



### Hawks (8-9 years old)

Hawks camps are for our camper's ages 8-9 that want to discover Camp Riveredge and have fun while doing so! Hawks will learn and participate in archery, bouldering and challenge course activities as well as lead the way through the Nature Trail and Compass challenge. They will have the opportunity to create a craft during arts and crafts programming. Hawks also will be introduced to new fun games and activities during the week at camp.

Hawks have the chance to participate in one or more water activities per week, which can be anything from impromptu water games on a hot day or a camp wide water fight. Campers will get to experience the "Animal Game" – a camp favorite that replicates the animal food chain. Hawks will begin to explore their outdoor environment with nature based activities and games, and participate in campfire songs and skits with the rest of Camp Riveredge.

Hawks will be encouraged to create lasting friendships in their groups during their time at camp. In order to ensure your camper has the best possible experience, please ensure they bring the following items EVERY DAY in their day pack:

- Sun hat
- Water bottle (refillable)
- Raingear (jacket and pants)
- Closed toed shoes – NO sandals/flip flops or crocs please!
- Sunscreen
- A healthy lunch
- Minimum of 2 snacks (morning/afternoon)
- Insect repellent (optional)

On water activity days, we also ask campers bring a swimsuit, towel, and extra pair of close-toed shoes that can get wet.

In order to keep our camps as environmentally friendly as possible Camp Riveredge is a Waste Free Zone. We operate a 'pack-in-packout' policy. Campers will be required to take home all waste.

YMCA Camp Riveredge participates in weekly initiatives to raise funds and awareness for YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. YMCA Strong Kids funds help support low income families by subsidizing programs such as Day Camps, Swimming Lessons and Fitness Classes that individuals/families could otherwise not afford. If you would like to support the Strong Kids Campaign and help provide more opportunities so that others can experience the YMCA; we welcome any donations. Campers who bring money for Strong Kids will have the opportunity to "bid" on a staff member they would like to see pied, at the end of day on Friday. The staff with the most money donated in their name will receive a cream pie in the face! We will also offer a juice box collection and money raised from recycled juice boxes will also go to the YMCA Strong Kids Charity fund.

Camps runs daily from Riveredge site 8:30am until 4:00pm Monday through Friday. There is a bus transportation option available from Shawnessy, Crowfoot and Eau Claire every week of July and August. Registration for bussing is required. The drop-off and pick-up location MUST be from the same location.

If you have questions or concerns you can contact Camp Riveredge's Coordinator's: Ashley, Laura or Jamie at [RE@ymcacalgary.org](mailto:RE@ymcacalgary.org)

You can also contact Camp Director: Philip Perryman at [Philip.perryman@calgary.ymca.ca](mailto:Philip.perryman@calgary.ymca.ca) or C:403-700-4421

**To register call member services on 403 269 6701**