

Hope Through Action

A group of approximately ten children and one adult are running along a dirt path that winds through a field of tall, dry grass. The children are dressed in casual athletic wear, including t-shirts and shorts. In the foreground, a young boy in a purple t-shirt is running towards the camera with a joyful expression. Behind him, several other children are running in the same direction, some looking back towards the camera. An adult male in a black t-shirt is running at the back of the group. The background shows a gentle slope of the field under a clear sky.

K-7 School Programs on Galiano Island
Galiano Conservancy Association
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Skills To Save The Planet

...at least your corner of it



One-Day Elementary Programs: \$32/student

What a Marine Life (Gr. 3-7)

When the tide goes out we can walk on the bottom of the ocean! Journey through a beautiful forest, past a tidal lagoon and along a shoreline, to the intertidal zone where we use nets and buckets to catch and identify amazing creatures. In a "Teaching Train"—an activity introduced to us by ethnobotanist Nancy Turner—the students become the teachers, showing each other the creatures they have learned about. Curriculum: Habitats and Communities (Gr 4)

Coastal Forest Rescue (Gr. 5-7)

Students will help restore a plantation forest to a healthy ecosystem—and feel empowered by taking action. They will engage in a "FUSSS" analysis, comparing the Feeling, Understory, Size, Spacing and Soil between a mature and a planted forest. Then, they will pull a tree down in the densely planted forest to create light gaps so other species can grow. Curriculum: Identify and describe a variety of solutions to address the issue of natural resource management. (Gr 5)

Quest for the Mountain Top (Gr. 4-7)

The Garry Oak meadow high atop Mount Galiano is a breathtaking place to see the interconnectivity in one of Canada's most endangered ecosystems—one that First Nations have been managing for thousands of years. Students will actively engage in restoration through the removal of invasive plants, and discover how Garry Oak meadows can help us adapt to a changing climate. Curriculum: Aboriginal concept of interconnectedness of the environment is reflected in responsibility for and caretaking of natural resources. (Gr. 5)

Walking in an Eco-Wonderland (Gr 6-7)

This is a nearly-magical hike from the Learning Centre along high, dry coastal ridges, through lush green Douglas fir forests, to our amazing Great Beaver Swamp. Through games and activities, we'll note an ever-changing array of plants and animals. By the end, we'll have had a hands-on look at how a diversity of landscapes brings a diversity of life. Curriculum: Suggest a plausible explanation of how particular adaptations help life forms interact with their environments. (Gr. 6)

Overnight Programs (From \$149/student)

Galiano Backcountry Experience (3 days, 2 nights: Gr. 4+)

Hike into experiential learning through natural history activities, and gain wildlife awareness. Learn essential camping safety skills as you navigate with a compass through rare coastal old-growth forests. Explore the wild backcountry, in the safety of our large-predator-free island.

Campout Combo Adventure (Grade 4+)

Choose any combination of our one-day programs above, and we will create an unforgettable experience with you based out of our stunning 188-acre Millard Learning Centre, with camping, dining and classroom facilities.

News

We are currently developing programs with local Indigenous educators. Please contact us for more details.

Getting to Galiano is Easy

Galiano Island is located midway between Vancouver and Victoria, easily accessible via BC Ferries. Walk on, and we'll meet you on the other side with our school bus.

Bursaries Are Available

Bursaries are available, and significantly reduce program fees. Contact us for more information.

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