



ROAMS

River, Ocean, and Mountain School (ROAMS) is an outdoor leadership program which focuses on career preparation, work experience, adventure education and community leadership in School District 69. The program introduces students to a multitude of outdoor experiences (rafting, surfing, climbing, fishing, kayaking, and ski/snowboarding) combined with industry recognized certifications: OFA 1, 2 and 3, and CPR C, Radio Operator, Bronze Cross, Food Safe, World Host, and more.

The end result, through mentorship and work experience with certified guides, develops students that have an appreciation for guide operations and the safety and responsibility that must occur in the field.

The program seeks to attract students with a passion for the outdoors, a strong work ethic, dedication, responsibility, and a desire to gain work experience and eventual employment in the outdoor, adventure tourism industry.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ROAMS students will not have a traditional, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm timetable. Instead, a flexible timetable will allow students to participate in extended work experience opportunities and certificate granting course work, while also participating in adventure education that relates directly to Adventure Tourism guiding operations in British Columbia.

Schedules may alternate week to week, with one week students attending from 8:30 am – 4pm, and from 4pm – 9 pm the following week. Some weekends will be required for work experience and adventure education field trips. Additionally, some flexibility is required to allow for day-long fieldtrips and work placements. Students are encouraged to take an academic course delivered via a distributed learning platform to maximize their flexible timetables.

Who should apply?

Students who are 16 years of age or older by their OFA 1 exam date in first semester.

Students who wish to gain work experience, eventual employment and have competency in one of the following: Alpine Skiing/Snowboarding; River Kayaking/Rafting; Surfing; Mountain Biking; Rock Climbing; Fly Fishing.

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Experiential Learning

Work Experience in Mountain Operations at our Island Ski Hills and with certified guides in surfing, kayaking, rafting, and rock climbing. A flexible timetable allows students to pursue their passions and set up extended work experiences at a wide variety of locations.

Work experience (WEX) opportunities will be program and student generated. For example, placements at Ballenas Little Mountain Climbing Wall, Romper Room Climbing Gym, Mt. Washington, Mt. Cain, and Pacific Surf School will be offered. However, the student will be encouraged to locate and participate in one week of intensive work experience (5-7 days).

Trips may include:

Bi-weekly river and moving water sessions.

Multi-day rafting on the Nimpkish River on Northern Vancouver Island

Surf lessons/ day trips to Tofino

Multi-day surf trip to Raft Cove

Surfing with Hooksum Outdoor

School in Hesquiaht Harbour

Ski trips to Mt. Washington, Whistler-Blackcomb, Revelstoke Resort, and Manning Park Resort.

Rock climbing at Romper Room in Nanaimo, Crag X in Victoria, and the Little Mountain Indoor Wall.

Work Experience at Mt. Washington, Manning Park, and Mt. Cain.

Sea Kayaking at Johnstone Strait

Credits Available

WEX 12A (4)

WEX 12B (4)

LEADERSHIP 11/12 (BAA) (4)

PE 11/12 (4)

ADVENTURE EDUCATION 11 (BAA) (4)

ADVENTURE EDUCATION 12 (BAA) (4)

INDEPENDENT DIRECTED STUDY (IDS) (4)

There will be additional costs associated with taking this program. Students will be required to pay for all day passes, lift passes (student rate), equipment rentals where applicable, and meals. The program will cover transportation costs, half of all certification fees, all guide fees, and accommodations where applicable.

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