

Reconnect Reimagine Reignite

Evans Lake Spring 2020 Gathering



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BC Radical Faerie Camp
May 20-23, 2022
Evans Lake Forest Education Centre
\$327.00 per person
All Gender.

We are in the midst of experiencing the worst disruption in many of our lives. The need for community is greater now than it ever has been. It is time for us to connect and reconnect. As the culture around us is tested so are the Faeries. As Faeries we choose to strengthen ourselves, by gathering together. We will survive and flourish. Come join us and flourish.

The 2022 Spring BC Faerie Camp will be a full spectrum gathering of family. Faeries of all genders are welcome.

This will be our first in-person gathering at Evans Lake in three years. We know that the faeries in British Columbia witnessed and participated in an online conflict over changing our gathering to all genders. Wherever you fell on that discussion, whatever lines you drew, please come to this gathering, come home!

Our faerie circle is bent but not broken. Let's reset the clock. Let's reconnect and reshape this faerie community circle. Join us as we reimagine our family and reignite the flame of faerie love and creativity.

We invite you to a gathering of reconnection and visioning. Let's get together and frolic and play in the joy of being in each other's company again. Let's also spend some time envisioning who we are and where and how we see ourselves responding to a world that is in the midst of multiple crises.

Decolonization was suggested as a theme for the gathering. However, the organizing circle feels that we are unable to give this issue the focus it requires at this time. We will call some circles to brainstorm how we can construct such an event. Help us to explore how to address decolonization.

Everyone attending the gathering will be required to show proof of vaccination, in alignment with provincial mandates. We won't proceed with a gathering if the province or Evans Lake require masks indoors.

Through our faerie familiars we create and rebuild community. In community we build resilience. Through resilience we survive ongoing crises. Come and accept change. Come and embrace change. Come out-live and out-change, change. Come into the community changed.

British Columbia Radical Faerie Camp

This event is intended and designed for queer, gay, non-binary and trans Faeries of all genders. Registrations will not be completed until both payment and registration form are received.

Please complete your registration online at: [Register For Gathering](#)

Registration Fee

The registration fee is \$327.00 in Canadian funds. Payments will be made with Square. If you are paying by credit card you will receive an invoice. If you are paying by debit, you will be directed to a volunteer near you who can process your debit card.

We are not accepting cheques or bank transfers for this gathering. The 2020 organizing team literally spent hours processing refunds and as we are all volunteers, this task can be very daunting. In these complex times, we need a flexible refund system which our payment platform Square provides.

If the Province does not lift the mask mandate by April 15, 2022, we will cancel the Spring gathering and reschedule for October 7-10, 2022. You may remain registered for the October gathering or receive a full refund at that point.

Registration Deadline

Deadline for registration is April 1, 2022. This date is final. No refunds will be issued after this date unless the gathering is cancelled. This will allow faeries who are on the waitlist a chance to plan and participate in the gathering. It will also ensure that we can better anticipate any deficits that may occur and better manage our budget.

Waiting List

We have set the number of participants this year at 50. We will keep a first-come, first-served wait list in the event we exceed that number. If we do have a waitlist, we encourage you to submit a registration application online *but do not send in payment* until you have been notified by the registrar that a spot has opened up.

Confirmation

A letter of confirmation will be emailed to registrants with additional details needed to prepare for camp. Confirmations may not be sent out immediately, so please be patient.

Cancellations

Cancellations received prior to Friday April 1, 2022 will be fully refunded. After that date, the numbers are reported to Evans Lake and we will have to pay for each reserved spot - therefore registration fees may be forfeited for any cancellations received after April 1. If you must cancel after that date, please notify the planning circle immediately so we can find someone on the waitlist to take your spot.

Faerie Fee Funds

We have a limited Faerie Fee Fund (FFF). We will subsidize up to half the cost to applicants on a low or fixed income on a first-come, first-served basis (subject to availability).

Please request subsidy only if you need it, and request only as much as you need.

We encourage those who have the means to do so to sponsor someone who might be unable to attend for lack of funds. If you are able to donate to our fund, please do so as well. Having said all that, if you are not able to pay, contact us. We will see what we can do.

A reminder that registrations are not complete until paid in full; so the registrant portion must be paid immediately in order for the requested FFF support to be released. In the event the funds are exhausted, the registrant will be invited to pay the full cost; and if unwilling, their partial fee will be refunded.

Fundraising

An auction will be held at the gathering to raise money for our FFF.

Location

The venue where this magic manifests is the Evans Lake Forest Sanctuary. Located in the Squamish River Valley, on the unceded territory of the Skwxwu7mesh people, Evans Lake is an hour and a half drive from Vancouver, located 15 kilometres north of Squamish, BC. The secluded lake is surrounded by forested hills, overseen by the mammoth peaks of the Coast Range, and glacier-fed rivers.

Covid Restrictions

Whether the gathering happens or not will depend on what restrictions are in place by the BC Ministry of Health. Evans Lake creates their restrictions based on mandates by this entity and we must follow those restrictions as well.

Please keep in mind that these restrictions are fluid and can change at a moment's notice. Some restrictions we can work with, some we cannot so decisions will be made as best as we can. Currently, Evans Lake has the following restrictions in place (as of February 4, 2022):

1. All participants must provide proof of vaccination (QR Code available for scan upon arrival or scanned proof previously emailed to faeriecamp@bcradfae.ca)
2. Cabins cannot exceed more than 7 occupants.
3. Rec hall rooms are severely limited (rooms used for people with specific sleeping needs).

Please note that the Provincial Health Officer has indicated that a change in the restrictions will be announced soon. We will keep you informed as new information becomes available.

Accessibility

The camp is on a rather hilly terrain that may be a concern for those with mobility issues. We will try and accommodate you as best as we can, and find solutions together.

Transportation

Parking is very limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. You can let us know on your registration form if you need a ride or if you can offer a ride. We are able to coordinate rides to Faerie Camp and a planning circle member will start arrangements in April. There are also several bus services available to take you from Vancouver to Squamish and we can arrange pick-up there.

Facilities

Besides a kitchen/dining hall and sleeping cabins, there is a large recreation hall for heart circles, complete with comfy chesterfields and wood burning fireplace. We also have use of a large log cabin as a meditation, bodywork, and quiet space during the day and as the Love Lounge during the evenings. Then, there is the pristine mountain lake itself - ideal for canoeing and swimming. Bathing suits are allowed but not necessary. The lake comes with all amenities, including canoes and paddle boards. The site has a 10km (6 mile) network of hiking trails. We will include additional details in your confirmation letter.

Accommodations

There are ten heated, 'rustic' cabins, each having 11 single beds and communal washrooms, as well as additional limited sleeping rooms in the Recreation Hall for those with mobility issues (please indicate this on your registration form). Sleeping arrangements are not assigned unless you have made special arrangements for sleeping in the Recreation Hall. You must bring all your own bedding.

Tents

There is space behind the cabins for those inclined to sleep in tents. Space is assigned on a first come, first served basis. May weather can be unpredictable, so be prepared for rain and sudden drops in temperature. The registration fee is the same regardless of whether you choose to sleep in a cabin, tent, or vehicle. Due to limited parking space, the use of campers or RVs is discouraged. If you wish to bring one, please discuss it with the planning circle first to ensure space.

Meals

There will be three meals per full day (dinner will be served on the Friday after arrival and on the Monday of departure breakfast and lunch will be served). The talented kitchen staff produces appetizing, well-balanced, and nutritious meals, always including fresh vegetables and salad. They also prepare evening snacks for us to munch on by the campfire. They can accommodate vegetarian, vegan, and many other specialized diets on a limited basis. Please indicate your dietary needs on your registration form as they will only prepare special diets based on those registrations.

Mobile Phones

Signal reception is very erratic, spotty, and unreliable at camp. It is best to put your mobile phone away and fully interact with your Faerie Family face-to-face. There is a phone with the staff at Evans Lake available in case of emergencies.

Smoking

There is no smoking inside any building, however, there are two designated smoking areas outside, one by the sleeping cabins and one on the lower lawn by the log cabin. One area will be designated for cigarette smoking, the other will be designated for smoking of medical marijuana. Instructions for which area is designated for which will be given on the first day of camp. Medical marijuana use is considered to be a singular activity. Please be cognizant that medical marijuana use may be triggering for those in recovery and limit consumption to the space provided.

Nudity

Nudity is allowed in all areas except the dining hall due to FoodSafe regulations. Please respect our hosts by keeping sexual activity out of sight of the staff. Consider the potential audience when engaging in sexual activity. Not everyone may feel comfortable with/consent to seeing explicit sexual activity in the public spaces.

Safety, Respect and Faerie Ethos

We can all ensure the quality of the gathering by adhering to the sacred principles of Faeriedom: safety, confidentiality, and love and respect for one another, including the caring staff of Evans Lake. Please only take, post or share photos and videos with permission of the subjects. Our ethos calls on each of us to be responsible for our own experiences while respecting the dignity and enjoyment of others, Subject/Subject consciousness. Ask for what you need or want. Speak your truth with compassion. Be direct, be honest. Let your yes mean yes and your no mean no. But above all, be kind and patient with one another. Remember, consent is sexy and mandatory!