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Outdoor School Programs at Camp Chief Hector YMCA and Camp Riveredge Overview 2023

Mission and Vision of Program

Our Outdoor Schools Programs are designed to foster environmental awareness and community building in an outdoor setting. The activity blocks available in each specific program are designed to be a holistic approach to teaching Alberta Learning Objectives in an adaptable setting for all students, including those with learning and behavioural exceptionalities, that may experience difficulties in traditional classroom settings. At Camp Chief Hector YMCA we aim to provide inclusive and immersive outdoor experiences to all students, while facilitating learning of meaningful and relevant Alberta curriculum.

Fees for Program

Fees include overnight accommodation, meals and snacks, program supplies, and staffing. Camp Chief Hector YMCA has subsidy options available through our Let's Raise Foundation. More information on this program is available upon request. Additionally, subsidy information will automatically be sent to every school who books with camp.

Camp Location

Camp Chief Hector YMCA is located within Bow Valley Provincial Park, which is approximately 75 km from Calgary city limits. To find directions to camp, please search for "Camp Chief Hector YMCA" in whatever map application/website you use.

YMCA Camp Riveredge is located near Sandy Beach along the Elbow River in SW Calgary. It has similar program areas as CCH and it is an outdoor environment tucked away from city sights and noises.

Specific Program Descriptions and Outlines

ECOSchool at Camp Chief Hector

Dates available: Fall (September to December), Winter (January to April), and Spring (May and June)

Length: 4 day, 3 night program

Price per student:

2023 Calendar Year: \$378 + GST per student - includes transportation

Description: This overnight program was developed with the Grade 6 student curriculum in mind. Programs are designed to extend classroom learning, develop social skills, and be in the natural world. Camp Chief Hector specific programs that are based on curriculum include team building and initiative tasks, the ECOnomy Game, Predator vs. Prey, Trees & Forests curriculum, Outdoor Living Skills, Night/Sky Science, and an Exploration Day Hike. Students can expect to spend their time here exploring the natural world through a fun and interactive overnight camp setting.

****This program works well with youth in grades 5-8, even though the curriculum covered is a grade 6 level. The activities and experiences are engaging, interesting, and entertaining for any grade in that range.***



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Outdoor Experiential School (Level 1) - Updated 2022

Dates Available: Fall (September), Spring (May and June)

Length: 4 day, 3 night program

Price per student:

2023 Calendar Year: \$410 + GST per student – includes transportation

Description: This overnight program is designed for middle school aged students to develop social and leadership skills in an outdoor and experiential learning environment. Activities within the OES program include: group initiative team building, canoeing, high ropes, challenge course, and team swing. This year, we are focusing on introducing and developing more specific outdoor living skills that can be used in the backcountry (wilderness navigation, outdoor cooking, improvised shelter building, types of fire building, etc.). This allows students to develop some technical skills in service to their leadership goals.

**In previous years, this program included a horse experience portion. This is currently not an option, as we work on re-integrating our heard back to site.*

Outdoor Experiential School (Level 2) - Updated 2022

Dates Available: Spring 2023 (May and June)

Length: 4 day, 3 night program

Price per student:

2023 Calendar Year: \$410 + GST per student – includes transportation

****Level 1 is not a pre-requisite to be able to attend the Level 2 option for high school students***

Description: This overnight program is designed for high school aged students. Camp Chief Hector is working alongside the Canadian Rockies Public School system to offer Alberta high school credits in several subject areas while kids attend camp (this is entirely optional for the school and each individual youth). The program activities are focused around outdoor living skills such as: wilderness navigation, outdoor cooking theory, outdoor survival skills, etc. These program activities will be taught with all schools and youth, whether or not they are choosing to earn credits. We will balance skill building with fun, keeping our classic activities such as group initiatives / team building, canoeing, high ropes, challenge course, and team swing.

**In previous years, this program included a horse experience portion. This is currently not an option, as we work on re-integrating our heard back to site.*

Outdoor Spring School at Camp Riveredge

Dates Available: Spring 2023 (May and June)

Length: 4 day program ***no overnight, no lunch included**

Price per student:

2023 School Year: \$40 + GST per student / day - does NOT include transportation

Description: This program is designed to follow our ECOSchool curriculum from CCH, which is focused on providing immersive outdoor experiences to students in an educational setting. **Camp Riveredge does not have overnight accommodation;** this program is suitable for single or multi-day program options. At Camp Riveredge, activities include team building, exploration hike with Trees & Forests curriculum, archery, low ropes, Predator vs. Prey, and outdoor living skills.

**Please note: We will attempt to ensure your request is met but availability is not guaranteed.
For specific questions or inquiries, please email cchy@calgary.ymca.ca**

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