



Out here we raise spirits.

Zajac Ranch

Information Guide
2025



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Welcome to Zajac Ranch

OUR STORY

In the heart of British Columbia, a profound legacy began with Mel and Irene Zajac, who were touched by unimaginable sorrow when they lost their two sons, Mel Jr. and Marty, within just eight months of each other due to separate sporting accidents. Rather than allowing their grief to consume them, Mel and Irene transformed their heartache into a powerful mission: to honor their sons' memories through a foundation that

Zajac Ranch quickly became a beacon of hope, offering these children the opportunity to experience the joys of summer camp—an experience many had never dreamed possible. At the ranch, they could ride horses, climb ropes, kayak, swim, and learn archery, all while surrounded by the beauty of nature and the support of dedicated staff and volunteers. For many of these kids, it was the first time they felt truly included, free to explore, play, and forge lasting friendships.

For 20 years, Zajac Ranch has thrived as a place of inspiration and joy. The foundation has remained committed to developing an innovative medical camp where accessibility is paramount and where children of different abilities, can participate fully. Here, the focus is on fun, friendship, and the sheer joy of being a child—reminding each camper that they are capable of so much more than their circumstances might suggest.

The Mel Jr. & Marty Zajac Foundation and Zajac Ranch stand as a powerful reminder of resilience and hope. In this beautiful space, laughter echoes, friendships blossom, and every child is welcomed, supported, and celebrated.



Welcome to the Zajac Ranch

OUR MISSION

To develop and operate an accessible, innovative, and inclusive facility for children and young adults with medical conditions, who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend camp.

OUR VISION

Provide memorable experiences that empower campers of all abilities to participate, develop life-long skills, create lasting friendships, build independence, and have fun.

OUR VALUES

In fulfilling our Mission and Vision, Zajac Ranch for Children is guided by the following Values:

RESPECT and appreciation for the value and diversity we each represent
INCLUSIVE opportunities that welcome all participants regardless of ability
EMPOWER through opportunities
COMPASSION empathy and concern for the well-being of others
INTEGRITY and consideration for one another
EMBRACE the possibilities
EXPERIENCE the thrill of participating

How can YOU help

Zajac Ranch for Children needs your help! Each contribution, from individuals, corporations and community groups, helps us raise the spirits of children with serious and chronic illnesses and disabilities.

Donate

Prefer to donate by cheque?

Please mail to:

The Mel Jr. & Marty Zajac Foundation
300 – 2006 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2B3
Payable to: The Mel Jr. & Marty Zajac Foundation

What's Up @ ZAJAC?

Facilities



Amphitheatre



Arts & Cultural Centre



Gymnasium



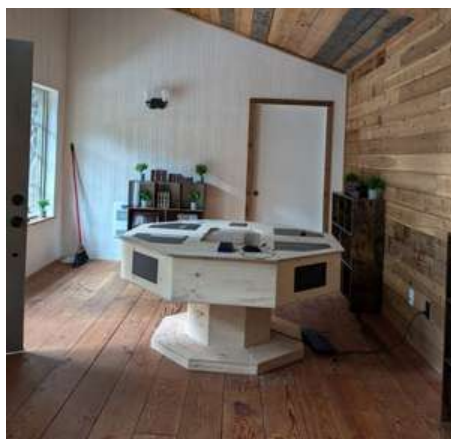
Pool



Stakeout



Memory Garden



Escape Room



Campfire



Commitment to Accessibility and Inclusion

Zajac Ranch was purpose-built to accommodate students of all abilities, providing **inclusive programs for students with special needs.**

Our adaptive facilities, from **wheelchair-friendly docks to accessible cabins and dining areas**, allow all students to participate fully and comfortably in activities. We are committed to offering an enriching experience that meets **diverse physical and emotional needs.**

Accommodations & Buildings

Physical Accessibility	Full / Nearly Full mobility	Low Limb Impairment	Upper Limb Impairment	Quadriplegia	Notes:
Barn	✓	✓	✓	✓	Wheelchair accessible lift is available
Cabins	✓	✓	✓	✓	Downstairs dorms and washrooms are fully accessible, second floor accessible only by stairs
Dining Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Forest/Nature Trails	✓	●	✓	●	Some forest trails are uneven and may be difficult/unsuitable for wheelchairs
Gym	✓	✓	✓	✓	
OK Corral (Nurses' Building)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Waterfront	✓	✓	✓	✓	Road to waterfront is unpaved but wheelchair accessible. Dock and water is wheelchair accessible.

✓ = Accessible

● = Possibly Accessible, depending on ability

✗ = Inaccessible

Ranch Activities

Physical Accessibility	Full / Nearly Full mobility	Low Limb Impairment	Upper Limb Impairment	Quadriplegia
Water Activities				
Canoeing/Kayaking	✓	✓	✓ (W/ Adaptive Kayaks)	✓ (W/ Adaptive Kayaks)
Lake Swimming	✓	✓	✓	● (W/ Transfer into Swimming Area)
Pool	✓	✓	✓	✓
Activities				
Archery	✓	✓	●	✗
Arts & Crafts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Field Games	✓	✓	✓	✓
Horseback Riding	✓	✓	✓	✓
Petting Zoo	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Ropes Activities (Available Spring 2025)				
Climbing Wall	✓	✓	● (W/ Pulley System)	✗
Vertical Playpen	✓	●	●	✗



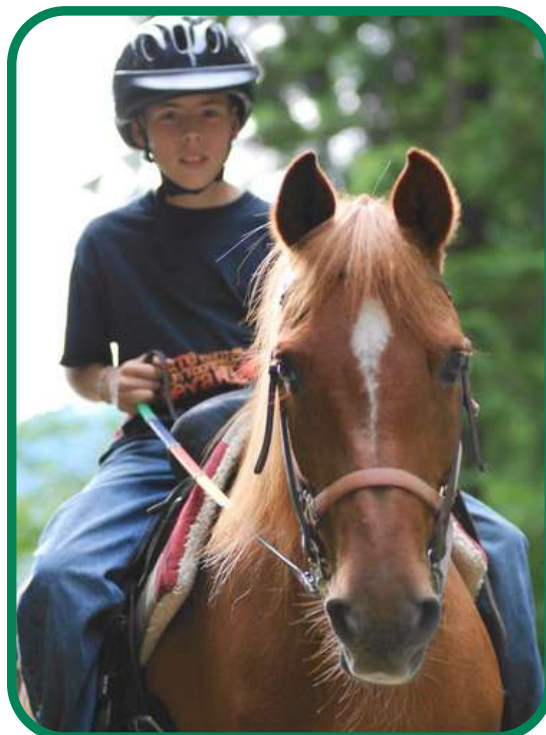
Ranch Activities

Low Rope Activities				
Whale Watch	✓	✓	✓	✓
Log Walk	✓	●	✓	✗
4-Corners	✓	✗	●	✗
Big Swing	✓	✓	●	✗
Tire Swing Course	✓	● (Swinging, with assistance)	● (Swinging, with assistance)	● (Swinging, with assistance)
Social Activities				
Campfire	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zajac Court	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zayo	✓	✓	✓	✓

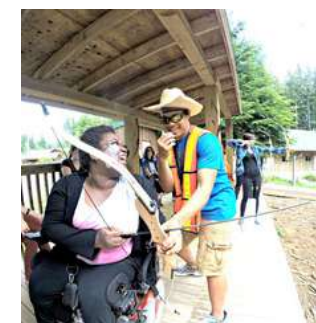
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ZAJAC FUNtivities



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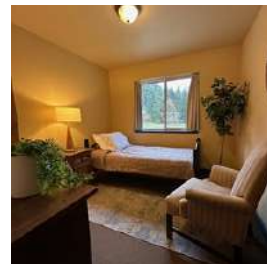
Welcome to Zajac Ranch for Children, where our three centrally-located lodges—Palomino, Pinto, and Mustang—provide a warm and inviting environment for all campers. Each lodge is thoughtfully designed to cater to both children and adults, ensuring a comfortable and memorable experience.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS

On the ground floor of each lodge, we offer spacious shared accommodations featuring sturdy bunk beds with high-quality mattresses, sleeping up to 30 individuals. This communal setup fosters camaraderie and teamwork, allowing campers to forge lasting friendships while sharing unforgettable experiences.

PRIVATE ROOMS

Each lodge's main floor is thoughtfully divided to allow for easy separation, promoting a respectful and safe environment. Equipped with dedicated washroom stalls and private showers, our facilities offer both privacy and convenience, helping campers feel at home.



ACCESSIBILITY AND COMFORT

We prioritize inclusivity and accessibility at our Ranch. Our facilities include a limited number of medical beds with lifts, ensuring that all campers, regardless of their physical needs, can enjoy the full range of activities offered. All bathrooms and lodges are wheelchair accessible, providing a comfortable environment for everyone.

PRIVATE AND SEPARATE FACILITIES

Each lodge's main floor is thoughtfully divided to allow for easy separation promoting a respectful and safe environment. Equipped with dedicated washroom stalls and private showers, our facilities offer both privacy and convenience, helping campers feel at home.

THE BENEFITS OF STAYING IN OUR LODGES

Staying in our lodges not only provides a safe and comfortable place to rest but also enhances the overall camp experience. The communal living setup encourages social interaction, teamwork, and shared learning experiences, which are invaluable for personal growth.

Whether participating in group activities, forming friendships, or enjoying quiet moments in your private room, our lodges serve as the perfect backdrop for creating lasting memories. We invite you to join us at the Ranch, where every camper, young or old, will find a welcoming space to thrive.



Packages

Best Day Ever

Inclusions:

- One (1) Lunch Meal
- Day use of: Lodges, Dining Hall, Amphitheatre, Sports Field, Stakeout (Covered Picnic Area), and Volleyball Court

Cost: September to May: \$55/person (1 Day)

Minimum of 30 pax required

DAY PACKAGE

Check-in: 10:00 AM
Check-out: 4:00 PM

***Limited Wi-Fi Available: (We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to “unplug”)**

Zajac Sleepover

Inclusions:

- 3 meals
- Overnight accommodation in a shared room
- Use of lodges, dining hall (day use), amphitheater, stakeout (covered picnic area), sports field, and volleyball court

Cost: September to May: \$140/person (Per Night)

Minimum of 30 pax required

OVERNIGHT PACKAGE

Check-in: 12:00 PM
Check-out: 12:00 PM

***Limited Wi-Fi Available: (We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to “unplug”)**

Meals

Additional Meal	\$19 (Breakfast), \$24 (Lunch), \$28 (Dinner)
Gluten-Free Requests	Additional \$3 Per Meal
Snack	\$4.50 Per Person
S'mores Kit (Self-Led campfire)	\$4.50 Per Person
Tea & Coffee Station (Outside Meal Times)	\$25 Per Pot (10 Cups Per Pot)
Hot Chocolate Station	\$25 Per Pot (10 Cups Per Pot)

Facilities

Indoor Pool & Hot Tub	\$800 /full day Includes Lifeguard on Duty Sequential days will see a reduced rate of \$600 per day
Zajac Ranch-Led Campfire:	\$150 Includes S'mores kits for up to 20 people upon request. Additional S'mores kits at a discounted rate of \$3.50/person
Self-Led Campfire:	\$15 per campfire + cost of any add-ons listed in the sections above Please note, a self-led fire will include supplies to make the fire and extinguish the fire. Our Ranch staff will provide a safety briefing at the beginning and if you'd like for us to start the fire, they'd be happy to. If you choose to start your own, then you are welcome. The tending to the fire would then be the responsibility of the team. It is an additional \$10 if you choose you'd like another wood bundle
Gym Rental Accommodates group of up to 100 pax	\$500 Full Day (Gym equipment included) \$600 Full Day (To include the Projector & Screen Rental)
Arts & Cultural Centre Rental Accommodates group of up to 80 pax	\$500 Full Day (Not including the Projector & Screen Rental) \$600 Full Day (To include the Projector & Screen Rental)
Meeting Room Set-up	\$100 (Set-up of Tables and Charges in the Arts & Cultural Centre and/or Gym)
Private room overflow charge	\$250 Per Night Per Dorm
Early/Late Check-In/Out	\$100 Per Hour (According To Availability)

Miscellaneous

Linen Set Rental	\$40 Per Set Set includes: 2 blankets, 2 sheets, pillow, towel + washcloth included
Extra Pillow Charge	\$5 Per Pillow
Fitness Facility	\$250 (Full Access Through Stay)
Mobile Screen & Projector	\$100 (With Sound System)
Misc. Recreation Equipment	\$50

Dorm Private Accommodations

Located Upstairs Above the Shared Sleeping Quarters



PRIVATE SINGLE ROOM

Private Rooms with One (1) Single Bed

Additional \$35 Per Night, Per Room
+ Group Rental Accommodation Fee

Check-in: 12:00 PM
Check-out: 12:00 PM
(Linen not included)



PRIVATE FAMILY ROOM

Private Rooms with Two (2) Single Beds

Additional \$45 Per Night, Per Room
+ Group Rental Accommodation Fee

Check-in: 12:00 PM
Check-out: 12:00 PM
(Linen not included)



PRIVATE QUEEN ROOM

Private Room with Queen Bed

Additional \$45 Per Night, Per Room
+ Group Rental Accommodation Fee

Check-in: 12:00 PM
Check-out: 12:00 PM
(Linen not included)

Other Private Accommodations



CHALET SUITE

One (1) Queen Bed

Private Bathroom

Sitting Area

Laundry

Microwave

Mini Fridge

Additional \$300 Per Night
+ Any Requested Add-Ons (e.g. meals, etc.)

Check-in: 12:00 PM
Check-out: 12:00 PM



DELUXE SUITE

One (1) Queen Bed

Pull-Out Couch

Private Bathroom

Sitting Area

Kitchen

Additional \$350 Per Night
+ Any Requested Add-Ons (e.g. meals, etc.)

Check-in: 12:00 PM
Check-out: 12:00 PM



RESIDENCE HOUSE

Includes:

Four Bedrooms (two x 1 queen bed in each & two x 2 single beds in each), Two bathrooms, Kitchen, Sitting Area

Additional \$800 Per Night

Check-in: 12:00 PM
Check-out: 12:00 PM

What's New

ZAJAC TREEHOUSES



ONLY FOR AN
ADDITIONAL OF
\$45/NIGHT

*SLEEPS TWO (2)



COMFORTABLE &
LUXURIOUS

In **2025**, our **brand-new treehouse experience** became available! Nestled high among the trees and overlooking the tranquil lake, this treehouse offers campers and families a chance to make unforgettable memories in the heart of nature, surrounded by the beauty and peace of the great outdoors.

Designed for those who wish to stay the night, the treehouse provides all the comforts needed to relax and enjoy an adventure.

With its own fully-equipped bathroom, cozy interiors, and a stunning view of the lake, you'll find both privacy and the sense of adventure that only a treehouse can offer.

Whether you're looking for a quiet moment to enjoy the serene surroundings or a space to gather and share stories with loved ones, this treehouse provides the perfect balance of seclusion and connection to nature. It's an ideal way to immerse yourself in the peace of Zajac Ranch's breathtaking landscape.

Ready Set Program!

All activity blocks are 70-minute rotations with max participants of 12 per rotation group, with 1 or 2 instructors (depending on the activity)

Hang In There



Low *
Ropes
Full Day: \$350



High * *
Ropes*
Full Day: \$600
+\$5 per person



Climbing *
Wall
Full Day: \$500
+\$5 per person



Vertical
Playground
Full Day: \$500
+\$5 per person



Skynet *
Full Day: \$250

Finding My Way



Orienteering
Full Day: \$250



Scavenger Hunt
Full Day: \$250



Hiking
Full Day: \$250

Team



Team Building
Full Day: \$250



**Field Games/
Ice-Breaker
Games**
Full Day: \$150

* This activity is weather permitting. Should weather be an issue, our team will work with you to find an alternative activity. Please indicate if you will have participants with different physical abilities so we can best prepare for your group. Please note, you will be required to have one (1) adult from your group in attendance per rotation group.

* This activity will be available from Spring 2025.

Ready Set Program!

Superhero Mode



* * Horseback Riding
70-minute
Sessions: \$150



Archery
Full Day: \$300



Escape Room
\$20 per hour



Pool
See add-on
table for rate



Petting Zoo
Full Day: \$200

What A Night



Campfire
See add-on
table for rate



Talent Show
\$20 per hour

* * Ensure that your group size does not exceed our capacity, listed above. Our group capacity is subject to the well-being of the horses on the week the group attends the ranch. Please ensure that all horses are available at the time of booking. Please note, you will be required to have 1 adult from your group in attendance per rotation group. Horseback riding is weather-permitted and is dependent on the availability of the horses.

Important Information

- Your organization/school is **responsible for bringing enough staff, volunteers or chaperones to support and take responsibility for your students or participants** while they move through the activities, during rest hours, downtimes, and during the evening.
- The Zajac Ranch Staff will be running each of the activities you book unless you **indicate "Self-Led"**. We do have some equipment and facilities for some Self-Led Activities that do not require a Zajac Ranch Staff to facilitate, but please ensure you **discuss this with the Zajac Ranch staff in advance to ensure it's possible and available**.
- The **maximum number of participants in the activity rotation group is 12**. Please divide your participants into groups accordingly. *Example*, If you are bringing 60 participants, you will divide them into at least 5 groups and then need to select at least 5 activities for them to rotate through. The **Zajac Ranch team will work with you to build your schedule when programming** is involved.
- Our **Day-Time Activity blocks are 70 minutes long**. This allows for a reasonable amount of time for each participant to have a go at the activities. **Adequate transition time is factored** in the schedules, and it allows for participants to get across camp in time for an activity.
- For **Evening Activity blocks**, you can choose between a Zajac Staff run campfire, talent show or swim time at the pool. Alternatively, you can run the evening block independently.
- If you are **booking the pool, please indicate when you will be in the pool**, for *example*, afternoon at a certain time block and evening at a certain time block.
- Please note that **some activities are not available during different times of the year**. Your booking or Ranch team will be able to provide you current information on available activities. Sometimes changes to availability are out of our control, like for example, weather, so we appreciate your understanding when updates are required.
- Mealtimes are pre-set at: **8:30 AM Breakfast 12:30 PM Lunch 5:30 PM Dinner**
- **Water stations will be placed around camp when necessary**. Please ensure that your participants **bring water bottles as single use bottles** and cups will not be provided.

Important Information

➡ Next Steps

- Once dates are confirmed, a **Rental Agreement** will be sent for review & signature.
- A **\$1000 deposit** is required to secure your booking.
- A **basic overview of your itinerary** with starting numbers, activity request, meals and other information to build an introductory invoice is required. Please note, this is definitely subject to change until 4 weeks prior to your booking where we require a more concrete overview.

➡ Important Deadlines

- A signed rental agreement & deposit secures your booking and dates.
- **60 days prior** to your arrival, 50% of the invoice is due.
- **Prior to 2-weeks** before your arrival, we will require:
 - Final numbers.
 - Final schedule, with listed activities that have been approved by the Zajac Ranch team.
 - Submission of your Commercial General liability Insurance.
 - All final special dietary requirements.
 - All waivers can be brought with you to the ranch.
- **2 Weeks prior to your arrival**, final payment is due.

FREE TIME FUN

Free time fun activities are ideas for **self-led activities** to do on-site. Supplies for the listed free time activities are not included. Should you be interested in doing any of these activities, please ensure you **provide any necessary supplies**.



Story Circle	Sit in a circle. One child starts a story with a sentence, and each child adds a sentence.
Musical Chairs (With a Twist)	Set up chairs in a circle. Play music, and when it stops, participants find a chair. Instead of removing chairs, add a fun task (e.g., clap hands) for everyone left standing.
Color Hunt	Assign a color to each group. Kids search the area to find items of that color. They can take pictures or collect items (if safe).
Art Relay	Set up a table with art supplies. Each team member adds to a group art piece for a set time before passing it to the next.
Follow the Leader	One child is the leader and creates simple movements or sounds for others to follow.
Guess Who?	Each child has a card with a character or animal. They ask yes/no questions to guess who they are. Encourage inclusive questioning.
Friendship Bracelets	Provide materials for making bracelets. Kids can work together, helping each other with designs and techniques.
Nature Weaving	Provide materials like yarn and natural items (leaves, twigs). Kids can create nature weavings by weaving items through the yarn or string, fostering creativity and teamwork.
Memory Tray	Place various items on a tray and cover it. Give kids a minute to memorize the items, then cover it and have them write or draw what they remember. Discuss as a group to promote interaction.
Glow-in-the-Dark Hide and Seek	Play hide and seek in a dimly lit area with glow sticks or glow paint marking hiding spots. This adds a fun twist to a classic game and allows for creative hiding.
Friendship Collage	Provide magazines, scissors, and glue. Kids work together to create a collage that represents their friendships or camp experiences. Encourage sharing stories behind their choices.

Let's Play Ball



Basketball



Volleyball



Corn Toss



Pickle Ball



Excited to visit Zajac Ranch?

**We just have a couple of questions.
(Don't worry, they're easy ones.)**

- How big is your group?
- How did you know about us?
- What is the age range of the individuals in your group?
- Are you looking to having some Activity-Based programs or just keen to rent facilities?
 - Which facilities are you keen to rent?
- Do you have campers that require mobility aids?
- Any dietary restriction?

Thank you!

- **Is the Ranch accessible to individuals with mobility aids?**

- Yes, Zajac Ranch is a fully accessible facility, thoughtfully designed to accommodate children with mobility aids. Our camp grounds, cabins, and activity areas are all wheelchair-friendly and barrier-free, ensuring that children of all abilities can navigate the spaces independently and safely. We are committed to providing an inclusive environment where everyone can participate in a full camp experience, from outdoor adventures to arts and crafts, regardless of mobility challenges.

- **Are there designated smoking areas?**

- Zajac Ranch is a non-smoking zone. We do not allow smoking of any form.

- **Why is there a minimum of 30 people for an overnight stay?**

- At Zajac Ranch, we set a minimum of 30 participants for overnight stays to ensure each group enjoys the full camp experience we proudly offer. Our dorm accommodations are designed with open rooms, meaning we prepare entire dorm spaces rather than just a few beds. By hosting groups of 30 or more, we're able to create an energetic, community-oriented environment and provide all campers with the premium, immersive experience they deserve. This minimum helps us maintain the highest standards of service and engagement for every camper who visits the ranch.

- **Do you facilitate activities or must we prepare our own?**

- Zajac Ranch offers a wide array of engaging indoor and outdoor activities, all of which can be facilitated by our experienced team to provide a memorable experience. However, participants are also welcome to plan and lead their own activities if they prefer. We simply ask that any self-facilitated activities are carefully designed to prioritize the safety and well-being of both campers and the camp environment. Whether you choose to rely on our team or bring your own creative ideas, we're here to support a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone!

- **What time does check-in start?**

- Check-in is usually at 12:00 PM and check-out is at 12:00 PM. However, we understand that certain groups may need a little bit of wiggle room with their time. We welcome requests should there be any.

- **Does Zajac Ranch accommodate for different dietary requirements?**

- Yes! We can accommodate all allergies and most food restrictions. Zajac Ranch is a **nut-aware facility**. We kindly ask all rental groups to refrain from bringing any nuts or nut-containing products on-site to help us reduce the risk for individuals with severe allergies. Though we cannot guarantee a completely nut-free environment, your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us maintain a safe space for all guests.
- If you or another participant have specific food needs, we will work with you to find the best option to make sure everyone eats well. Our Chef ensures that menus are carefully curated to account for various dietary restrictions and allergies. Though the menus are pre-set prior to your arrival, should you have any specific concerns or requests, please let us know and we are happy to discuss further.

- **Can I bring my own food?**

- Yes, ready to eat, pre-packaged snacks are permitted; however, we require groups to inform us in advance if they plan to do so. Moreover, we will require all snacks to be stored in the dining hall and no snacks in dorms or other indoor spaces. Please note, the Zajac Ranch is a nut-free facility. If you have additional questions about our food guidelines, please reach out, and we'll be happy to help!

Have more questions? Just ask away!

Contact Us

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