

Parents4climate pushed the pause button on our information session for the Eden Grove Artist in Residence program last week so we could take the time to pay our deepest respects to the Ingenious peoples of Canada and the 215 little souls that were found in Kamloops.

But we are planning with the curator of this project, Jessie Demers, for a new date and time and will let you know when that will be as soon as Jessie returns from Fairy Creek!

In the meanwhile please look at this [recent story about one of the artists](#), Jeremy Herndl, who spent several months at Fairy Creek who says “painting here is a type of activism but it is more like an advocacy!”

All three working members of Parents4climate were at Fairy Creek over the last two weeks. A lot is going on, the situation is ever changing but support is needed in so many ways, still, to halt logging of Old Growth throughout BC. I have come to believe fully that **being a Climate Activist is now a 21st Century parenting skill** that we must all develop. We are fighting for our children’s future.

Here are just a few ways you can help:

## **LEARN MORE ABOUT the importance of OLD GROWTH**

Thursday, June 10 from 7pm-8pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-role-of-parents-protecting-giant-trees-and-raising-engaged-citizens-tickets-157295157049>

Our goal is to build more awareness around protecting Old Growth amongst families in and around Victoria while also provoking discussion on how to raise kids as engaged citizens. We also plan to provide some fun takeaways so parents can take their kids on an Old Growth adventure over the summer to experience the forests for themselves.

## **GO CAMPING with your kids At FAIRY CREEK**

Kids Protecting Old Growth is a new movement to help children and youth participate in environmental activism. This initiative was started by Gabriella (15 years old) with the support of her mother (Rebecca).

Old Growth protection needs to happen right now but the government is stalling while trees are literally falling. Please help your children have a voice. Kids Protecting Old Growth is working on a social media campaign to inundate Premier John Horgan with messages from the kids of British Columbia. Not only is John Horgan the premier, but he is also the representative for the riding where Fairy Creek is located. Fairy Creek is at the center of recent action against old-growth logging. Going to protest at Fairy Creek is also an option - Here is what you can do...

**In-person Protest:**

We will be going to Fairy Creek Protest Headquarters on June 11,12,13 to support the current protest efforts. Please e-mail us at [kidsprotectingoldgrowth@gmail.com](mailto:kidsprotectingoldgrowth@gmail.com) to connect if you would like to join us. There have been children and babies on the protest lines already with a big impact. Things to keep in mind... For the time you are protesting be prepared to be self-sufficient. Be COVID aware and wear a mask if in close contact with other protesters/social distance. Bring extra supplies if you can to support the protest camps- they are isolated and need food/blankets.

Here is a small article to share with your kids if you would like to discuss the importance of old-growth forests:

<https://sierraclub.bc.ca/10-reasons-to-save-old-growth/>

**Social Media Campaign:**

- 1) Take a picture of your child or yourself hugging a tree or in nature and finish this sentence: *"I know that protecting old-growth is important because \_\_\_\_\_"*
- 2) Post to our messages at Kids Protecting Old Growth or @kidsprotectingoldgrowth on FaceBook or Instagram. We will post on our page/account.
- 3) We will forward all posts to Premier John Horgan's e-mail and Instagram accounts.

Thank you for your time and support,  
Gabriella and Rebecca - Kids Protecting Old Growth

**MEET WITH YOUR MLA or at least try** - I am on email number 10, phone call number 6 and visits to the office number 5. **Stand.Earth** has put together a [TOOL KIT](#) for you to try to meet with your MLA.

**WHAT:** Day of action for old growth in B.C.

**WHERE:** Outside your local MLA's office

**HOW:** [Find out who your MLA is by searching here](#). Then plan to visit your MLA office on June 10th with big signs showing your support for old growth. (Read on to find out more about virtual options for participating instead).

**WHEN:** Thursday June 10th. If possible, planning your event during office hours will be most effective.

**KEEP INFORMED Through a VARIETY of Media Sources!**

Now if you have made it this far I know you are keen to learn more so here are a few of the articles that we have found interesting and helpful for keeping informed.

- [223 international scientists urge B.C. to protect provincial rainforests](#)
- [1000s of old-growth defenders at Fairy Creek go largely unreported](#)
- [Opinion: Forest agreement betrays premier's commitments on Indigenous reconciliation](#)
- [To ensure continued logging of Pacheedaht forests, Premier Horgan tried to buy their silence for what amounts to glass beads](#)

- ['It's the Most Natural Thing': A Gitksan House Group Closes its Territory to Logging](#)
- [Three Days in the Theatre of Fairy Creek](#)
- [Letter Revealing BC Solicitor General Authorizing RCMP Deployment, Contradicting Public Statements](#)

Thank you for your time and attention, P4C

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