

Camp Qwanoes is located one hour north of Victoria on Vancouver Island, BC. For more directions - visit www.qwanoes.ca

The Kaléo program will begin on September 14 and break for Christmas on December 15.

The program resumes January 2 and finishes up with graduation on April 13.

frequently asked questions

More questions? Email Lyann Ramsay, Assistant Kaléo Program Leader <lyann@qwanoes.ca>

We want to help you know what to expect! Here are answers to the questions students usually ask:

Where will I live?

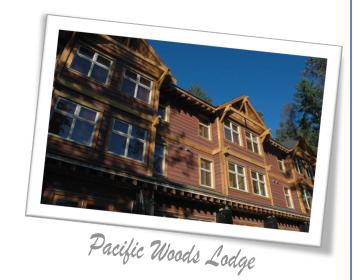
You will love our Pacific Woods Lodge. From the gorgeous wood beams in the entryway to the view of the forest or ocean from the window seat in your room, you'll feel relaxed and inspired while staying here. Each fir-trimmed room will be shared by four students, and has its own bathroom with shower, and phone and cable Internet connections. Laundry facilities are available on each floor. The spacious classroom/lounge downstairs has a great view of the water, and there is also a library, study area and computer lab.

What about the food?

Always one of the most important parts of any college program, we provide quality food and plenty of it! Healthy & delicious home-style meals are prepared daily. Vegetarian options are provided & we seek to meet special dietary needs.

What is there to do at Qwanoes?

We are entirely surrounded by parkland and water, so if you love the outdoors you will love being here. A wide range of recreational activities are available for students at select times: everything from a high ropes course to a concrete skatepark, sport court and small fitness centre. The usual warm weather in September and early October will also allow for water sports such as canoeing and wakeboarding.



Come Visit!

We would be glad to have you and your family visit ahead of time and meet our staff.

Just call the camp office at 250-246-3014 to make arrangements.

How do classes, adventures, and ministries work together?

Classes are modular, which means that Briercrest professors will come about every three weeks and complete the entire class time for a course in five days. Between courses you will have time to work on assignments but also to participate in a wide range of challenging and stretching adventure and ministry experiences.

What kinds of adventures?

Five days on a 138-foot schooner, as a member of the crew. Surfing the west coast, a high ropes course, and caving. Backpacking, kayaking, beach camping, and rock climbing. Five days in a ski chalet buried in 3 meters of snow. Challenge your comfort zone. Learn in community. Grow in leadership.

What does the area have to offer?

The Cowichan Valley (The "Warm Land," enjoying the highest average temperature in Canada) offers all the usual services you will need, from shopping to health care to a recreation centre and Starbucks. The major cities of Victoria and Nanaimo are just an hour away. Vancouver Island has everything to offer anyone who loves God's creation: sandy beaches, rugged mountains, lakes and rivers, forests of huge trees, and plentiful wildlife.

What should I bring? Or not bring?

A full list will be included in the package we will send you, or see it online at www.kaleolife.ca/accept. It is the third link from the top. You are welcome to bring items such as a bike, computer, stereo, winter sports equipment or car. Sorry, no pets. Insurance for personal items is your responsibility. A current passport valid until August 2017 is required because of the possibility of international travel.

Can I get to know my fellow students before the fall?

You will receive an invitation by email to join the Kaléo 2017 Facebook group. You can post your story and photos and begin communicating with other students.

Are there churches nearby?

Within 15 minutes of Qwanoes there are a number of evangelical churches. As part of the Kaléo program, we will help you get established in the life and ministry of one local church community for your entire term with us.

Registration and student loan questions?

Please contact Briercrest Admissions at 1-800-667-5199 or <enrolnow@briercrest.ca>.



Learning and doing!

Since you will live in a ministry setting, being a part of putting on retreats, special projects and other events will give you great opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people and grow as a leader. A local church will welcome you and give you opportunity to serve. We will seek to plug you into experiences such as offering practical help in the local community and serving in Qwanoes retreats. Students will participate in a cross-cultural missions trip in the spring. There will be two options: inner city Vancouver and Mexico (fundraising required for the trips).

As a Christian summer camp, Qwanoes has a number of staff opportunities for this summer where you can help make a difference in the lives of children and youth. This would be a great start to your Kaléo experience. Students will also be encouraged to apply for one of our summer positions following the Kaléo program, many of which begin as early as May. See our website <www.qwanoes.ca/staff> for details and an application.



How do I get there?

You can fly into Victoria or Nanaimo Airport, bus to Duncan or travel by ferry to Nanaimo. Whichever way you travel, we will have someone meet you where you land and bring you to Qwanoes. Before making your final travel arrangements please give us a call at 250-246-3014, so we can be sure to have someone ready to meet you at your destination.

All of us at Camp Qwanoes and Briercrest are excited to have you enrolled in the 2016/2017 Kaleo program! You are set to embark an amazing life changing adventure, and we can't wait to have you here!

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