

2020 Camper Application - CampOUT!

Hi there! 😊

Thanks for your interest in CampOUT! July 2-5, 2020. We'd like to get to know you a bit better, so we have some questions about why you'd like to attend CampOUT!.

Please set aside about 40 minutes to complete the online application. On every page, you will have the option to save your application and return to it later! If applications are tricky for you, please ask someone to help you or [contact us](#). If you would prefer to do this by video submission, please [contact us](#). We are able to invite 65 campers to participate in CampOUT!.

If any words you see here are new to you, you can check out our [definitions page](#), or take a look at [QMUNITY's Queer Glossary](#).

Please keep in mind that due to the volume of applications we are unable to accept everyone applying for the first time. We will prioritize youth who applied before but did not attend and youth from rural areas without access to LGBTQ2S+ resources. After you fill out this application, our selections committee will work hard to identify a diverse group to attend this year's camp. Some applicant's will be put on a waitlist and some applicants may be referred to other programs in their area.

If your application is successful, we'll send you an email with a registration form and waivers by May 10th. If you are under 19, please be advised that we will require parent/guardian signatures of consent if you are selected to attend CampOUT! Reach out to us if you would like help figuring out how to talk to your parents/caregivers about your interest in this program.

At that time, a \$60 commitment fee will also be required to hold your place at camp. This \$60 is the only fee required to attend CampOUT! If you are unable to pay the fee, don't worry! Please contact us and we can discuss an alternative way of showing your commitment to attend camp.

If you are not accepted initially, don't lose heart! If you get a spot on the waitlist, there is a chance you'll be offered a spot in June, if not, you will be prioritized for acceptance the second time you apply!

Part 1/3: Personal Information

First, tell us a bit about yourself! If you have any questions about the information we are collecting, please don't hesitate to discuss with us. Your rights to privacy are protected by the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of British Columbia](#). This means your information will only be shared with CampOUT! staff, and your personal information will be handled with the strictest confidentiality.

Names

Sometimes the simplest things aren't actually that simple. We recognize we may have different names for different contexts and we want to respect this diversity. We need your legal name for, ya know, legal purposes, but we also want to know what name you use in different situations, so we can call you what you want to be called!

Preferred First Name To be used for all camp communications, including email and name tags (email us to change this at any time!)

Legal First Name

Legal Last Name

Full Name for Door-to-Door Mail If we need to mail you anything, who should it be addressed to?

Birthday So we can send you a present on your birthday! 🎁 Just kidding. **YYYY/MM/DD**

What age will you be at the start of CampOUT!? (July 2, 2020)* CampOUT! is a leadership and learning summer camp for queer, trans, two-spirit and allied youth aged 14 – 21 from BC and the Yukon. If you will not be 14+ on by camp, please apply next year! If you are older than 21, consider applying as a [Cabin Leader!](#)

Ancestry: In a few words, please include information about your ancestral connections such as your racial, cultural, or ethnic identities.

Gender and Orientation

We recognize that throughout our lives our identities may shift and change. For the next section, use words that best describe your gender and sexual orientation at this time!

Gender Identity (Ex. femme, non-binary, trans, two-spirit, boy, girl, etc.)

Pronouns (Ex. ze, she, they, he, etc.)

Sexual Orientation (Ex. asexual, bisexual, gay, lesbian, queer, questioning, etc.)

Is there other information about your identities that you'd like us to know?

Part 2/3: Administrative Information

Contact Information

Mailing Address

PO Box or Apartment suite number (if you have one)
Street Address, City, Province, Postal Code

Primary Phone

Secondary Phone

Primary Phone Type (*Is this your cell phone? A shared home phone? Your parent/caregiver's cell phone? Another phone number? Please be as specific as possible, so we can be sensitive if we are trying to reach you.*)

Secondary Phone Type (*Is this your cell phone? A shared home phone? Your parent/caregiver's cell phone? Another phone number? Please be as specific as possible, so we can be sensitive if we are trying to reach you.*)

Email*

**Is this the camper applicant's email or a parent/caregiver's email? If you don't check your email regularly and will be relying on help from your parent/guardian or service provider to get to camp, consider using their email as your primary contact so that we can communicate with you most effectively.*

Preferred Contact Method (*Email, cell phone, home phone, or mail?*)

Is it ok for us to leave a voicemail at either or both your phone numbers?

If yes, which name should we use for you at each number??

Have you lived somewhere other than your current community for a significant period of time? If so, where?

Would you like to subscribe to the CampOUT! quarterly e-newsletter? **Yes / No**

Camp Info and Camp Experience

We will meet on July 2nd at 10am at the Public Dock in Horseshoe Bay, West Vancouver to board the camp water taxis together. Information on travel reimbursements for your costs in getting to West Vancouver and back home as well as pre camp accommodation in Vancouver can be found [here](#).

Will you be applying for travel reimbursement? Please know that responding "Yes" to this will not impact your acceptance to CampOUT!, it is just so we can keep track of these things and follow up with details! **Yes / No**

How did you hear about CampOUT!?

Have you ever attended a camp for 2SLGBTQ+ youth? If yes, which camp? (Please include when and where in your response)

Have you applied to CampOUT! before? If yes, when and with what name and email address?

Accessibility

We strive to make CampOUT! as accessible as possible. Please be as honest and detailed as you can so we can plan ahead to accommodate all your needs!

Please outline any mobility and/or other ability needs.

Please outline any mental health needs and medical conditions.

Have you ever been hospitalized? If yes, when? And for what reasons?

Please share any other personal health and safety information and accessibility needs you feel CampOUT! staff should be aware of at this time in order to best support you in your experience at camp! (If you are accepted, we will ask for more details from all campers regarding accessibility needs in our registration form).

Part 3/3: Reflecting Questions

This section is the heart of the application, where we get a real sense of who you are! And for you to get a better sense of CampOUT! In our work and play, building inclusive and affirming communities, CampOUT! values the practice of self reflection. There is no right answer to these questions! This is an opportunity to reflect and share, and we are honoured to read the experiences you share. The questions may require thoughtful reflection and could take you a little longer than some of the other parts of the application. Please take your time, listen to your own boundaries, and remember that you can save your application and return to it later.

1. Why do you want to attend CampOUT!?
2. CampOUT! values various approaches to "leadership," which can include being a leader in your family, in a small group, one on one, in a large group, or with yourself. We also focus on developing leadership skills (like listening and asking thoughtful questions) in all parts of our lives during our time at CampOUT! What does leadership mean to you?
3. How would you like to practice leadership in your home community?
4. Each of us will come to camp with our own unique experiences. Briefly share a time where you had to overcome challenges or adversity and how this experience shapes who you are today.
5. Every year we work on weaving [intersectionality](#) and solidarity principles into camp life and programming. Specifically, we are committed to creating spaces to explore the intersection of race with gender and sexuality. Not only will there will be opportunities at camp to connect with other leaders and campers who share similar gender and sexuality identities, but there will also be a facilitated opportunity to connect with leaders and campers who share similar racial and ancestral identities and explore this in relation to our different queer, trans, and Two-Spirit experiences! We get to have conversations at camp that might not usually happen in other places in our

lives! CampOUT! is truly a mix of learning together and playing together. It's not your usual summer camp experience!

6. Given that we will spend time at camp exploring multiple identities within LGBTQ2S+ communities, what is your own experience of navigating multiple identities?

Finally, please reflect on what you hope to do as a camper at CampOUT!

Check out our [A Day at Camp](#) page for more information on what goes on at CampOUT!

- a. What excites you about CampOUT!?
- b. What do you feel nervous about or what does not excite you about CampOUT!?
- c. What personal strengths and 'growing edges' (things you are working on) will you bring to camp?
- d. What groups or programs have you participated in?
- e. What do you hope to accomplish, learn, experience, and gain/take away from CampOUT!?

Almost there! 😊

All that's left is a quick acknowledgement before submitting! YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO SUBMIT THE FORM IF YOU REVIEW AND CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

By submitting this application I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Protection of Privacy and the CampOUT! [Community Agreement](#) which states that there will be no sex, alcohol, drugs, violence, or intentionally harmful behaviour at camp.* **Yes / No**