



Organization Information

Name of Organization: Gavin Lake Forest Education Society	
Mailing Address (office): 72 South 7th Avenue, Williams Lake, BC, V2G 4N5	
Phone # (office): 604-629-9859	E-Mail (office): gavinlakebc@gmail.com
Purpose of Organization: The purpose of the Society are: (a) to operate the Gavin Lake Forest Education Centre for the purposes of providing the community with an environmental outdoor experience and (b) to provide educational programs that will broaden youth's understanding of the forest environment and the social, economic and environmental aspects related to it.	
BC Society or Charitable Registration Number (required for requests over \$500): S0034634	
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Who does your organization serve? (i.e. residents from City, CRD, province)

45% City Residents, 45% CRD residents, 10% outside of CRD.

Does your organization receive any other supports from the City or CRD? (i.e. Fee for Service or other financial support, rental subsidies, contribution agreements, tax exemptions, use of government-owned facilities, property leases). If yes, what supports and amounts?

As a member of the Stampede Park Grounds Association, we have tax benefits related to our office at 72 S. 7th Avenue, which is within city limits.

How will you indicate that the City or CRD is contributing to your organization?

The City and CRD are acknowledged each year throughout the process. From including the logos on all advertising and information packets, to verbal acknowledgement at Camp, to written acknowledgement in social media and any other newsletters, newspaper articles after camp.



Current Year Grant Request

Current Grant Request: \$3,000

Previous Year Grant from City (if applicable): \$1,250

Previous Year Grant Project Description (if applicable):

Subsidize Grandparent Camp fees to keep camp affordable for participants.

Previous Year Grant from CRD (if applicable): \$1,315

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**NOTE: A final report for your last grant MUST be included with this submission.*

Current Year Grant Project / Event / Expenditure Summary

Please answer the following questions, using additional paper if necessary.

Applications must fall within one of the following funding categories (select one):

- Capital Expenditure** – equipment purchase, construction, repair or upgrade of facilities; or
- Special Event** – seed funding for new events or funding of an ongoing event; or
- Special Project** – funding for a special project, program or activity; or
- Event / Tournament / Conference Hosting** – hosting an event, tournament or conference that will have economic benefits for the community.

Brief description of proposed use of grant being applied for:

The funds are used to keep fees as low as possible for those attending. We limit the number of campers for Grandparent Camp to allow each family to have their own private cabin. We provide all catering and instructors for Canoeing, Archery, Obstacle Course, Bouldering Cave, Guided Nature Walks, Science Labs, and Arts and Crafts.

Start date: July 6, 2025

End date: July 8, 2025

How does this projects, activity or event strengthen and enhance the well-being of the community, promote volunteerism and support the goals and [strategic priorities of the City of Williams Lake](#)?

This camp is unique to Williams Lake. In collaboration with the Gavin Lake Forest Education Society, the City of Williams Lake is offering something no other community (that we've found!) is providing — a dedicated intergenerational Grandparent Camp that brings families together in nature, strengthens community bonds, and promotes lifelong learning. We know that Williams Lake, like many communities, has an aging demographic. Programs like this directly support the City's strategic priority to foster healthy aging and inclusive community development. By creating meaningful, low-barrier opportunities for grandparents and grandchildren to connect, we are actively contributing to the kind of positive, family-friendly atmosphere that the City of Williams Lake aims to be a leader in. Innovation and collaboration are at the heart of this initiative. By working with a long-standing and trusted not-for-profit partner like the Gavin Lake Forest Education Society, we're able to maximize community resources, showcase local leadership, and model the kind of partnerships that define Williams Lake's progressive approach to rural service delivery. This program reflects the City's commitment to being innovative, inclusive, and responsive to the unique needs of our residents — especially our seniors and families. Grandparent Camp isn't just a fun experience — it's a meaningful investment in community health, rural connectivity, and intergenerational relationships. It's exactly the kind of programming that positions Williams Lake as a forward-thinking, people-centered community.

Describe the key activities and timelines to complete the project/event.

We begin advertising in November as we have found many families like to gift this Camp for Christmas. Planning begins in early Spring, securing staff and instructors for all modules and planning the menu with the caterer. Camp is booked for July 6-8, 2026 for the 5th Annual Grandparent Camp.

How will you determine if the project/event was successful?

The consistent positive feedback is what keeps us doing this camp. We provide a survey each year after camp to gauge participants satisfaction. Here is what participants are saying from Camp, 2025:

1. Exceptional Overall Experience and Strong Likelihood of Return - All respondents indicated they were very likely or quite likely to return, with many sharing that the camp exceeded their expectations. Families appreciated the variety of activities and the intergenerational connections formed, emphasizing that fun was had by all and that the camp fostered growth, learning, and confidence in participants.

2. High Praise for Staff, Facilities, and Programming - Feedback on staff was overwhelmingly positive — described as supportive, engaging, and adaptable, especially during weather changes or activity transitions. Families also highlighted the quality of the facilities, including cabins, cookhouse, and showers, and commended the food for being plentiful and kid-friendly. Activities



like archery, climbing, canoeing, and science modules (fungi/lichens) were often mentioned as favourites.

3. Thoughtful Suggestions Reflect a Committed Community - While feedback was largely positive, some families suggested narrowing the age range of participants to ensure more peer-level interaction among children. Others recommended adding a structured meet-and-greet on the first day. One participant even offered to help with future programming — reflecting a strong sense of community ownership and investment in the success of Grandparent Camp.

Is your agency is applying for funds from other levels of government, or other sources, for this project / event / expenditure? If yes, list sources and amounts.

In previous years, we have applied separately to the CRD and the City and received grants from both in each of the past three years. In 2025, it was \$1,250 City & \$1,315 CRD. In 2024, it was \$1,250 City & \$1,642.50 CRD. In 2023, it was \$1,545 from each. 2022 was our pilot year and we did not receive funding from any other source. In 2026, we are asking for \$3,000 from the City/CRD combined.

Would you still be able to complete the project if you do not receive the other funds applied for?

Providing a private cabin for each family is central to the experience we offer, especially given the intergenerational nature of our program. However, this significantly limits the number of participants we can accommodate — for example, we may place just 2–4 people in cabins designed for 10. Because we rent the entire camp, our operational costs remain high, but participant fees alone don't generate enough revenue to cover them. We also maintain high staffing levels for this particular camp to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants, which adds to overall costs. Grants have been essential in helping us keep this experience affordable for families, and participant feedback consistently reinforces that having a private cabin is a valued and expected part of the program.

Describe the impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than requested. Will you be able to complete the project/event if you do not receive the funding requested?

We would need to seek funding from other sources as our learning throughout the last four years has taught us what we need to be able to run this camp smoothly with high participant satisfaction.

Provide a draft budget for the project (to be submitted with completed application).



THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Kylie Green

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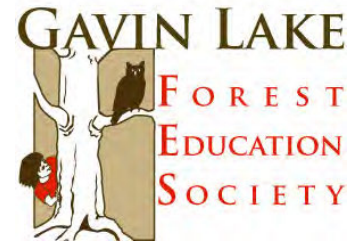
Authorized Representative

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Budget 2026	Estimate
Camp Rental (Includes 2 x staff)	\$2,000.00
Camp Cleaning, 5 hrs @ \$30/hour	\$150.00
Caterer	\$3,740.00
Supplies, Arts & Crafts	\$400.00
Instructor Wages, Gifts	\$1,000.00
Program Administrator/Facilitator	\$1,110.00
	\$8,400.00
REVENUE	
Grants Received	\$3,000.00
Grandparents	\$3,150.00
Grandchildren (6-12 years old)	\$2,250.00
	\$8,400.00
PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ -



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Saturday, September 20, 2025

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Subject: 4th Annual Grandparent Camp

Dear Mayor & Council,

I am writing to extend my sincere thanks for your generous support in funding the Fourth Annual Grandparent Camp at Gavin Lake, held from July 7–9, 2025. Your contribution played a vital role in the success of this year's camp, and I want to express my deep appreciation for your continued commitment to our program.

Thanks to your assistance, we were able to offer a meaningful and enriching experience for all the grandparents and grandchildren who attended. Your funding helped subsidize accommodations, meals, activities, and staff wages—ensuring the camp remained affordable for families in Williams Lake. The impact of your support extends well beyond the event itself, helping to strengthen intergenerational bonds and create lasting memories for all who took part.

Every year, we receive consistent and heartfelt feedback about the powerful effect this camp has on families and their relationships—it truly fills my heart and reminds me why all the effort is so worthwhile. The camp also provides a much-needed opportunity for both children and grandparents to spend quality time outdoors, away from screens, enjoying nature and each other's company in a truly meaningful way.

The City of Williams Lake has been publicly recognized in the following ways:

- Acknowledgment in social media posts and all advertising
- Inclusion of the City logo in our registration package
- Verbal acknowledgement to the City of Williams Lake throughout Camp



Enclosed in the following pages, you will find photos from the event as well as the 2025 Grandparent Camp budget. We are excited to share that interest in next year's camp is at an all-time high, and we look forward to hosting the 5th Annual Grandparent Camp on July 6–8, 2026.

As a reminder, the funds used for this year's camp were carried over from 2023. We received \$2,500 that year but were unable to host two camps in 2024. As per the City's instructions, the remaining \$1,250 was earmarked for use in 2025.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support.

Sincerely,

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Kylie Green







Expenses 2025	
Camp Rental (Includes 2 x staff)	\$2,081.58
Camp Cleaning, 5 hrs @ \$30/hour (staff cleaned this year)	\$0.00
Catering	\$2,688.00
Supplies, incl. Arts & Crafts	\$199.42
Instructor & Volunteer Recognition	\$200.00
Program Administrator/Facilitator	\$996.00
	\$6,165.00
REVENUE	
Grants Received	\$2,565.00
Participant Fees, Grandparents	\$2,100.00
Participant Fees, Grandchildren (6-12 years old)	\$1,500.00
	\$6,165.00
PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ -

City of Williams Lake Grant, heldover from 2024, \$1,250

CRD Grant, \$1,315