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MENNONITE CAMPING ASSOCIATION

BI-NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 11-14, 2024

CAMP SQUEAH

HOPE, BRITISH COLUMBIA



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CONSIDER LENGTHENING YOUR STAY AND ENJOY MORE OF WHAT SOUTHWEST BRITISH COLUMBIA HAS TO OFFER . . .

WINTER ACTIVITIES:

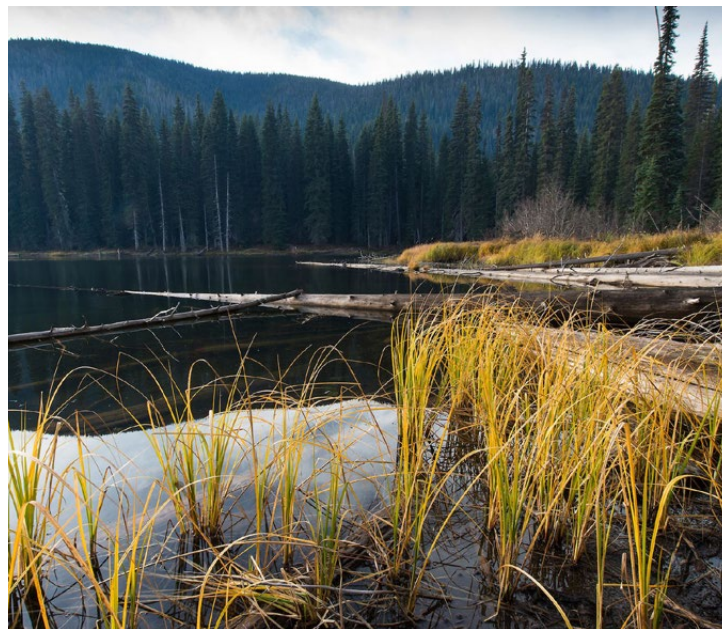
Manning Park:

E.C. Manning Park is located in the heart of the Cascade Mountains, within a three-hour drive of both the Lower Mainland and the Okanagan. The diversity of Manning Park's landscape, its ease of access, and a wealth of recreational opportunities combine to draw visitors from across British Columbia, and beyond. With so many scenic, historic, natural, and recreational attractions within easy reach, this is one of the province's most popular parks.

<https://bcparks.ca/ec-manning-park/>

Manning Park Resort: Quiet little mountain gem for skiing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, tobogganing, dark sky viewing, etc. www.manningpark.com

1 hr 15 mins from Squeah



Whistler is a world famous ski resort and village and host of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

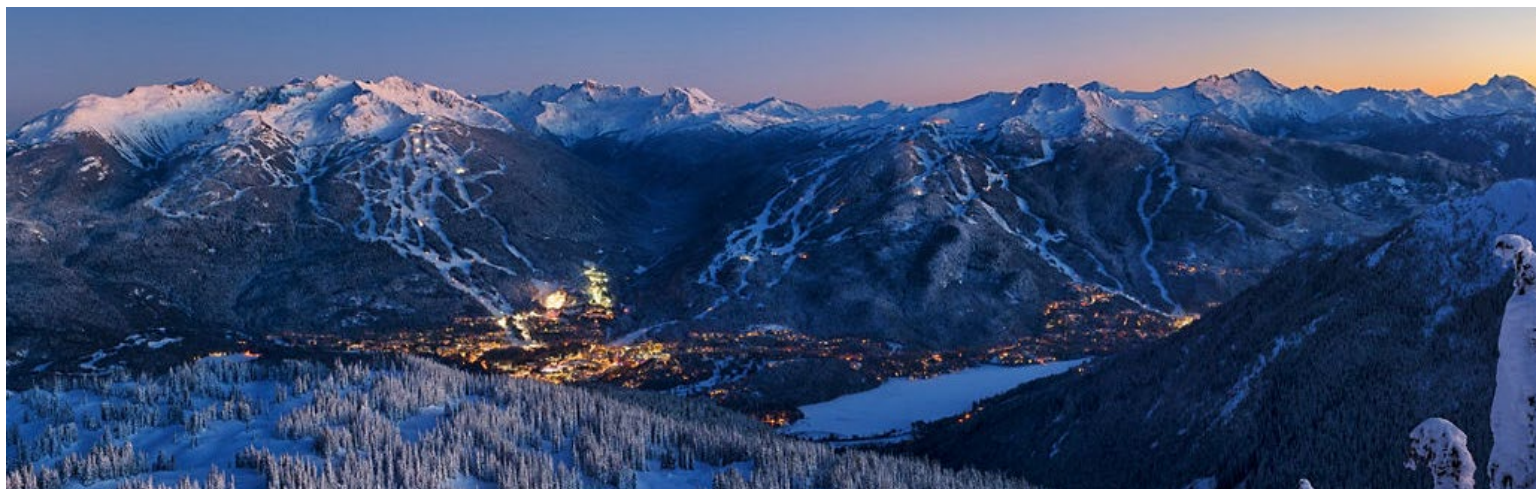
From the moment you arrive in Whistler Village, nestled at the base of Whistler and Blackcomb mountains, it's apparent that this is a resort village unlike any other you've ever experienced.

Yes, the rumors are true: it's absolutely massive, but in a way you're going to really love. With its endless array of shops, cafés and bars, restaurants and legendary après nightlife, the pedestrian-only Village is a destination unto itself, a one-of-a-kind confluence of two massive mountains, unique to North America, with an energy and style that are the envy of resorts around the world.

Whether you're in the mood for a leisurely stroll along its stone walkways, some people-watching from its countless sunny patios, exploring the fun-filled family playgrounds, or launching your next on-mountain adventure, Whistler Village delivers a recipe of winter magic that simply can't be matched. *3 hrs 30 mins from Squeah*

www.whistlerblackcomb.com

www.whistler.com



CITY/CULTURAL INTERESTS:



Vancouver provides a number of big city attractions: Stanley Park, Vancouver Aquarium, shopping, galleries, museums, indigenous art and culture, theatre, whale watching, multi-cultural neighborhoods and so much more!

<https://www.destinationvancouver.com/>
2 hrs from Squeah



Vancouver Island (ferry travel required), boasting BC's capital city **Victoria**. *Fill your days on Vancouver Island with adventure, relaxation, and new experiences.*

From outdoor activities to wildlife viewing and cultural exploration to festivals – the Vancouver Island region boasts so much to see and do! 4 hrs+ from Squeah
<https://vancouverisland.travel/>
<https://www.discovervancouverisland.com/>

Abbotsford is where farm meets table, spirit meets nature, and travellers meet our cultivated city. Come for the eats, the arts, and the backwood trails. Come for adventures, experiences, and for moments you'll take with you wherever you're headed to next. <https://tourismabbotsford.ca/>

Abbotsford also has a Mennonite Heritage museum, Mennonite Central Committee Material Resource Center, cafe and Thrift Store and is home to Columbia Bible College, an evangelical Mennonite college. *1 hr from Squeah*

<http://mennonitemuseum.org/>
<https://www.mccccentre.ca/>

TREAT YOURSELF:

The Okanagan is a region in the Canadian province of British Columbia. It's known for its wineries and fruit orchards. The main city of Kelowna, on the shore of huge Okanagan Lake, is surrounded by pine forests and provincial parks. Kelowna's downtown area incorporates waterfront City Park and a lakeside cultural district. The area around the cities of Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops is home to several ski resorts. →

<https://www.hellobc.com/places-to-go/okanagan-valley/#> *2 hrs from Squeah*



Harrison Hot Springs Resort More than a hotel, Harrison Hot Springs Resort is a basecamp for experiencing the scenic beauty, natural attractions and exhilarating outdoor adventures of Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. Since 1886, travelers have found comfort and healing from our five hot mineral springs pools and the therapeutic spa treatments they inspire. →

<https://www.harrisonresort.com/> *45 mins from Squeah*



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SPEAKER: APRIL YAMASAKI

April Yamasaki is an ordained pastor, editor, and author of *Sacred Pauses*, *Four Gifts*, *On the Way With Jesus*, and other books on living life with faith and hope.

She currently serves as resident author with Valley CrossWay Church, which is a liturgical worship community; edits the quarterly devotional magazine *Rejoice!*; continues to write both online and in print publications; and often speaks in other churches and settings. She blogs on faith, life, and ministry at AprilYamasaki.com and WhenYouWorkfortheChurch.com. Her next book is a collection of sermons to be released in 2023.

April holds a Master of Christian Studies from Regent College. She was happily married to her high school sweetheart until his death last year from cancer-related complications. Though grieving, she is grateful for a wonderfully supportive family and church community, good work, good friends, and God's mercies new every morning.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Schedule subject to change

Monday, March 11

- 2-5:00 Registration
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Welcome/Worship/Keynote I
- 8:30 Snacks and Fellowship

Tuesday, March 12

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 Worship/Keynote II
- 11:30 Peer Groups
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Camp Tour
- 2:00 Special group activity
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Workshops*
- 9:00 Snacks, Fellowship & Campfire

Wednesday, March 13

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 MCA Business Meeting
- 10:30 Worship/Keynote III
- 12:30 Lunch w/ Peer Group
- 2:00 Workshops*
- 3:30 Free Time Options
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Worship/Keynote IV
- 8:30 Snacks and Fellowship

Thursday, March 14

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 Farewell Worship
- 11:00 Depart

*Workshop details available closer to date

LODGING

Emory & Fraser Lodges

Most of these hotel style room accommodations are furnished with a queen size bed and one bunk bed sleeping up to 4 people, all with private washrooms. Three rooms are fully wheelchair accessible while three other rooms contain kitchenettes. A couple of rooms sleep up to 6 people and a couple have one queen bed sleeping up to 2 people. Each lodge has comfortable lounges and meeting spaces that are perfect places to meet, visit and relax.



Squeah Lodge

There are 7 rooms in one hallway in the second floor of the main Squeah lodge. Most rooms have 4 bunk beds sleeping 8 people. Many rooms contain beds with one slide-out bottom bunk to provide a double bed. Washrooms for the lodge sleeping area are multiple shared toilet and sink units. *Main gathering sessions will take place in Squeah Lodge.*



Travel Subsidy information:

We want as many member individuals and camps as possible to have the opportunity to participate in MCA events. We believe this experience is a valuable time of building relationships within the Mennonite camping community and have designated a travel subsidy for those who must travel a greater distance to attend MCA gatherings.

Amount available:

USA: Twenty-eight \$250 individual travel subsidies, totaling \$7,000, are available.

Canada: Six \$250 individual travel subsidies, totaling \$1,500, are available.

Who is eligible:

Any staff or board member of a member MCA camp.

Any non-member individual or family member is welcome (and encouraged!) to register and attend, but are not eligible for a travel subsidy.

Details:

- Beginning October 1, thru January 1st, **individuals** may apply for one \$250 travel subsidy.
- **Up to 3 staff or board members per camp** will be granted the subsidy.
- After January 1, any remaining subsidies will be available for any additional staff or board members to apply, from any member camp, including those who have already received 3 subsidies.
- Subsidy checks will be handed out at the Camp Squeah gathering, or email transferred (Canada) on March 11.

How to apply: Contact Sean McConaghay at mennonitecamping@gmail.com.

Nearest Airports: *Shuttle information available later*

Vancouver (YVR) is a large international airport located 181 km/112 mi west of Camp Squeah (approx. 2 hr drive).

Abbotsford (YXX) is a smaller international airport located 105 km/65 mi west of Camp Squeah (approx. 1 hr 10 min drive).

If possible, please consider flying into Abbotsford as consideration for shuttle logistics to and from Camp Squeah. Thank you!

Registration Deadline March 1, 2024

Call for availability if registering after March 1st.

Registration Fees

Include registration, lodging and all meals. Cost listed is per person.

U.S. participants will be charged the current exchange rate in U.S. dollars at the time of the gathering, the rates listed below be similar to what are expected in March and current to October, 2023.

CAD	USD	(based on exchange of \$1.35)
\$313.50	\$232.22	Emory & Fraser - single occupancy
\$277.50	\$205.55	Emory & Fraser - double+ occupancy
\$253.50	\$187.77	Squeah Lodge - family unit or 4 person occupancy
\$157.50	\$116.66	Children ages 6-11
Free		Children ages 0-5

Non-MCA Members: Add \$30

Deposit: \$50/person for ages 12+

**FOR FULL RATES AND DETAILS,
REGISTER ONLINE.**



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BY MARCH 1ST**

Please register online

or call Camp Squeah to register over the phone:

27915 Trans-Canada Hwy,

Hope, BC V0X 1L3

info@squeah.com | 604-869-5353