



# Teacher/Chaperone Information Package

Thank you for being a part of our Outdoor Education experience at Brigadoon Village! The role of the teacher/chaperone is hugely important to the success of the trip. By sharing in the experience, you will enrich your relationship with the students and help to give them an educational experience of a lifetime.

## ABOUT BRIGADOON VILLAGE

Brigadoon Village is a not-for-profit, state-of-the-art camp facility located on Aylesford Lake in the Annapolis Valley. During the summer months, Brigadoon operates the largest pediatric medical camp program in Canada, offering condition-specific camp programs to kids living with health conditions or other life challenges.

Brigadoon passionately transforms the lives of our campers, ensuring that they have a place where they can get back to being kids - not patients, not charts of symptoms, just kids. We give extraordinary kids a chance to be ordinary.

During the school year, we host a variety of school programs centered around Outdoor Education provincial curriculum mandates. Proceeds from our school group bookings go towards supporting Brigadoon's summer camp programs.







### **COMMUNICATION ON SITE**

Cellular service on site and in the cabins is limited. Cell service is best in the Dining Hall which equipped with a cell signal booster. Everyone on site will have access to our free wi-fi and landline upon request. The school will be contacted for any communications regarding individuals and then the message can be passed to Lead Teacher on the trip. Each Brigadoon Staff has a radio to communicate throughout the site. The Lead Teacher is also given a radio for the duration of the trip. Additional radios can be found in each cabin common room for use during emergencies.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

Our facilities are wheelchair accessible and are equipped with gender-neutral washrooms in the cabins and the Dining Hall. A list of participants who have requested additional accommodations will be provided to you by the Lead Teacher.

## **FOOD**

## **CATERED PROGRAMS**

If you know someone who has stayed at Brigadoon before, we can guarantee that they raved about the food! Our Executive Chef creates a menu that extends above and beyond traditional camp meals.

If you have dietary requirements or preferences, please let us know on the last page of this package. We are able to meet a wide range of needs and preferences including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, ketogenic and beyond.

All meals are shellfish free, and nut free.

There are always snacks available and nobody goes hungry at Brigadoon! Due to the populations we serve please do not send any other food to the site. Brigadoon is a safe space for all and having unknown food items on site puts others at potential risk and invites pests into the cabins.

### PROGRAMS BRINGING THEIR OWN LUNCH

If your class has been instructed to bring their own food, please make sure that it is nut and shellfish free. A microwave is available on site for participant use.

Coffee and tea are available in the Dining Hall at all times.

## TYPICAL SCHEDULE

**ACTUAL SCHEDULE WILL VARY** 

7:45 Wake-up, get ready for the day

8:30 **Breakfast** 

9:30 **Program Rotation** 

10:30 Snack

10:45 **Program Rotation** 

Break 11:45

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Free time

2:00 **Program Rotation** 

3:00 Snack

3:15 **Program Rotation** 

4:30 Free Time

5:30 Supper

**Evening Program** 6:30

Campfire 7:30

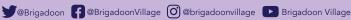
8:15 Snack

Late Night Program

9:00 **Finished** for the day

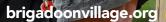
\*Bedtime











## Your Role as a Teacher/Chaperone at Brigadoon Village

At all times participate, play and get to know the students. Take this opportunity to observe students in an alternate setting, take note of how the students interact with each other. Allow them to come up with ideas on their own and work through challenges together. Encourage participation and ensure that the students are meeting the expectations and showing Brigadoon Staff the utmost respect. At no time should students be left with a Brigadoon Staff member without a teacher/chaperone present.

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

You will be pulled aside for a brief teacher/chaperone meeting. A Brigadoon Staff will review expectations, give you a copy of the schedule and make sure that everyone is on the same page. After the meeting, please join the remainder of Opening Ceremonies.

## **GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Ensure your activity group is where they are supposed to be, when they are supposed to be there, and prepared to fully participate in all the activities. Allow the Brigadoon Staff to facilitate the activity while you manage behaviors and ensure the students are showing the Brigadoon Staff respect and meeting the expectations set by the school.

## **DURING LARGE GROUP GAMES**

Participate, remind participants of instructions and boundaries, promote fair and safe play. Sometimes activities have specific roles for teachers and chaperones.



Teachers may invite students to line up for meals table by table ensuring every student has enough to eat.

Manage behaviors, promote community discussion at your table and ensure the students clean up after themselves.

## **FREE TIME**

Free time is an important part of the program. Allowing students time to share, rest and take a break is essential to the success of the program.

Brigadoon Staff may be prepping or discussing upcoming activities. Teachers and chaperones will follow the instruction of the Lead Teacher during this time.

## **NIGHT TIME**

Similar to free time, ensure that the students are meeting the expectations the Lead Teacher has stated.



