

Cost:

As you are aware Gurmat Center is a non-profit organization and we do not have many additional activities that generate donations and revenues. Therefore, we are sharing part of the cost with you.

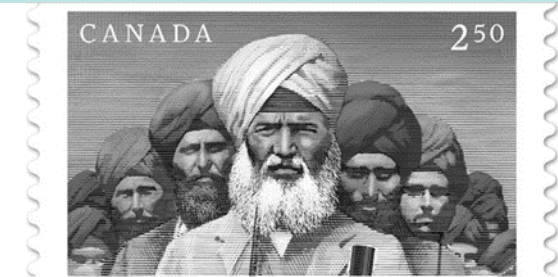
Schedule of Activities

8:00-8:15 am	Students arrive at Gurmat Center, take attendance, grab snacks
8:15-8:30 am	Travel to Mill Lake, Abbotsford
8:30-9:00 am	Symbolic Lumber Walk Retrace the 1908 journey of Sikh pioneers who carried lumber from Mill Lake to build the Gur Sikh Temple—their legacy lives on.
9:00-10:00am	Discover the Gur Sikh Temple, see the iconic street sign, visit the Sikh Heritage Museum, and explore powerful outdoor displays!
10:00-11:00 am	Travel to Simcoe Park in New Westminster—the historic site of Bhai Mewa Singh's Shaheedi for justice!
11:00-11:30 am	Reflect on Bhai Mewa Singh's courage and legacy with Chaupai Sahib and a special history talk at Simcoe Park.
11:30-11:45 am	Recommended snack: muffin, granola bar and water
11:45-12:15 pm	Travel to Khalsa Diwan Society in Vancouver
12:15-1:30 pm	Explore the story of the Guru Nanak Jahaz at the Komagata Maru Museum—uncover a powerful chapter of Sikh history!

1:30-2:00 pm	Travel to Komagata Maru Memorial (Guru Nanak Jahaz) by Canada Place, downtown Vancouver.
2:00-2:30 pm	Lunch: Burritos, pudding and juice
2:30-3:00pm	Visit the powerful memorial at Canada Place, marking where the Guru Nanak Jahaz arrived in 1914—honoring the courage of the Komagata Maru passengers.
3:00-3:30 pm	Group pictures
3:30-4:00 pm	Stroll the Canada Place boardwalk, explore history panels along the railings, and visit the Guru Nanak Jahaz street sign!
4:00-4:15 pm	Take a short walk to Portal Park
4:15-4:30 pm	Observe Komagata Maru plaque at Portal Park
4:30-4:45 pm	Enjoy a scenic walk to the Vancouver Art Gallery
4:45-5:00 pm	View a powerful piece featuring the Guru Nanak Jahaz.
5:00-5:15 pm	Travel to site of 1st ever Gurdwara in Canada built in 1908, Kitsilano, Vancouver
5:15-5:45 pm	Discussion at historic Gurdwara site
5:45 - 6:00 pm	Head to the east waterfront at Burrard Inlet for scenic views and a relaxing break—chips and juice recommended!
6:00-6:15 pm	Visit the artwork: "Ghosts of Komagata Maru"
6:15-7:15 pm	Wrap up a meaningful day as we return to Kalgidhar Darbar—Gur Fateh and bye for now!



Saturday, May 30, 2026



LEVEL 5 SIKH PIONEERS FIELD TRIP



Deadline to hand in form & pay fees online:

CONTACT INFO

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The Trip

HERITAGE MARKER: GUR SIKH TEMPLE
SIMCOE PARK
KOMAGATA MARU MUSEUM
(GURU NANAK JAHAZ)
PIONEERS MEMORIAL CANADA PLACE
MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN PORTAL PARK
VANCOUVER ART GALLERY
NATIONAL HERITAGE GURDWARA SITE
CRAB PARK ART WORK

Walking with the Past:

A Sikh Pioneer Journey

Join us for a powerful journey honoring Sikh pioneers. We'll begin with a **Symbolic Lumber Walk** from Mill Lake to the Gur Sikh Temple, followed by a visit to the museum and outdoor displays.

Then we travel to **Simcoe Park** for **Chaupai Sahib** and a reflection on **Bhai Mewa Singh's Shaheedi**.

In Vancouver, we'll visit the **Ross Street Gurdwara, Komagata Maru Museum,** and **Memorial at Canada Place**, followed by lunch and a stroll on the **boardwalk**.

We'll end with stops at **Portal Park, Vancouver Art Gallery, Kitsilano,** and **Crab Park**, before returning to **Kalgidhar Darbar**.

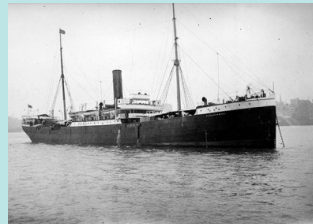
The Shame of 1914:

Guru Nanak Jahaz Anchored in Injustice

On May 22, 1914, the steamship Komagata Maru, known to its passengers as the Guru Nanak Jahaz, anchored in Vancouver harbour carrying 376 East Indian immigrants, mostly Sikh passengers from Punjab. What followed was a defining moment in Canadian history. Speaking in Parliament, politician H.H. Stevens declared that Canada must remain a "white British Columbia," emphasizing that Asian immigration threatened the nation's identity. His racially charged statement was met with thunderous applause, marking a dark chapter in Canada's immigration history and the struggle for justice, dignity, and equality for early Sikh settlers.

What to Bring:

Dress for the weather, bring a light jacket, sweater, or an umbrella if needed! We'll be traveling together on a rented bus, so come prepared. Don't forget your backpack to carry snacks and personal items as we explore history on the move!



CONSENT FORM

As the parent, I hereby give permission to my son/daughter to take part in the Sikh Pioneers field trip. I have read the information and understand all the details of the trip. I authorize the supervisors of Gurmat Center/SBVSSS to secure medical advice and services deemed necessary for the health and safety of my son/daughter. I also understand that GURMAT CENTER SOCIETY/SANT BABA VASAKHA SINGH SIKH SOCIETY (all counselors, adult-supervisors, it's directors, officers or any of its employees) hold no liability for any injury or loss of property of participants of the Sikh Pioneers field trip. **Detach this form and return to office by Friday, May 8, 2026 at the latest. Don't forget to fill out your lunch food slip that will be emailed to you.**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ PERSONAL HEALTH #: _____
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PARENTS NAME (please print): _____

SIGN _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE PAY THE \$35 FEE ON THE GURMAT CENTER WEBSITE.

Deadline for form is Friday, May 8, 2026.