



# Raincoast Interpretive Centre / Raincoast Education Society

## Public Program Schedule July 2009



TOFINO MUDFLATS  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS STARTING JULY 8	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
<p>Sorry, we have no public programs on Tuesdays, but the Raincoast Interpretive Centre at Tofino Botanical Gardens is open from 1 to 5 pm every Tuesday through Saturday!</p> <p><b>WATCH FOR POSTERS AROUND TOWN ABOUT OTHER WALKS, TALKS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS DURING THE SUMMER!</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.raincoasteducation.org">www.raincoasteducation.org</a></p>	<p><b>9:00 -10:00 am Intertidal Investigators</b> Mackenzie Beach, near Bella Pacific. Look for the Canada Flag. Beach games and intertidal explorations, great for families! <i>By donation.</i></p> <p><b>11 am to 12 pm Dockside Explorers</b> at Jamie's Whaling Station in Tofino (606 Campbell St., Tofino). Docks and pilings provide habitat for many fascinating creatures, so come on out and see for yourself! Great for families! <i>By donation.</i></p>	<p><b>10 -11 am Amphitrite Nature Walk</b> Meet at the Amphitrite Light House in Ucluelet for a guided walk with our naturalists along the edge of the forest and the sea. <i>By donation.</i></p>	<p><b>9:30 to 11:00 am Young Naturalists</b> Pre-school to 12 yrs. \$5/child or \$25 for all 7. Come to one or come to all! Each week, we explore a new theme about the natural world with games, crafts and guided explorations. Meet at the Tofino Botanical Gardens.</p> <p>July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Recycle Monsters July 10<sup>th</sup>: Mudflats Muckers July 17<sup>th</sup>: Amazing Amphibians July 24<sup>th</sup>: Swim like a Salmon July 31<sup>st</sup>: FBI (Forest Biology Investigators) Aug 7<sup>th</sup>: Cougars, Bears and Wolves...OH MY! Aug 14<sup>th</sup>: L'il Chefs (AKA Forest Foods)</p>	<p><b>10 – 11 am Tonquin Nature Walk</b> Meet at the Tonquin Park entrance (bottom of Tonquin Rd. in Tofino) for a guided walk with our naturalists. Learn about the ingredients of a temperate rainforest and explore the beach! <i>By donation</i></p> <p><b>Explore the Tofino Mudflats at Tofino Botanical Gardens!</b> Guided Walks included with garden admission on: July 11<sup>th</sup>: 10 – 11:30 am July 18<sup>th</sup>: 3 – 4:30 pm July 25<sup>th</sup>: 10 – 11:30 am Aug 8<sup>th</sup>: 10 – 11:30 am Aug 15<sup>th</sup>: 1 – 2:30 pm</p>

**Programs end August 22<sup>nd</sup>, except Young Naturalists which ends Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. The Tofino Lantern Festival is August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**THE RAINCOAST INTERPRETIVE CENTRE IS OPEN TUESDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS FROM 1:00-5:00 PM!**

Come find us in the Clayoquot Field Station in the Tofino Botanical Gardens at 1084 Pacific Rim Hwy.

Browse our library, meet our knowledgeable naturalists and biologists, purchase a local trail guide or bird list!

Watch [www.raincoasteducation.org](http://www.raincoasteducation.org) for other exciting events, and for details about Lantern Festival!



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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SEE OVER FOR PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>July 1</b> Canada Day Celebrations at Tofino Village Green	<b>July 2</b> 10 am Amphitrite Nature Walk, Ucluelet  RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 3</b> 9-11 am Young Naturalists, Tofino Botanical Gardens  RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 4</b> 10 – 11 am Tonquin Park Nature Walk, Tofino  RIC open 1-5 pm
	<b>July 7</b> RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 8</b> 9 – 10 am Intertidal Investigators at McKenzie Bch 11 am – 12 pm Dockside Explorers at Jamie's Whaling Station, Tofino RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 9</b> 10 am Amphitrite Nature Walk, Ucluelet  RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 10</b> 9-11 am Young Naturalists, Tofino Botanical Gardens  RIC open 1-5 pm
<b>July 14</b> RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 15</b> 9 – 10 am Intertidal Investigators at McKenzie 11 am – 12 pm Dockside Explorers at Jamie's Whaling Station, Tofino RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 16</b> 10 am Amphitrite Nature Walk, Ucluelet  RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 17</b> 9-11 am Young Naturalists, Tofino Botanical Gardens  RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 11</b> 10 – 11 am Tonquin Park Nature Walk, Tofino 10-11:30 am Mudflat Walk at TBG RIC open 1-5 pm 8:00 pm at Green Point Theatre: Sea Otter Slideshow!
<b>July 21</b> RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 22</b> 9 – 10 am Intertidal Investigators at McKenzie 11 am – 12 pm Dockside Explorers at Jamie's Whaling Station, Tofino RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 23</b> 10 am Amphitrite Nature Walk, Ucluelet  RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 18</b> 10 – 11 am Tonquin Park Nature Walk, Tofino 3 – 4:30 pm Mudflat Walk at TBG RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 24</b> 9-11 am Young Naturalists, Tofino Botanical Gardens  RIC open 1-5 pm
<b>July 28</b> RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 29</b> 9 – 10 am Intertidal Investigators at McKenzie 11 am – 12 pm Dockside Explorers at Jamie's Whaling Station, Tofino RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 30</b> 10 am Amphitrite Nature Walk, Ucluelet  RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 25</b> 10 – 11 am Tonquin Park Nature Walk, Tofino 10 – 11:30 am Mudflat Walk at TBG RIC open 1-5 pm	<b>July 31</b> 9-11 am Young Naturalists, Tofino Botanical Gardens  RIC open 1-5 pm
				<b>Aug 1</b> 10 – 11 am Tonquin Park Nature Walk, Tofino  RIC open 1-5 pm

The Raincoast Interpretive Centre is located in the Clayoquot Field Station at Tofino Botanical Gardens.  
You can also reach us at (250) 725-2560 or [info@raincoasteducation.org](mailto:info@raincoasteducation.org) or PO Box 815, Tofino BC V0R 2Z0

**SUMMER IS HERE!!!**

# **Welcome to the Raincoast Young Naturalists Program!**



**Hey Kids!** Join us for 90 minutes every Friday morning in July and August to explore a new theme about the natural world. Through games and activities, we'll learn about the natural world and have tons of fun.

The following programs will run from 9:30 am to 11:00 am every Friday morning from July 4<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>, meeting at the Children's Pavilion in the Tofino Botanical Gardens (1084 Pacific Rim Hwy). Cost is \$5 per child or 7 programs for \$25. Children can collect Raincoast Young Naturalist Badges & stamps for their nature passports!

## **2009 Program Dates & Descriptions**

### **July 3<sup>rd</sup> Recycle Monster**

Who knew so many awesome things could be done with your throw aways? Let's learn from Dr. Seuss and the Lorax. Come out and Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Bring your imagination and the activities are endless...paper making, sculptures, games and more!

### **July 10<sup>th</sup> Mudflats Muckers**

How deep are the Tofino Mudflats? Can you sink a whole leg down in the mud? Come and find out all about these cool flats and see how deep you can sink! Make mud sculptures and play amazing intertidal games while checking out all the species that live and depend on the mud.

### **July 17<sup>th</sup> Amazing Amphibians**

Have you ever wondered who lives in the muck and the mud at the bottom of a pond? Come to the Tofino Botanical Gardens to discover the slimy and slightly secret life of amphibians. Hosted by our newest feathered duckling friends, we'll have you up to your boots in pond-life discovery.

### **July 24<sup>th</sup> Swimming Salmon**

Ever wonder how salmon make it back to the exact stream they were born in after spending years in the ocean?! How do salmon connect the forest and ocean? Join us this week to answer these questions and see the world through the eyes of a salmon in an obstacle course, relay game.

### **July 31<sup>st</sup> Forest Investigators**

Discover hidden treasures of the botanical gardens on a biodiversity scavenger hunt! Guaranteed you haven't seen it all! Learn about the complex network of life here on the coast while solving puzzles and running the maze of trails from the forest to the mudflats.

### **August 7<sup>th</sup> Cougars, Bears, & Wolves, "OH MY!"**

Do you know how to spot an animal's tracks? How can you tell if a bear has been through your campsite or if those paw prints just belong to a dog? Don't you think you ought to show these skills to your family and friends? You will be amazed how much you can learn about an animal just by looking at its paw print-and speaking of an animal's paws..How about we see what our own foot prints look like so that if we got lost in the woods someone could find us!

### **August 15<sup>th</sup> Lil' Chefs**

Want to learn how to live off the land? Grow a secret garden? How about spotting medicinal plants in the forest, fixing your scrapes by using plants, and making tea from flowers? We will celebrate the last week of Young Naturalists with a hunt through the Gardens for some of nature's most yummy treats. Your taste buds will be tantalized! Learn to be a botanist and identify edible plants. Bring a plant home to start a garden of your own!

**9:30 am to 11:00 am each Friday morning  
MEET AT THE TOFINO BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Cost is \$5 per child or 7 programs for \$25. Adults please pay regular admission or membership to TBG.

**If you have any questions about the Raincoast Young Naturalists Program  
please call us at 250-725-2560, or email [info@raincoasteducation.org](mailto:info@raincoasteducation.org)**

We are located on the bottom level of the Clayoquot Field Station at the Tofino Botanical Gardens.

## HEY KIDS! 2009 Summer Camps with the Raincoast Education Society and the Tofino Parks & Recreation!



### Pirates of the Pacific

July 6-10 , 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm Daily

Cost: \$50

Yo ho, yo ho! Adventurers aboard! No ocean too deep, no beach too unruly. Come out for a weekend of afternoon intertidal exploration! During this camp, be prepared to learn survival skills, get the scoop on natural disasters, become ocean savvy, and clean up the beach. You'll hunt for treasure, make marine art, and learn about all the animals that make the Great Pacific great. Be brave, be bold, come out for the adventure. YARR!!!!



### FBI - Forest Biology Investigators

July 27-31, 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Cost \$50

Your mission - should you choose to accept is - is to come out and decode nature's mystery. Develop your orienteering skills and navigate your way through the wild. Be prepared for scavenger hunts and animal-tracking detective activities. Plenty of outdoor games like predator/prey, and nature crafts too. Lots of stuff to keep you busy. Over and out.



### Chefs of the Northwest

August 10-14, 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$50

A culinary extravaganza!! Come cook up a feast straight from our west coast trees and seas! Try your hand at catchin' a fish, making your own crab traps, and learn all about shellfish harvesting. Come up with your own delectable recipes to impress your friends and family back home. We'll have you out in the gardens picking fresh greens and berries galore! We'll make pizza in solar ovens and compost your food scraps in your own composter when you're finished. Bon appétit!



**REGISTER NOW** through the District of Tofino. Drop in the office (9 am to 4 pm, M-F) or call 250-725-3229