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**26th Annual General Meeting and Conference: Gavin Lake, BC
June 8-11, 2023**

We will be gathering at the Gavin Lake Forestry Campsite near Williams Lake, BC, June 8-11, 2023.

Details of the 26th BCLTBIA Conference and registration information will be available in early April at <https://bclogandtimberbuilders.com/resources/2023-conference-agm>. Any updates and changes will also be kept current on our website. Highlights this year include: Seminars and workshops on the BC Building Code changes, BCTS Fibre Access issues, marketing and business seminars, a hands-on scribing workshop, Canoe storage shed construction & raising, OHSP & Employee Handbook seminar, insurance benefit plans, and more. This event will kick off with our Thursday night welcome BBQ, a fully catered event beautifully situated within the accommodations at the Forestry site on Gavin Lake. Conference fees will include meals and refreshments from the Thursday BBQ all the way to our Sunday morning send-off breakfast, with minimal fees for bunkhouse or RV accommodations. Keeping with our traditions, we will be hosting the Annual Axe Throwing and Truss Building Competition, with the chance to win a variety of awesome prizes (to be announced soon). This year's event also encourages employers to bring their employees and families, featuring children's instructor-led workshops that include Boulderling, Archery, and the Voyageur canoe experience. Additional parent-supervised activities include biking, swimming, and an onsite obstacle course.

At the heart of all our conferences is the opportunity to share with others who carry the same passion for our trade. We all sincerely appreciate each time we gather together, and cherish the open exchange of ideas among our membership. Beyond the conference schedule, there is much to gain by all attendees: Networking, support, and most importantly, friendship.

The Log and Timber building industry has grown immensely in the past 26 years. We are now faced with the challenges of reduced fibre access and evolving building code requirements. We meet to decipher these changing rules and unite, ensuring we are recognized and valued for the professional building industry we are. Members attending our conferences are dedicated to the finest quality construction of log and timber homes, as well as the survival and growth of this industry.

Your attendance provides you with an opportunity to express your specific needs to our sponsors, providing product development directly to them whilst simultaneously validating their investment in our industry. Whether it is for the presentations, to connect with our industry suppliers, or face-to-face contact with industry peers, your attendance is an investment in your business and your future. One new connection or idea can be the turning point to better your career.

Send in the completed forms to register early. Space is limited, and you will not want to miss this event filled with innovation, great company, and fun! There's nothing quite like sitting by the lakeside under a starry night. I've never seen a more beautiful, bright sky! See you by the campfire in June!

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