



Welcome to the 7th edition of our Camp Chief Hector Alumni newsletter! We are so grateful you chose to be here and stay connected to us and your camp peers.

ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Do you know some Camp Alumni who would like to join the network? Forward this newsletter along to them so they can reconnect with Camp.

[Click here to join the Network](#)

The **CCH Alumni Committee** had a fantastic first meeting!

We are busy planning the events through 2025 and are excited to connect with you all again. We would love to add a couple more members to the committee. If you are interested, please email [Jana Reed](mailto:jana.reed@ymcacalgary.org) at jana.reed@ymcacalgary.org.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Meet **Terry Barron**, Camp Chief Hector YMCA alumni and dedicated donor to YMCA Calgary.

Terry's connection to the YMCA is not just a

story of philanthropy, it's one that brings together personal experiences, deep friendships, and a lasting commitment to igniting the potential in the community. From his early days as a camp counselor at Camp Chief Hector YMCA to his continued support as a donor, Terry's journey with the YMCA has shaped his life in ways that go beyond a connection to the YMCA – it's about a philosophy of giving back, fostering growth, and creating lasting change.



[Read more](#)

STAFF HOUSING



We are over-the-moon excited to announce the opening of the new " **Hector Housing**" and "**Bowfort Housing**" staff accommodation buildings!

This project took over 3 years from conception, fundraising, planning, and building. It is so great to be able to provide our kitchen team and winter and fall program teams with a comfortable and welcoming place to live. The old "Hector Housing" and "Longhouse" buildings had a good long run, installed to be temporary in the 70's and carefully maintained by generations of CCH maintenance staff.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

Summer Camp registration for 2025 was a hit!

After the first two weeks of registration we were almost 80% full for the summer. We are aiming to serve a total of 2800 campers in the summer of 2025.

LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE IS BACK



The Leadership Exchange program is set to kick off its second summer in 2025. Last year we had a group of 10 campers and 2 staff go on an exchange to YMCA Camp Pine Crest in Ontario where they enjoyed a canoe trip on the beautiful French River, near Georgian Bay.



We also enjoyed hosting a group of campers and staff from Pine Crest at CCH and took them on a backpacking trip in Kananaskis. This year we are excited to be working with Camp Pine Crest again for the Leadership Exchange program!



Did YOU participate in a Leadership or Counsellor Exchange back in the day?

We want to hear about it! You can even send us a photo.

Share your story

TOURS OF CAMP

Has it been a while since you've seen Camp?

Want to see what's new?
We want to show you!

Tours (including lunch) available.

Contact us to book or get more information.



ALUMNI WORKDAY



Lend a Hand, Share a Story!



This year's **Alumni Workday** is **Sunday, April**



We'll provide all the tools (including work gloves)—

If you've ever worked a spring season at camp, you know that when you arrive, everything is ready to go—but getting camp out of winter hibernation takes a lot of work! From opening and cleaning buildings to trail maintenance, to cutting P-cord and prepping gear for tarp and animal games, there's always plenty to do.

13, 2025, and we'd love for you to join us!

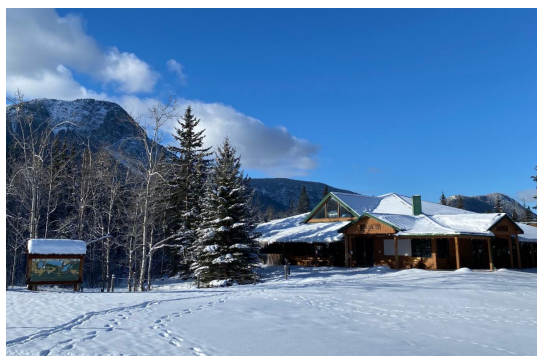
We've also heard from many alumni that they'd like more chances to connect with current staff—so this year, our **Staff Welcome Weekend** will overlap with Workday, meaning some of our spring and summer staff will be pitching in too. Expect plenty of stories to be shared as you move around site tackling different jobs!

just bring your hard-working attitude! **Lunch, plus an endless supply of camp coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, will be provided.**

After we wrap up the day, stick around for some snacks and reconnect with old friends and new faces.

More details to come, but for now—mark your calendar, and we'll see you in April!

WEEKEND BASECAMP



Your Cozy Winter Escape

Winter Basecamp is a fairly new program at Camp Chief Hector YMCA, designed to give you a comfortable home base in the mountains while you explore. Whether you're hitting the trails, skiing the backcountry, or just looking for a quiet weekend by the fire, we've got you covered.

We take care of the essentials so you can focus on your adventures. **Enjoy an early breakfast, grab a bagged lunch for the day, and opt-in for a hearty lasagna dinner on Saturday.** There's also an evening snack waiting for you back at the lodge.

Our **warm yurts come stocked with all the firewood you need**, but mornings can still be a bit crisp—so we recommend bringing a solid sleeping bag or extra blankets to stay toasty.



Looking for ideas on where to go?

We have **snowshoes to lend** and plenty of knowledge about the best spots in the **Bow Valley and Kananaskis** to help you plan your weekend.

Whether you're here to ski, hike, play in the snow with family, or simply read a book by the fire with a mountain view, Winter Basecamp is your perfect getaway.

**Find out
more**

CCH COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Camp Chief Hector YMCA
Community Open House
Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 10am - 3pm

We are opening our gate for the Calgary and Bow Valley communities to come by on May 17th! Join us for a tour, a hotdog, and learn about what programs we run throughout the year at CCH.

RSVP



LOVE, CAMP CAMPAIGN UPDATES



Have you had a chance to view our Love, Camp website? This is a great tool to check out to learn more about this capital campaign project, the history of Camp Chief Hector YMCA and to see how you can get involved!

We have raised \$12.3 million of our \$17 million goal to revitalize Camp Chief Hector YMCA. And \$9 million in projects have already been completed.

[Have a look and share the link with a friend from Camp!](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

ALUMNI WORKDAY *New date*

Sunday, April 13, 2025
Camp Chief Hector YMCA

CCH COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 17, 2025
Camp Chief Hector YMCA

CAMP TOURS

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
June through September (although we are flexible)

Contact us to book a date.

Save the Date

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 9, 2025
Bears paw Golf Club

Registration opens soon!

Want to be a Sponsor? **Contact us for more info.**

HOMECOMING

Saturday, September 20, 2025
Camp Chief Hector YMCA

REGISTRATION is now open for:

Family Weekend Getaway

Mountain Yoga Retreat

Basecamp

CAMP NEVER GROW UP *new

Horsemanship Program

LEARN MORE

Questions? Contact **Samantha Nelson**, Alumni Engagement Specialist, Camp Chief Hector YMCA



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