

Campfire Stories

SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Spring Quarter!

Spring has arrived, bringing longer days and the excitement of the upcoming summer!

At Zajac Ranch, this season revitalizes us as we prepare for summer camp. We warmly welcome new and returning staff for training and to facilitate our rental season, just in time for the warmer weather.

In this edition, we're thrilled to announce exciting events and news, including our annual **Zajac Nights Gala** and the latest **completed capital project** at the Ranch (Hint: it's sure to be a soaring success!). We'll also highlight one of our **remarkable campers** and express gratitude to a **generous supporter**.

We hope these updates bring you joy and a renewed sense of purpose.

Thanks to you, children and young adults continue to create lasting memories and friendships at Zajac Ranch. This edition, we toast our marshmallows in celebration and gratitude to you, our supportive community.

Let's keep the spirits high at Zajac Ranch!

Zajac Ranch Update

HIGH ROPES COURSE NOW OPEN!



After a year-long hiatus, our **High Ropes course** is returning this **summer, better than ever!** In April, the rebuild was completed on schedule and our Ranch staff completed their high ropes training successfully! With added levels and new challenges, this revamped course is sure to become a camper favorite. **Just in time for summer, we're thrilled to welcome back this cherished camp activity!**

Camper Highlight

MATTEO



At Zajac Ranch, we're thrilled to welcome resilient campers, like Matteo, who are eager to embrace new camp adventures year after year. Matteo has multiple lifelong disabilities that have profoundly impacted his life, including cerebral palsy, a seizure disorder, cognitive disabilities, vision impairment, and is functionally non-verbal.

Matteo first attended Zajac Ranch during the pandemic at our Family Weekend camps with his parents and little brother. With the support of his family and the Zajac Ranch staff through our Challenge By Choice model, Matteo engaged in activities like rock climbing and the high ropes course.



He loved the outdoor activities, including swimming in the lake, the high ropes course, and evening activities in the amphitheater. As a social butterfly, Matteo thrived in front of an audience, enjoying being himself with his peers.

Last year, when Matteo was 19, he returned again to the Zajac Ranch to attend his first week-long camp with his best friend! As it was Matteo's first time away from his parents, Matteo and his friend were a great source of support for each other. Even more, Matteo once again thrived at camp! After attending camp, he talked about it so much that six of his friends are now joining him this summer! He is excited to reconnect with returning campers, make new friends, and lead his friends in the camp experience.



“The experience was incredible for Matteo. In fact, he came back wanting to be more independent in his daily life. Camp made him realize he didn't need us to do so many things for him at home. Although we are an encouraging family, it has also opened our eyes to what is possible for Matteo too. It's exciting to see him mature and grow like this! Zajac Ranch is like a home away from home for youth and young adults who have limited options for amazing experiences. We are so grateful you exist!”

• Michelle, Matteo's Mom



Interested in Matteo's story? We proudly welcome Michelle and Matteo as our featured speakers at the 2025 Zajac Nights Gala on May 31, 2025! Tickets are on sale now—don't wait, as space is limited!

2025 Zajac Summer Camp Registration Still Open!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY!



Do you know any young individuals like Matteo who would gain from attending Zajac Ranch? **Limited spaces are still available for our 2025 Summer Camp season!** Click on the link below to view our camp schedule and register!

If you have any questions, please call us at **604-739-0444** or email **info@zajac.com**.

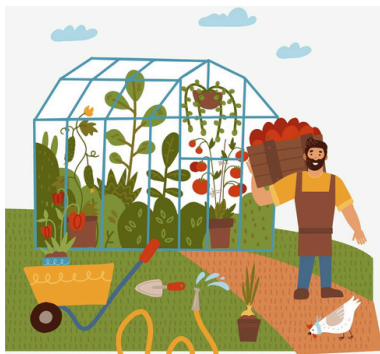
SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE



Looking Ahead...

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS AT THE ZAJAC RANCH

At Zajac Ranch, one of our goals is to become the Best in the West by continually expanding our camp activities and facilities. Here are some of the exciting new capital projects we're planning and implementing:



The Zajac Ranch Greenhouse Project

The Zajac Ranch Greenhouse Project is designed to be both a practical learning space and a symbol of environmental care for our campers. Key components include:

- **Constructing a greenhouse** for food and plant gardening.
- **Educating campers on sustainable farming** to responsibly cultivate food.
- **Promoting the benefits of healthy eating** for campers and their families.
- **Offering basic skills training** to provide campers with gardening and food knowledge.

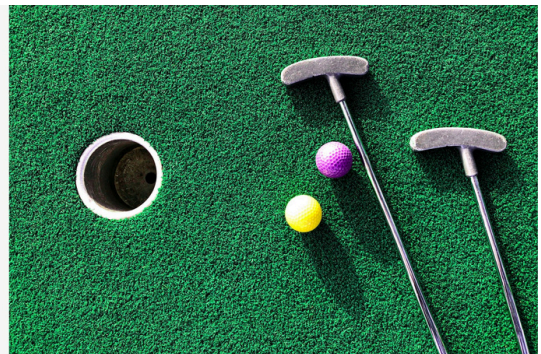
This project is more than just a greenhouse - it seeks to boost environmental awareness and promote healthier lifestyle choices, ultimately supporting a sustainable future.

Mini Golf Park

What could be more enjoyable than a round of mini golf with friends? We are excited to announce plans for a new 9-hole mini golf park adjacent to our fountain. This park will feature:

- **9-hole sets**
- A charming **gazebo** for relaxation
- **Fencing** around the fountain to prevent any mishaps

This delightful addition promises to be a fantastic activity for both campers and rental guests to enjoy!



Treehouse Suspension Bridge

With our treehouses now fully operational, we're ready to embark on the final phase of our plan: constructing a suspension bridge to link the two houses! This addition will offer several benefits:

- **Photo Opportunities:** A stunning backdrop for memorable pictures.
- **Convenient Access:** Easier movement between the two spaces.
- **Peaceful Reflections:** A serene spot high in the trees at Zajac Ranch for tranquil moments.

This bridge will be a fantastic feature for our rental guests and campers alike.

If you'd like to support one of these projects, please contact our Philanthropy team at
604-739-0444 or email philanthropy@zajac.com.

Funder Feature

THANK YOU TO
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On behalf of the Zajac Ranch for Children, we wanted to share a big thank you to the **Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation !**

The Foundation has generously committed to donating **\$40,000 every year from 2025 to 2027, totalling to \$120,000 committed!** This grant will help to send at least 70 kids to camp over the next three years and provide an incredible summer camp experience to youth in need!

Please join us as we give a round of applause and gratitude to the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation. Thank you so much for supporting our mission and help make a positive impact on youth with complex medical conditions.

Together, we will raise spirits at the Zajac Ranch!

Events & News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE
EXCITING DATES!

ZAJAC NIGHTS

LET'S SET SAIL AND CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER

Set sail for an unforgettable evening at the highly anticipated **Zajac Nights** Gala on **May 31st 2025!**
This year, the **Terminal City Club** transforms into a dazzling Cruise Ship on the high seas, featuring breathtaking aerial and acrobatic performances, mesmerizing wine fairies, and sensational live music.

Join us in supporting Zajac Ranch for Children, a nonprofit dedicated to creating life-changing camp experiences for children with medical challenges.

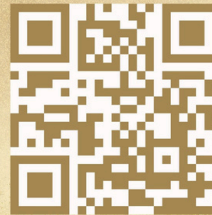
Don't miss this night of enchantment, entertainment, and giving back!

SEND A CHILD TO CAMP, BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW



YOUR PRESENCE AT ZAJAC NIGHTS MEAN A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES OR CRITICAL ILLNESS GET TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF CAMP. BOOK A SEAT NOW FOR YOU AND YOUR GROUP AND GIVE CHILDREN THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER AT ZAJAC NIGHTS, A FUNDRAISING GALA IN SUPPORT OF ZAJAC RANCH FOR CHILDREN, WHERE YOU'LL PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN CREATING A MEMORABLE EVENING FOR A MEANINGFUL CAUSE. YOUR TIME AND EFFORT WILL HELP PROVIDE LIFE-CHANGING CAMP EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND DISABILITIES!

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Secure your spot for an unforgettable night at Zajac Nights Gala on May 31st!

Get your tickets now and join us for an evening of spectacular entertainment while making a difference for children with medical challenges. Don't wait—reserve your place today and be part of this incredible cause!

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MAY 16TH-18TH, 2025

The Zajac Foundation is proud to sponsor the 60th Annual Mel Jr. Zajac International Swim Meet!
Don't miss out on this exciting event with some of the best athletes around the world!

Head to swimzajac.com to grab your tickets while they last - we hope to see you there!



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Present

ALIVE & THRIVE

A Body, Mind, Nutrition & Community Wellness Day



Date: 6 July, Sunday

Time: Doors open at 9:30 AM

Venue: 8711 Alexandra Road Richmond, BC V6X 1C3



Try out products and services from health and wellness vendors

Variety of body, mind, and community workshops

Open smoothie bar and nourish bowls for lunch

Multiple Prizes and draws to be won throughout the day

Connect with the community and fund raise for a cause and more!



SCAN HERE



Out here we raise spirits - Donate to the Zajac Ranch today!

Every dollar will help to providing a transformative summer camp experience for children at Zajac Ranch, on the shores of Stave Lake in Mission British Columbia.

DONATE

IMPORTANT UPDATE!

A potential Canada Post service disruption could take place within the coming weeks due to ongoing CUPW negotiations. To avoid any delays receiving your tax receipt, **we encourage submitting your donation online on our website** to receive a digital copy.

For more information, please visit the **Canada Post website**.



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