



reaching new
heights....

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NORTH VANCOUVER
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Outdoor School, the natural place to learn.



our vision for the future

The Outdoor School is a provincial Center of Excellence for environmental leadership and sustainability that is inclusive, accessible, and educationally rich.

the natural place to learn

There is a true gem among us which has been nestled in the heart of the Sea to Sky Corridor for nearly four decades. This special place, known fondly as “Outdoor School”, is a treasured ecological reserve in the Cheakamus River Valley. In nature’s classroom, participants of all ages can wander under 1,000-year old cedars; gaze at hundreds of wintering bald eagles; watch a lamb being born or marvel at thousands of spawning salmon. Program participants experience a newfound understanding and concern for the environment that creates an emotional tie between people and the natural world and lays the foundation for life-long environmental stewardship. The campus also hosts the Dave Marshall Salmon Reserve, which has become a model for conservation projects throughout the Pacific Northwest.



A revitalized campus serves as a model for sustainable design and environmental best practice.

Visitor experiences are dynamic and inspirational and ignite a strong environmental ethic.

Local and global partnerships facilitate positive change through a mutual sharing of knowledge, resources, education and commitment.

Youth are empowered to take action based on their own ideas and create a shared legacy for the future.



moving forward

Established in 1969, the Outdoor School has been a landmark property and a high priority for the North Vancouver School District. Our campus is well-worn (and well-loved!) but now ready for an exciting renewal.



This revitalized campus will be a hub of discovery for all learners, and a provincial Center of Excellence for environmental leadership and sustainability.

In the spirit of initiating change, in 2007 the School District was awarded \$1 million from the North Shore Credit Union Legacy Fund. Plans are now well underway for an environmental learning centre that will serve as a model for sustainable building practices. Through its innovative green design, elements of the building will be incorporated into the educational programming. This natural learning space will welcome and engage visitors of all ages and be a leading regional demonstration facility for sustainable living.

NORTH SHORE CREDIT UNION **ENVIRONMENTAL** **LEARNING CENTRE**

natural experiences

The leaders of tomorrow are in our schools today.

Over the last four decades, many of our learners have become environmental leaders within their own communities.

Leadership, innovation and instructional excellence are tenets of our interactive programs.



Our backyard forests, streams and ponds provide the setting for aquatic, wildlife, and forest exploration, while down by the river, the Skw'one-was cultural immersion program patterns the rhythms of traditional Coast Salish life.

In nature's classroom, our learners are inspired to make more informed, sustainable decisions through a deeper understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

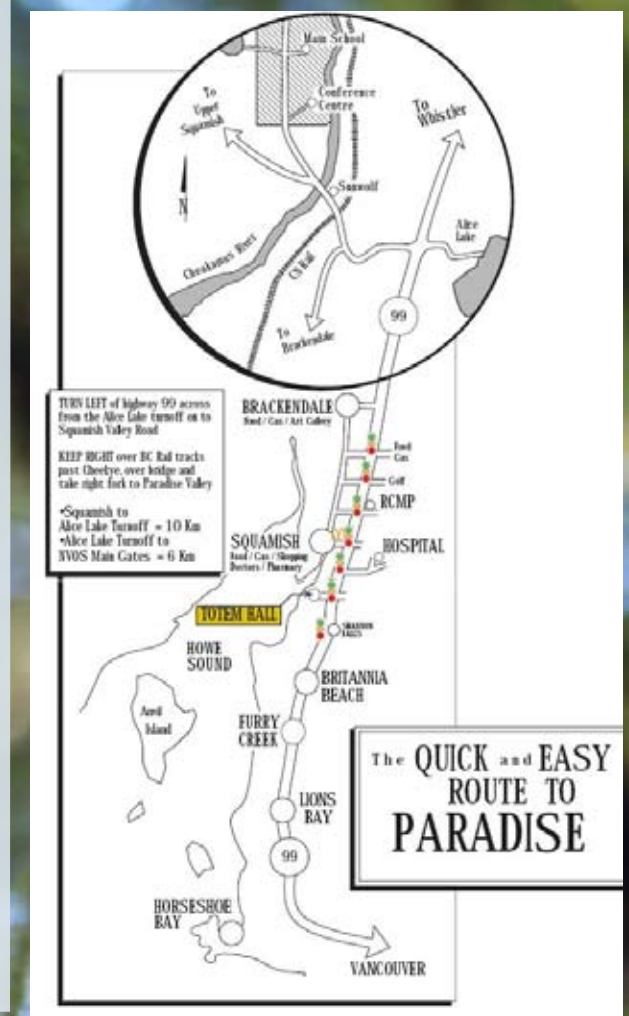


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help bring about change

With the heightened awareness of environmental sustainability issues the timing could not be more critical for educating our leaders of tomorrow. Education is the most effective means for confronting global environmental threats such as loss of biodiversity, climate change and global warming. There is no better time than now to initiate a fresh way of doing things. Your involvement helps ensure that we can expand the vision for our centre, provide ongoing care for our protected lands, expand our environmental programs, and continue to educate those who will preserve our precious resources for future generations.



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