



Welcome to Blind Bay Munchkins Childcare!

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Text: 250.463.KIDS(5437)

Blind Bay Munchkins Childcare has 2 licensed multi-aged programs. We care for children from birth to 5 years old and a maximum of 8 children attend each program. All our Educators at the center are certified and licensed. Our goal is to provide quality childcare that supports the development of children's minds and bodies through play. We will provide a safe and happy environment for your children to learn and explore in with the majority of our programming spent outdoors.

Hours of Operation:

Our hours of operation are 7:30-5:30pm we are closed all statutory holidays and the Monday or Friday preceding or following the statutory holiday. We are closed for 2 weeks at Christmas and a few extra days throughout the summer. Closure dates will be posted prior.

We ask that you please have your child(ren) dropped off by 9:00am. This allows your child to get the most out of our programming. We also head out on walks or hikes and like to do so early on!

If your child will be absent for the day or you will be away on holidays please let us know.

A quick text will do wonders! 250-463-5437 (KIDS)

Active Play & Screen Time

We spend the majority of our days unstructured outdoors playing. Often from spring to late fall we begin and end our days outdoors, with a small amount of our day inside having a rest. During the couple colder months we do start our days inside and head out for several hours mid morning and in the afternoon. Please send your children in appropriate outdoor clothing ☺ We do not have many traditional climbers in our center and leave our play to the children's imagination with loose parts being a staple in our yard. The children are encouraged to build obstacles out of boards, stumps, rocks, climb trees, ride bikes on the

deck, engage in sand/water & physical play. We have an amazing creek that runs along our center that we play in & around regularly. This kind of risky free play encourages children's self-confidence, resilience, executive functioning abilities and risk-management skills. Studies have been shown that engaging in risky play can actually reduce the risk of injury! During play children are actively supervised by the educators and risks are actively and continually assessed in each environment. We also head out on walks and hikes in the community. We are constantly changing our available materials to match the interests and abilities of the children in care.

We do not engage in any screen time (Television, Tablets etc...) for children under the age of 3 and children between the age of 3y and 5y may have a special "movie day" around Christmas at quiet time, but this is very rare. If you do not want your child to participate in this activity please let us know.

Paperwork/Fees

All child registration forms must be completed before any child can begin the program. If subsidy is being applied for than approval or pre-payment is necessary before care can begin.

*Confirmation of a child care space will be made by the child care administration.

Upon your acceptance a financial commitment of \$150 (non-refundable) will be required (applied to your last month's fees upon submission of 30 days' notice).

For childcare fees please see attached fee schedule.

Subsidy is accepted and must be applied for and approved before care is provided. (Pre-payment is also acceptable) The "Affordable Child Care Benefit Program" application forms can be found online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-funding/child-care-benefit>

Illnesses

A child must be in good health & up to date on immunizations to attend.

Children who have fevers, diarrhea, vomiting, coughing or persistent nasal discharge due to colds or viruses, and are un able to participate comfortably in activities including outdoor play are considered too ill to attend.

Should any of these conditions develop while a child is attending, parents will be notified promptly that their child needs to be taken home. Having a back up child care plan for when your child is ill can be helpful.

Children must be symptom free (without medicine) for 24 hours before returning.

Thank you for doing your part in trying not to spread germs!

Keep Me Home If...



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When Your Child is Sick:

1. Have plans for back up child care.
2. Tell your caregiver what is wrong with your child, even if your child stays home.

I Am Ready to Go Back to School When I Am ...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication I.e. Tylenol/Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor and permitted to return to school.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment and home and proof is provided to the nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by medical provider to return to school.
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Late Pick Up Policy

We are closed at 5:30pm, children are to be picked up and out the door by this time. Late pick up's will be charged \$5.00 for the first minute and a \$1.00 per minute after that. Fees are to be paid to the educator on duty- if you do not have cash, you may pay the next day at drop off. If you do not pay the amount owing, your child may NOT attend that day. Please be respectful of our closing times and pick up your children on time ☺ Thank you!

Withdrawal

We require one month's written notice for withdrawal or schedule changes. You may email samantha-wood@hotmail.com or call 250-803-2996

Lunches

You are responsible for providing your child with nutritious lunch, snacks and a water bottle for the day. (Please label everything!) Please provide your child with several healthy choices. When packing your child lunch refer to the recommendations of Canada's Food Guide.

We do like to bake with the children, when this occurs you will be notified of what your child has consumed either verbally or written.

Clothing

Please send your children in appropriate clothing for the weather. We spend a lot of time outside. Please send any extras needed for the weather, hats, mitts, sunscreen, boots, muddy buddy etc... Please feel free to leave your extras-labeled- in your child's cubby.

We recommend having a one piece muddy buddy for a lot of the seasons- they are clothing savers! They keep your child dry and their clothes clean(er)! We go outside rain or shine!

Children's work is play and playing can get messy so please do not send your children in clothes you do not want stained.

Please send an extra set of labeled clothes including extra socks, undies and indoor slippers or shoes (You may place in large labeled ziplock bag and leave at the center)

We charge a \$2.00 wet wipe fee monthly to all families. We use wet wipes for everything, especially since we are outside the majority of the time this helps keep your little ones cleaned up!

Diapering

If your child wears diapers please send an adequate labeled supply, we will label their bin and keep them in our change area! We supply wipes.

(\$2.00 wet wipe fee/month)

Please label all your children's belongings, lunch kits, containers, clothes etc...

Open Door Policy

We believe that parents are the most significant adults in a child's life. We strive to create mutual respect between parents and caregivers- a partnership for the benefit of the child and family. Our doors are open to parents at all times.

Arrival and Departure of Children

Children are to be dropped off inside the centre and signed in by the parent or guardian. At pick up children are to be signed out by the parent or guardian. If someone else is going to

be picking up the child, the centre is to be notified and the person picking up must be on the authorized pick up list on the registration form.

No child is to leave the center with an adult whom the educator believes to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If, in our opinion, they are placing a child at risk they will be reported to the RCMP. An alternate pickup person will be contacted to pick up both the adult and child.

Munchkin Fees 2019

0 -18months- \$55.00/day

18months-3years-\$50.00/day

3years -5years-\$45.00/day

Blind Bay Munchkins Childcare participates in the parent fee reduction program and therefore the rates are decreased and are as follows:

0-18months-\$38.50/day

18months-3years-\$33.50/day

3years to 5years-\$40.25/day

Upon acceptance of registration a financial commitment of \$150 (non-refundable) will be required (applied to your last month's fees upon submission of written 30 days' notice).

\$2.00 wet wipe fee/monthly

\$5.00 sunscreen fee for July and August months.

You will not be charged for statutory holidays or closures.

Drop In -upon available space- is charged at full daily rate.

Payment is due on the first day of each month for that month.

There are no refunds due to a child's illness or absence.

