

R A P A T T A C K



REQUIREMENTS

- Due to the nature of our work, a weight limit of 175lbs body weight (without footwear, equipment, clothing if necessary) is strictly enforced.
- OFA 3 is a preferred qualification but not required.
- Able to commit the entire month of May for new recruit rappel training. During this time days off are provided, but with little regularity or pre-planning.





AIR OPERATIONS

- As a member of Rapattack all personnel are trained and certified in:
 - Rappelling
 - Hoisting
 - Hoist Medevac
 - Cargo delivery
 - Water Delivery
 - Longline
 - Hover Exit



PROVINCIAL RESOURCE

- As a centralized program that serves the entire province you will have the opportunity to travel to all corners of the province.
- Rapattack personnel must be prepared to be away on deployment for up to 28 days.



ACCOMMODATION

- Rapattack personnel have the option of living in simple shared cabins in a wooded area on the base property for nominal rent.
- Cabins are shared 2 people to a cabin.
- Washrooms, cooking, eating, and socializing areas are provided but are communal and separate from the cabins.
- Currently approximately 75% of staff live on-base in the provided accommodations.
- It is expected that all new recruits live on base for the duration of new recruit rappel training.





RAPPEL TRAINING

- Members of Rapattack receive all the same fireline training as other members of the BCWS.
- Additionally, new recruits to Rapattack will take part in new recruit rappel training.
- Rappel Training is physically and mentally demanding and lasts 4-6 weeks depending on weather, recruit performance, and other factors.
- Upon successful completion, new recruits will be fully certified in all aspects of helicopter and rappel operations.





SALMON ARM

- The Rapattack base and operations centre is located in SE Salmon Arm.
- Salmon Arm is a centrally located town of approx. 20,000 year-round residents.
- Features:
 - Outdoor activities: boating, fishing (huge trout), swimming, camping, hiking and river floating.
 - Indoor activities: Indoor soccer field, hockey rinks, curling rink.
 - Centrally located in the Southern Interior.
 - Extensive MTB and running trail systems within short distance of base.



AUSTRALIA & ALASKA

- The BCWS Rapattack program has 2 unique opportunities to travel for work.
- We have an exchange program in place with the Australian rappel program in which every BC off-season we send 1 rappeller to live, train, and work for a season with the Australian program during their fire season, and vice versa.
- The BCWS Rapattack program is commonly requested by Alaska to assist with their early season fire load.





CREWS

- The Rapattack program currently consists of 11 3-person crews, 1 Senior Crew Leader, and 5 Helicopter Operations Technicians.



