



## WHAT WE TREASURE – FEATURE GUIDED TOUR

### Teachers Guide

#### OVERVIEW

Experience our feature tour, 'What We Treasure', a tour that focuses on an overview of what is important to the first inhabitants of this territory from past to present.

Our Cultural Ambassadors welcome school groups of all ages for guided tours, where students will learn about the traditions and rich history of the Squamish and Lil'wat peoples and how they have inhabited the Sea to Sky corridor in British Columbia from ancient times to modern day. Tours are delivered by Aboriginal Ambassadors who share their own stories and first-hand cultural experiences. Throughout the tour, your group will view and experience artifacts and stories to give an overview of the traditional way of life of the both the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations who share this land.

#### YOUR EXPERIENCE WILL INCLUDE

Please allow 1 hour for this tour experience, and arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled visit time to allow for coat check and washroom break.

- Welcome Song
- Spectacular 15 Minute Movie
- Guided Feature Tour – 'What We Treasure'
- Keepsake Cedar Rope Craft

#### EXTEND YOUR VISIT

- Further discover the museum with your class chaperones, as a self-guided option following your tour experience.
- A self-guided tour of our 'Outdoor Forest Walk' with your class chaperones, depending on seasonal availability.
- Let us know if we can provide colour sheets and a scavenger hunt as additional activities, guided by your chaperones.
- A visit to our amazing Café and Gallery & Gift shop is also a must!
- View our craft activity list and book additional craft activities for your visit!
- Let us know if your group wishes to order a pre-booked lunch from our Thunderbird Café, or enjoy their own packed lunches and require a location, we can provide space for dining.

#### SCHOOL RATES

Admission Rates	Retail
Student – Kindergarten – Grade 12	\$5
Post-Secondary Student	\$13.50

1. Admission rates are in Canadian funds and are subject to 5% GST
2. All Teachers and Chaperones have complimentary admission
3. Squamish & Lil'wat Nation Members enjoy free admission



## Curriculum Overview

### **BIG IDEA**

The most valuable parts of culture are protected by its people working together. Each family of the community specializes in one area. Sharing and teamwork are integral to Aboriginal Communities.

### **PRIOR KNOWLEDGE**

In order to understand this lesson students will need to know, or have prior knowledge of, or will need to review the following;

- Whistler is in the Traditional Territory of two separate and distinct First Nations Communities, Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation
- Their culture is a reflection of the land, it adapts to its environment
- The definition of Oral Traditions or Oral Societies

### **CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES**

Gather information on two local First Nations communities; understand their location and how each community adapted to their environment

- Participate in oral history through song & dance
- Interpret stories to compare and contrast Coast Salish and Interior Salish Communities
- Observe and reflect how the traditional culture of the two Nations exists in a modern world
- Practice a traditional technique to create an essential tool (rope)

### **CONTENT**

Learn the diverse characteristics of the Squamish and Lil'wat Nation

- Understand how they are interconnected through travel and trade
- How they adapted to their environment, clothing, food, transportation and tools
- Oral Societies record their history in many forms

### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

Communication - Connect & Engage with Others

Creative Thinking - Generating Ideas

Social Responsibility - Valuing Diversity

### **FIRST PEOPLES PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING**

Important lessons are found in this program, which are based in First Nations teachings.

- Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge
- Learning is embedded in memory, history and story



## POSSIBLE EXTENTIONS

Using their notes taken during their visit to the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre students do the following activities;

- Prepare an essay on the following
  - Importance of Song & Dance in an Oral Society, the importance of sharing knowledge with each other
  - Compare and Contrast the Coast Salish (Squamish) and Interior Salish (Lil'wat)
- Join a group discussion on
  - The importance cultural identity, Why is it important to respect the similarities and differences between cultures
- In groups the students can prepare & present a digital collage of
  - What can be made out of cedar

## RESOURCES

Where River, Mountains and People Meet      Spo7ez Cultural Centre & Community Society  
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Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre      <https://slcc.ca/history/>