



Canadian Hard of Hearing Association British Columbia Chapter

A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER: CHHA BC CHAPTER'S FAMILY WEEKEND CAMP 2023

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As the sun dipped below the horizon on the final day of the CHHA BC Chapter Family Weekend Camp 2023, I found myself reflecting on the remarkable journey we had just undertaken. Our three-day adventure at Timberline Ranch was nothing short of magical, leaving an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to be part of this unforgettable experience.

Day 1 - Friday: Arrival and Orientation

The first day set the stage for the incredible moments that would follow. Gathering at Timberline Ranch, we were greeted with smiles and a sense of excitement in the air. It didn't take long for the bonds of friendship to form as we settled into our assigned rooms.

A delightful dinner, lovingly prepared by our families, was a true testament to the spirit of togetherness that defines our community. Timberline Ranch welcomed us with open arms, and we were introduced to its wonders by our gracious host.

The evening continued with an icebreaker game, where we laughed, connected, and learned more about each other. Board games filled the night with camaraderie and competition, ultimately leading to a peaceful quiet time that allowed us to rest and prepare for the adventures ahead.

Day 2 - Saturday: Adventure and Fun

Saturday dawned with the promise of adventure and fun. The day was packed with activities that pushed our boundaries and brought out our adventurous spirit. Archery, orienteering, and frisbee golf challenged us to embrace new skills and conquer new heights.

A visit to the petting zoo brought smiles to young and old alike as we connected with animals. For those seeking a more relaxed afternoon, the indoor games room provided a cozy sanctuary. The nature hike immersed us in the beauty of Timberline Ranch's natural surroundings, reminding us of the wonder of the great outdoors.

As evening descended, we gathered for a movie night. The talent show, a showcase of the incredible abilities within our community, left us inspired with admiration.

Day 3 - Sunday: Farewell and Departure

On the final day, our hearts were heavy with the knowledge that our time together was ending. However, we seized the day, beginning with a hearty breakfast that fortified us for the activities ahead. The morning was filled with games, arts, crafts, and volleyball, offering a perfect balance of fun and relaxation.

As we cleaned up and looked for lost and found items, we also cleaned our souls with gratitude. The closing was a moment of reflection and thankfulness, where we expressed our appreciation to Timberline Ranch and our dedicated volunteers who made this camp a reality.

In the end, as we bid farewell to our temporary home at Timberline Ranch, we carried with us not just cherished memories, but a deeper sense of connection to our CHHA BC Chapter community.

The CHHA BC Chapter Family Weekend Camp 2023 was a journey to remember, filled with adventure, laughter, and the warmth of friendship. It was a testament to our community's resilience and strength, reminding us that together, we can conquer any challenge.

As we return to our daily lives, let us carry the spirit of this camp with us, nurturing the bonds we've formed and continuing to support one another. Our journey may have come to an end, but the memories and the sense of unity will stay with us forever.

With a total of 34 participants, including 8 families with kids, young adults, and 3 volunteers, this camp was designed not only for kids with hearing loss but also for their families and young adults with hearing loss to come together, spend quality time, and create new friendships and connections that will last a lifetime.

Testimonials

"We are truly privileged and delighted to be part of this camp. My daughter is five years old, and the little one is just one. One of the most amazing things happened at the playground when there were three other girls playing. They spontaneously shared their hearing levels by showing their hearing aids. It was incredible to witness how this made the concept of the hard-of-hearing society feel natural to them. We are looking forward to coming again, as it's wonderful to relax with other parents and see all the kids playing together. Thank you so much for this opportunity."

"We appreciate this program and thank you for the coordination. Our son also enjoys the program, and he has made many friends and had a lot of fun exploring the nature here and observing the animals. We hope that this can happen not just once a year but at least twice a year in many more beautiful places."

"Hello, this is our second time joining the camp, and we have truly enjoyed this program because it has allowed us to meet new families and friends. Thank you so much for making this possible."