



# The Student Environment Centre

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## Eco-Initiatives Form: \$100 to \$500

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<b>Date Submitted:</b> March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
<b>Contact Email or Phone:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Club or Group Affiliation(s):</b> UBC Common Energy, UBC Parks Canada Club
<b>Amount Requested:</b> \$909
<b>TREASURER USE ONLY:</b>
<b>Approved</b> <b>Modified</b> <b>Denied</b>
<b>Submitted as of:</b>
<b>Notes:</b>

### 1. Please fill in the fields below to give us an overview of your project:

- **Name of Project:** Learn To Camp
- **Objective or Purpose:** Learn To Camp will take inexperienced university students on a camping trip where they will learn basic camping skills and have a positive first experience in the outdoors. By gaining the skills, knowledge and ability to plan an outdoor trip on their own, participants will begin developing into active outdoor enthusiasts and environmental stewards.
- **Brief Description:** Learn To Camp will have 3-5 experienced student leaders who will teach the 10-15 inexperienced participants basic skills such as how to set up a tent, light a stove, cook camping food, hang a bear cache, plan a hike, etc. It will involve one night of camping at a nearby wilderness location, one day hike, and (if possible), one day of hands-on conservation work with a local park agency or conservation organization. The Learn To Camp sessions will take place at Golden

Ears Provincial Park, which is a relatively easily accessible wilderness location. Following the program, participants will be challenged to organize a trip for their own friends or family and then share their experience with our Learn To Camp network, thus continuing the 'ripple effect' and holding them accountable to using the skills they gained.

- Project Date(s): April 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- Expected Attendance: 12 participants, 3 leaders

**2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and/or contributes to sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words).**

Learn To Camp already exists at national parks as a partnership between Parks Canada and Mountain Equipment Coop, and it has been very successful at teaching inexperienced Canadians, especially new immigrants, how to camp and become engaged with the Canadian wilderness. We see great value in bringing a similar program to university students, primarily because one of the challenges faced by outdoor clubs is coming up with strategies to “engage the unengaged”. Most of the students who currently sign up for trips are those who already have experience in the outdoors, while the students who are not yet engaged or experienced in parks, conservation and outdoor recreation are being missed. These students often see outdoor trips as “scary” or “intimidating” and therefore don’t become involved. Learn To Camp will target the students who want to become ‘outdoorsy’ but lack the gear and knowledge of where to go, how to get there, etc., and they feel intimidated by the trips run by the existing outdoor clubs. Learn To Camp will reach out to these students and give them the tools to become engaged, active, and healthy outdoor citizens. Outdoor recreation has many positive benefits such as improved mental and physical health, as well as developing a sense of environmental stewardship. By introducing more UBC students to outdoor recreation, they will have the opportunity to connect with nature, want to protect it, and become more involved with sustainability and environmental protection initiatives. The UBC Parks Canada Club is closely connected to a network of campus clubs that exist around the country. Many of these clubs have also expressed interest in starting a similar program, so Learn To Camp has the potential to spread across Canadian universities after being first implemented at UBC.

**3. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what are those sources, how much are you expecting to receive from them, and what will those funds be put toward? (We can help you identify other sources of funding.) No.**

**4. What aspect(s) of your project will SEC funding be used for? Be as specific as possible with the allocation of funds.**

\*Please note that we currently receive a 50% discount on rentals due to our partnership with MEC, so that discount has been applied to the following prices. The experienced student leaders will already own their own equipment, so they are not factored into the rental costs, however they are factored into the food and transportation costs.

Tent Rentals from MEC-  $\$30/\text{tent} \times 3 \text{ tents} = \$90 - 50\% = \$45$

Sleeping bag rentals from MEC -  $\$20/\text{sleeping bag} \times 12 \text{ participants} = \$240 - 50\% = \$120$

Sleeping pad rentals from MEC -  $\$7/\text{mat} \times 12 \text{ participants} = \$84 - 50\% = \$42$

Vegetarian camping food- oatmeal, trail mix, dried fruit, wraps, pasta, etc. -  $\$15/\text{participant} \times 15 \text{ participants} = \$225$

Campground fees- Gold Creek group campsite in Golden Ears Provincial Park = \$117

Transportation- MODO car share-  $\$180/\text{weekend}/\text{van} \text{ (inc. gas and insurance)} \times 2 \text{ vans} = \$360$

**Signed (Your Name):** 

**SEC Treasurer**

Name:

Signature:

**SEC Chair**

Name:

Signature:

<sup>1</sup>Mondays 2-3 PM, Tuesdays 1-2 PM, and Wednesdays 4-5 PM

<sup>2</sup>Tuesdays 5-6 PM in Room 2102 of the AMS Student Nest

## **How to Submit the Funding Application**

Completed forms can be emailed to [sec.ubc@gmail.com](mailto:sec.ubc@gmail.com) (preferred) or dropped off at our office, Room 2106 of in the AMS Student Nest, during office hours<sup>1</sup>. You are also welcome (but not required) to attend our weekly meetings<sup>2</sup> to present your project idea to our group, though we would appreciate an email informing us of this intent at least 48 hours ahead of time. The executive team and other active members of SEC would be happy to help you formulate your project as well as assist with its development and applications for funding.

If your funding application is approved, the Student Environment Centre will reimburse you for the specified purchases and expenses. You will then be referred to our Treasurer, whom you must provide with receipts and/or proof-of-purchases. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days. In the event that a student is unable to make the necessary purchase(s) to start their project, arrangements for advance funding can be made.

## **A Note about Eco-Initiatives Grants**

Eco-Initiatives Grants can be used to fund a wide variety of projects: any projects related to the environment or sustainability, and involving members of the UBC student body, will be considered. However, funding requests for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body. Should you have any questions regarding the Eco-Initiatives Funding, please contact feel free to get in touch with us using any of the aforementioned methods.