AM outside the UVic Student Union Building to travel to SNIDCEL (Tod Inlet) near Brentwood Bay to visit this WSÁNEĆ village site and the location of the Eco-Cultural Restoration project called the PEPÁKEN HÁUTW and SNIDCEL Resiliency Project. <a href="http://pepakenhautw.com/">http://pepakenhautw.com/</a>. From 10am-3pm you will learn about Indigenous history, native and invasive plants with Tiffany Joseph and we will look at live insects under the microscope. You will also contribute to eco-restoration. We will have a picnic lunch at the beach and you'll also learn to read marine ocean charts. We'll leave SNIDCEL (Tod Inlet) by 3:15 and be back at UVic by 4 PM.

Camp Partners: WSÁNEĆ and Songhees Nations, Songhees Academic Youth Leadership, the CRD, UVic Departments of History, Biology, Child and Youth Care, the Office of Indigenous and Community Engagement, World Fisheries Trust and Science Venture. Funders are the National Science and Engineering research Council (NSERC) Promo Science, the Horner Fdn and the Ministry of Advanced Education's UVic Aboriginal Service Plan. More Info on the Living Lab: <a href="https://livinglabproject.ca/">https://livinglabproject.ca/</a>