

ABOUT OUR CAMP

'Drawing on the strength of Haida culture and the wisdom of the elders, with a philosophy of Yah'guudang (respect for all things) and love for each other and the Earth, Rediscovery aims to empower youth of all ages to discover the world within themselves, the world between cultures, and the natural world.

Yah'guudang is woven into everything.

Camp Activities: Program activities center on building physical strength and enhancing positive self-esteem. Central to program activities is learning to take care of the rich natural and cultural environment of Haida Gwaii. All participants' work together to complete daily tasks like gardening, compost duties, wood gathering, kitchen clean up and garbage disposal.

Traditional Food Harvest: Learning about traditional food gathering and preparation is a daily activity at Rediscovery. Our plentiful oceans and forests are unsurpassed in their provision of delicious and nutritious food. Mussels, devilfish (octopus), venison, wild pacific salmon, Dungeness crab and a large vegetable garden (famous for its rhubarb) are available to all lucky camp participants.

Hikes: There is a six-day hike for the teen participants and a two-day hike for the pre-teens that occurs towards the end of the session; these hikes take participants along the west coast of Haida Gwaii.

Stoneribs:

The Haida legend of Stoneribs is told to all participants at the beginning of camp. Campers vote for the person they feel has shown the qualities of Stoneribs while at camp. This is a camp tradition that participants have respected for decades. To be voted Stoneribs is a recognized honor.

Ceremony Night:

Ceremony night is celebrated on the last night of camp. Following the tradition of the Haida Potlatch with feasting, gift giving, speeches, songs, skits, and dancing that go on into the early morning hours. Participants reluctantly leave the next day.

Education: Each day a variety of educational workshops are conducted at camp including: forest, marine, bog, and coastal ecology; water ecosystems, Haida history and cultural activities. Our educational focus is on Land Stewardship and Leadership.

Wanagun: Participants choose a private spot in the forest or atop a sea cliff where they can be alone with themselves and their natural surroundings. Wanagun is a time for deep inner reflection.

Solo: Equipped with only their personal survival skills, two matches, a sleeping bag, a pot and a potato, participants who volunteer, spend 24 hours on their own in the wilderness. Solo is a personal challenge.