

CISV VICTORIA MINICAMP 2026

When? 7pm May 1st – 12pm May 3rd, 2026

Where? Camp Barnard, Sooke

Who? CISV youth and friends ages 10+

How to Register: Complete and return the forms listed below. Forms and payment are due by Friday, April 24th.



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Forms and Payment

Please fill out these two forms (*links below*) **and return by Friday, April 24th.** Forms can be scanned and emailed to (jb@cisvvictoria.ca) or delivered in person at the upcoming JB meeting on April 10th.

1. [Youth Legal Information Form - CANADA](#) (*to be completed by a parent/guardian*)
2. [Child Code of Behaviour](#) (*to be completed by the youth participant*)

Felix will send you a confirmation email that he has received your forms and that you are registered for minicamp. Please also bring a paper copy of your forms to the minicamp as well.

Cost: \$125 or two participants for \$200 (can be a sibling or a friend). You don't have to be a CISV Victoria member to try out mini-camp, so invite your friends to camp!

For payment, please bring a cheque to the April 10th JB Meeting, or send an e-transfer to treasurer@cisvvictoria.ca. Please include "Minicamp fees for [Child's Name]" in the memo section so we can keep track of who paid.

About CISV Minicamps

CISV, formally known as Children's International Summer Villages, is a non-profit, youth focused organization that promotes peace and understanding through cross-cultural friendship. Using non-formal educational tools, the participants at CISV learn about peace and related material through experience, discussion and exchange.

While CISV is known for its national and international programmes, we also run a series of events and activities for our local Junior Branch (ages 10-25). Each year, Chapters will host *minicamps*, which is like a weekend tester of full-length CISV programme.

Throughout the minicamp there is a balance of physical activities, thought-provoking activities, simulations, fun games, as well as some free time. As a participant, you must be prepared to think and discuss a wide variety of topics. You must also be aware that CISV camps can at times be an intense experience, meaning some activities may bring out deep thoughts and complex emotions. For more information on CISV please visit www.cisv.ca.

Key Details

Our minicamp will be held at **Camp Bernard, 3202 Young Lake Rd, Sooke, BC**. Arrival and check in is on Friday May 1st at 7pm. Pick up from camp is on Sunday May 3rd at 12pm (noon). Upon arrival please sign in and sign out. **If you are under the age of 18 a parent/guardian must sign you in and out.**

Meals provided will be an evening snack on Friday, three meals plus snacks on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. *Please ensure you've eaten dinner before arriving to minicamp.*

We will have separate sleeping areas for boys, girls, and gender neutral participants. Please contact us if you require alternate arrangements.

This minicamp is open to youth from outside of the Victoria area, so be prepared to make some new friends!

What to bring:

- Paper copy of your forms! (Youth Legal Information Form & Child Code of Behaviour)
- Sleeping bag and a pillow
- Flashlight (not your phone)
- Cutlery, a plate and a mug with your name on it.
- Warm clothing and blankets. Anything that will keep you cozy for the weekend. Toques, gloves, slippers, lots of socks, etc.
- Anything else needed for the weekend (e.g toiletries, social games for free time or a quiet activity, etc.)
- Fruit or cookies** (2 servings) - Birthdays from the **1st to the 20th** of your birthday

month please bring fruit, if your birthday is from the **21st to the end** of your birthday month, please bring cookies. This helps us with snacks.

What NOT to bring:

- **Peanuts** - Due to allergies we ask that you do not bring peanuts or food with peanuts in it .
- **Electronics** - Live in the moment! If you feel the need to bring any technology please leave it with an adult leader throughout the weekend and you can check in with them to use it when needed.
- **Weapons, alcohol, drugs, vapes, and tobacco** - these things are not allowed at camp and will be enough reason to contact your parents to pick you up from camp.

Sustainability

CISV Victoria is focusing on trying to become more sustainable, so when thinking of what to bring to a mini camp (especially food) and how you are going to travel to mini camp, we ask you to think about how sustainable you can be when packing and traveling to camp. Some ideas on how to be more sustainable include carpooling, limiting packaging on food, bringing homemade food, etc. Thank you for considering.

Other Notes

Chaperones: We are looking for a few volunteer chaperones (ages 21+) to join our minicamp! If you are interested in chaperoning please contact Sarah McDonald at funddevelopment@cisvvictoria.ca. All participants aged **18 and older at camp must provide a criminal record check** (CRC) for CISV Victoria. CISV will keep your name on record upon presenting a copy of the CRC in order to facilitate this process at future camps.

Minicamp Cooks: We are looking for a couple volunteers to help cook for our minicamp. You can help out for the whole weekend (*you're welcome to stay over with us or go home for the night*) or just for part of it. We're pretty self-sufficient for breakfasts but we'd love some assistance in the kitchen for lunch and dinner on the Saturday (May 2)! Email Sarah at funddevelopment@cisvvictoria.ca if you're able to help!

JB Minicamp Bursary: In the event of financial hardship, fees may be reduced or waived and covered through the Junior Branch Minicamp Bursary. To access this

fund, please contact the Treasurer (Carmen Firmani - treasurer@cisvictoria.ca). Requests are received and processed on a confidential basis. If you wish to contribute to the Minicamp Bursary Fund, please indicate on the bottom of your mini camp cheque or e-transfer the amount you are donating. A tax receipt will be issued for the donation amount.

Who to Contact

Camp Contact	Sarah McDonald (Chapter Co-Chair)	Email: funddevelopment@cisvictoria.ca Cell: 250-889-8920
JB Contacts	Astrid Engleman Germain & Felix Martinez (Local Junior Representatives)	Email: jb@cisvictoria.ca