

Bamfield Marine Sciences Center Trip

We have finally been able to set up this trip with our local high school and I am excited to be able to offer you this opportunity.

The trip takes place from May 4th through May 11th, 2012. Because there are students from the local school attending, we are also able to provide transportation for students that live in the Nechako Lakes area and along Highway 97 south if needed. This means that there are a number of different options for our EBUS students and the price of the trip changes depending on your needs. Hopefully I will explain it well 😊

Mr. Casey Litton is a high school science teacher at NVSS. He has taken a number of school trips to Bamfield and has been a great help in the planning. He is also our bus driver! Our principal, Mr. Madhok, has also decided to participate in the trip as a teacher sponsor.

The itinerary is below and the last page is a document for you to return as soon as possible to reserve your seat. We can take only 12 students from EBUS at this time that are currently enrolled in grades 10, 11 or 12.

Itinerary:

Dates: May 4th through May 11th, 2012

Trip Schedule:

Friday, May 4th: Leave Vanderhoof no later than 9 am (Students that live within this area are welcome to join us at NVSS)

- We can pick up EBUS students along Highway 97 at major towns if prearranged
- Arrive in Hope to spend the night about 6 pm

Saturday, May 5th: leave Hope (8 am) and take the Ferry to Nanaimo from HORSESHOE BAY (Ferry time to be arranged at a later date as the spring schedule is not available yet – aiming for a 10:30 am sailing)

- We can pick Lower Mainland EBUS students up along Highway 7. Or meet at the Ferry terminal.
- Arrive in Nanaimo and meet island students at Woodgrove Mall (Starbucks) – around 1 pm
- Spend the night at Mr. Litton's (other) home in Qualicum. BBQ dinner provided and an opportunity to do some caving at Horne Lake Caves.

Sunday, May 6th: leave Qualicum after a light breakfast at Mr. Litton's house about 8:30 am. Arrive at Bamfield between 12 and 1.

- Dinner provided at Bamfield

Monday, May 7th: Whole day at Bamfield – breakfast, lunch and dinner provided

Tuesday, May 8th: Whole day at Bamfield – breakfast, lunch and dinner provided

Wednesday, May 9th: Leave Bamfield at noon (with bag lunches) and stay the night at Mr. Litton's home in Qualicum (arriving around 3 pm). At this point in time, any island EBUS students who do not wish to go on the University tours on Thursday, we can return you to Nanaimo for pick up by your parent(s). We will be having a BBQ dinner and can bring students to Nanaimo after that.

Thursday, May 10th: Leave Qualicum (8:30 am) and tour **VIU** at 9 – 10:30am. Leave for **UVIC** and have lunch along the way. Tour UVIC 2 – 4 pm. Take the 5 pm ferry from Victoria (Swartz Bay) to Tswassen. Drive to HOPE (arrive around 9 pm). Students from the island, who take the university tour, will need to arrange transportation from **Victoria**. Students in the Lower Mainland can be dropped off at the same place they were picked up or met by their parents at the Ferry terminal in Tswassen.

- One night stay in Hope

Friday, May 11th: return to Vanderhoof via Highway 97 (leave 9 am, arrive in Vanderhoof about 5 pm)

Itinerary for Bamfield: at this point in time, we cannot give you the exact itinerary as it is usually made about 3 weeks before the actual trip. To see the different possibilities, please see:

<http://www.bms.bc.ca/pubed/program.html>

Relative Costs:

1. Transportation:

- A. Taking the BUS at any point along Highway 97: \$125
- B. Joining us on at the Ferry Terminal (HORSESHOE BAY) for the trip across and transportation to Bamfield: \$90
- C. Joining us in Nanaimo: \$75 (no Ferry cost – just the bus cost from Nanaimo to Bamfield)

2. Staying in HOPE \$25 per night x 2 = \$50 (4 sharing a room of the same gender)

3. Bamfield cost (3 days): \$415.00

Depending on your needs, the basic cost will be between \$490 and \$590 per student. The EBUS PAC has provided a grant of \$300 per student which will reduce the costs from \$190 to \$290 per student depending on the transportation needs.

In addition, your child will need to bring money to pay for meal and other items they may want:

To give you an idea of how much:

- May 4th: bring a bag lunch, buy your dinner
- May 5th: need to buy breakfast and lunch (BBQ dinner provided)
- May 6th: breakfast provided; buy lunch on the way to Bamfield
- May 7th and 8th – all meals provided at Bamfield
- May 9th: all meals provided if staying in Qualicum for the university tour the next day

- May 10th: buy lunch and dinner
- May 11th: buy breakfast, lunch (maybe dinner?)

We will send out a list of things to bring but it is essential that you bring your own **sleeping bag** to avoid an additional linen cost at Bamfield.

You can find the application form on the next 2 pages. The deposit required is \$100 to reserve your space as seating is limited. There are three options for paying the deposit:

1. Through your EBUS Visa account provided you have the funding available
2. By Paypal through our EBUS website: <http://www.ebus.ca/?q=enrollment>
3. By cheque payable to SD#91
(Mailing address: Bag 8000, Vanderhoof, BC, V0J 3A0)

Full payment needs to be submitted by **March 1st, 2012.**

Mrs. Froese

(1-800-567-1236 ext 2232)

Bamfield Link: <http://www.bms.bc.ca/>

Preliminary Application for Bamfield Marine Sciences Center Trip – please return this page

Student Name:

Parent Name:

Phone:

Please check off the boxes that apply to you:

- I would like to be picked up along Highway 97 on May 4th (North of Hope)
- I would like to be picked up along Highway 7 on May 5th (South of Hope)
- I will need to stay at the hotel in Hope on May 4th
- I will meet you at Horseshoe Bay on May 5th
- I will meet you at Woodgrove Mall in Nanaimo on May 5th
- I am interested in the University tour
- I am not interested in the University tour – my parent/guardian will pick me up the afternoon of May 9th
- I will attend the university tours and then be picked up by my parent/guardian in Victoria on May 10th
- I will take the ferry across from Swartz Bay to Tswassen but then be picked up by a parent/guardian
- I will return with the bus and spend the night in Hope (May 10th)
- I will return with the bus and be dropped off along Highway 97 (May 11th)

- I have included a \$100 deposit for the trip. This will be refunded if you opt out before March 1st, 2012. How would you like to pay? _____
- I understand that my parent(s) and I must attend a v-class (to be scheduled in the evening in April) that will discuss the safety issues related to the trip. (This is mandatory – we may have 2 different v-class dates in case of scheduling conflicts)

This information is simply for our planning of the trip. You will be sent documents to fill out before Spring Break about any dietary needs, what to bring, and be given a more specific itinerary of the activities at Bamfield. In addition, I will be phoning you individually to confirm everything.