



Spring 2025 at a Glance



GNS Camps is a Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) licensed child care program offered during school breaks for all students ages 3 to 18. Arts, athletics, kayaking, creativity, magic and more—our programs offer something for everyone! Our camps and activities are open to both GNS and non-GNS children and families.

The cornerstone of GNS Camps is the excellent leaders, teachers and coaches, all of whom are experienced in working with students, certified in First Aid and CPR-C, criminal record checks and vulnerable sector screening. Our leaders combine creative, active and collaborative ideas to deliver a quality program that emphasises truth, courage, caring, individuality and community. For our camp groups who are under 5 years of age, the leader-to-student ratio is 1:8. For our camp groups who are over 5 years of age, the leader-to-student ratio is 1:12. Before and After Camp Care is available where age appropriate.

Cancellation Policy

Regular Refund Policy: All refund requests must be made in writing via email to camps@mygns.ca. Refunds less than a \$50 administrative charge per camp, per child, will be issued for all camp cancellations up to two weeks (14 days) before the first day of the camp. Cancellations made after this period will not be eligible for a refund. GNS reserves the right to cancel a camp due to insufficient enrolment or unavailability of instructors. If this situation arises, camps will be cancelled by 3:30 p.m. one week before the start date and all fees for a cancelled camp will be refunded.

Late Pick Up

For any child not picked up by the time reflected in their registration, parents will be charged a \$25 late pick-up fee per child.

Contact information

For more information about GNS Camps or to register please contact Shannon Sullivan, External Program Manager via email at camps@mygns.ca or by phone at 250-370-6854 Ext. 4148.

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DATE	CAMP NAME	AGES	COST	TIME & LOCATION
March 17-21	Chickadees: Fairy Tale Forest	3–4	\$320.00	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 1701 Beach Drive
	Chipmunks: Outdoor Multi-Sports	5–6	\$280.00	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 1701 Beach Drive
	Ravens: Floating Classroom	7–9	\$350.00	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 1701 Beach Drive
	Gryphons: Floating Classroom	10–12	\$350.00	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 1701 Beach Drive
	SIVA Volleyball	11–14	\$290.00	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 781 Richmond Ave.
March 24-28	Chickadees: Dino Discovery	3–4	\$320.00	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 1701 Beach Drive
	Chipmunks: Art Masters	5–6	\$290.00	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 1701 Beach Drive
	Ravens: Multi Sports	7–10	\$280.00	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 1701 Beach Drive
	REX Basketball	11–14	\$290.00	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 781 Richmond Ave.

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Chickadees – Ages 3 to 4

Fairy Tale Forest: March 17 to 21

Welcome to our whimsical Fairy Tale Forest Camp at GNS, designed especially for our youngest creative minds, aged 3 to 4 years old! At our camp, we believe in the magic of imagination and the joy that comes from exploring the world through artistic expression. Campers can expect to have daily beach and playground play along with themed book readings and activities.

Dino Discovery: March 24 to 28

Welcome to our Dino Discovery Camp for students ages 3-4. Step into a prehistoric world where young explorers become palaeontologists! Campers will explore fossils, learn about different dinosaur species, and create their own “fossil” imprints to take home. Through hands-on activities and creative play, they’ll explore the habitats, food, and uniqueness of these amazing creatures. With nature walks to discover “ancient” plants and dinosaur egg hunts, kids will immerse themselves in the world of dinosaurs while honing observation, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. Campers can expect to have daily beach and playground play along with themed book readings and activities.

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Chipmunks – Ages 5 to 6

Outdoor Multi-Sports: March 17 to 21

Welcome to our Outdoor Multi-Sports Camp for ages 5-6. Get ready for a week of action-packed fun and movement! Campers will explore a new outdoor sport or activity each day, building skills, teamwork, and confidence along the way. Campers will try soccer and group games, have an introduction to track and field, test their balance and coordination with obstacle courses, introduction to baseball and learn the basics of basketball.

Art Masters: March 24 to 28

Let your creativity shine in this fun and colourful week of art exploration for campers ages 5-6! Campers will discover famous artists and try out their unique styles, experimenting with painting, drawing, and sculpting. Each day will feature hands-on projects inspired by a different artist, helping young artists build confidence and express themselves. By the end of the week, campers will create their own mini gallery to share with you!

About your Art Masters Teacher:

Jennifer Zizman is an artist and educator. She completed her Fine Arts degree from the University of Victoria and also completed her Fine Arts teaching certification, along with Montessori certification. She has been teaching art for over 15 years in schools, art centres and her own art studio. She exhibits and sells her artwork internationally. Her art studio is in Metchosin where she creates bright bold abstract paintings.

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Ravens – Ages 7 to 10

Floating Classroom: March 17 to 21

We have partnered with Eagle Wing Tours to bring you their most popular school program, the Floating Classroom. This program has been modified for our week of camp for students ages 7–9. On Monday, one of Eagle Wing's Marine Biologists will come to visit the camp to talk to the students about the culture and natural history of the Salish Sea and the amazing animals and plants within it. On Friday, campers will join Eagle Wing on their semi-covered catamaran for a wildlife tour. They will experience being out on the Salish Sea, visiting places like [Race Rocks Ecological Reserve](#) or Discovery/Chatham Islands, learning about kelp forests and temperate rainforests, and exploring their beautiful backyard from various perspectives. Following the wildlife tour, students will have an interactive session with one of Eagle Wing's Marine Biologists at Fisherman's Wharf Park. This is an opportunity to participate in beach cleanups, salmon migration obstacle courses, exploring tidepools, or connecting important waterways to the Salish Sea.

During the week when campers are on site with GNS Camp Staff, they will participate in a half-day kayaking excursion with our certified kayak guides, exploring tidepools, and more.

Multi Sports: March 24 to 28

Join us for a week of fun and movement! Our Multi Sports Camp is the perfect blend of athleticism, teamwork, and skill building for campers ages 7–10. Whether your child is a budding athlete or just discovering the joy of sports, our program caters to all skill levels and interests. Each day campers will focus on a new sport and/or activity. Campers will try soccer and group games, have an introduction to track and field, test their balance and coordination with obstacle courses, introduction to baseball and learn the basics of basketball.

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Gryphons – Ages 10 to 14

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SIVA Volleyball: March 17 to 21

Calling all aspiring volleyball stars aged 11 to 14! Get ready to bump, set, and spike your way to greatness at the South Island Volleyball Camp held at GNS. This action-packed camp is the ultimate destination for young athletes who want to level up their game while having a ton of fun!

From Monday, March 17 to Friday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., you'll dive headfirst into the world of volleyball, guided by a team of exceptional coaches. These pros aren't just any coaches—they are current and former collegiate players who know the game inside out. Learn from the best as they share their expert knowledge, tips, and tricks to help you become a volleyball superstar.

But that's not all! Throughout the camp, you'll have the chance to win awesome prizes and daily awards with tons of games and specific game scenario drills. It's not just about the competition, though. It's about fostering a positive and supportive environment where everyone can grow and shine.

At South Island Volleyball, we've created a nurturing space where you can challenge yourself, make new friends, and build lifelong memories. So bring your energy, your enthusiasm, and your A-game—we'll take care of the rest. Our programs have been selling out within hours so don't wait to sign up!

REX Basketball: March 24 to 28

Join us at Glenlyon Norfolk School for REX Sports Spring Break Basketball Camp, a dynamic youth basketball experience for students ages 11 to 14 from March 24 to 28, 2025. Elevate your skills, teamwork, and passion for the game in a supportive and fun environment. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, grow, and hoop it up with our amazing coaches of former and current College players and coaches! Free shirt included with registration and opportunities to win tons of prizes!

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