

CHEAKAMUS CENTRE

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Award-Winning Sustainable Meeting Centre

Take your next event to new heights at the BlueShore Financial Environmental Learning Centre, situated in the heart of Cheakamus Centre, just minutes off the Sea to Sky Highway. Our 9000sq' "tree house", with its raised floor and forest setting, will elevate your guests to the magic of the forest canopy.

The award winning BlueShore Financial Environmental Learning Centre design has targeted LEED Platinum sustainability status. The building materials, orientation and design incorporated into this unique venue are in response to its surrounding environment. The natural systems of the site are used to heat and cool the building; supply its water and fresh air as well as for natural waste recycling.

Sweeping views and large reclaimed timber beams create a dramatic event space for indoor and outdoor conferences, workshops, weddings, corporate events and celebrations for up to 300 people. Enhance your event with custom team-building, environmental and cultural education or guided nature activities.

In June 2012, the BlueShore Financial Environmental Learning Centre opened its doors in the heart of Cheakamus Centre, allowing for exciting new educational programs, environmental initiatives and expanded conference and event space. The North Vancouver School District has partnered with Listel Canada Ltd. to advance the broader vision for Cheakamus Centre as a destination and centre of excellence in environmental education and sustainable hospitality.

ROOM	Theatre	Banquet	Classroom	Reception	Sq Feet	Sq Meters
Classroom 1 or 2	24	24	24	24	429	39.9
Classroom 1 & 2 combined	48	48	48	48	858	79.8
Main Floor Lobby & Gallery	n/a	n/a	n/a	100	2427	225.5
Main Floor Meeting Space	200	160	192	200	2723	253
Lower Floor Entrance	30	30	30	40	565	52.5
Covered Outdoor Space	175	150	180	180	2545	236.5
Outdoor Amphitheatre	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	1006	93.5

Building Awards

- Canadian Architects Award of Merit
- Wood WORKS! BC award for innovative wood design
- Holcim Award for Sustainable Construction
- Architectural Institute of BC Lieutenant Governor of BC Award in Architecture – Merit Level



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Cheakamus Centre is situated on 165 hectares (420 acres) of designated ecological reserve land in Paradise Valley, Brackendale, BC. This diverse biological landscape is just minutes from the Sea to Sky highway and includes old growth forests, wild salmon streams and amphibian ponds. The property is an essential habitat site for bald eagles and pacific salmon and contains the largest recorded concentration of wintering bald eagles in North America. The Dave Marshall Salmon Reserve, also on this property, is the centre of federally designated habitat and spawning channels for five species of pacific salmon.

Established in 1969, Cheakamus Centre (formerly the North Vancouver Outdoor School) is an overnight field school owned by the North Vancouver School District. The flagship Outdoor School program includes field studies, youth leadership, outdoor recreation and other direct experiences in nature and is intended to instill in young learners a sense of respect and appreciation for the natural world.

Enhance your meeting or event with unique natural, cultural or recreational activities. From migrating hummingbirds to spawning salmon, scavenging eagles to towering cedars, enjoy the highlights of Paradise Valley. Contact us for more details about these programming options.

Cheakamus Centre's culinary team takes a fresh approach to catering. We are committed to serving nutritious, delicious and flavourful meals, prepared from scratch in our induction kitchen using authentic ingredients and recipes. Our seasonal menus are created using sustainable, local and regional products.

Proceeds from facility rentals help support our environmental, leadership and indigenous programs for children and youth.

Venues and Accommodation

In addition to the BlueShore Financial Environmental Learning Centre, the Cheakamus Centre also has:

Spakwus House

This self-contained building is the ideal location to host corporate training sessions, retreats, health & wellness seminars, workshops and reunions of up to 40 people.

- 20 dorm rooms equipped with bunk beds
- Shared bathrooms
- 2 meeting rooms and 3 breakout spaces

Coast Salish Big House

Ever imagine what daily life may have been like for the First Peoples on the southwest coast of BC? Book our Coast Salish Big House for an authentic cultural experience. We are pleased to customize programs to suit your meeting plans and itineraries.

Cheakamus Centre North

The centre can accommodate groups of up to 135 people in a beautiful forest setting.

- 10 heated rustic cabins with bunk beds and bathrooms
- 2 meeting rooms to accommodate up to 128 each; break-out meeting spaces of various sizes
- 2 campfire shelters
- Sports Field, Basketball Court and Canoe Pond
- Challenge Course
- Nature walking trails, caves and 1000 year old cedar trees
- Small working farm and salmon hatchery



We look forward to having the opportunity of welcoming you and your associates to learn, work and play in nature's classroom.

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