



## Campfire Chronicles

Camp Chief Hector Alumni Newsletter  
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Hello YMCA,

Welcome to the 8th 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.

**Join the Camp Chief Hector  
Alumni Community**



### ALUMNI WORKDAY



Alumni came out to Camp on April 13 to lend some sweat equity and help get the site ready for Spring &



Projects included adding gravel to the Bowfort Campfire seating. That gravel sure was heavy! The



Another group cut a trail and spread woodchips around the Low Ropes Course. Thank you for your

Summer.  
And, true to tradition, it  
snowed the day before!

kitchen prepared a delicious  
lunch for everyone.

time and muscles!  
See YOU next year!

## RAFFLE TICKETS - WestJet Gift of Flight

Win a WestJet Gift of Flight Voucher!

Tickets are 1 for \$20.00.

WestJet Gift of Flight voucher is for one roundtrip flight for two to any regularly scheduled and marketed WestJet destination. Winner will be drawn on June 30th, 2025.

Proceeds to benefit Camp Chief  
Hector YMCA.

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**BUY TICKETS**



## CAMP UPDATE



Did you know it takes a LOT of people to prepare all the food for our **Sac Dene** trip?

On the first weekend of June, our counsellors Chloe and Liam welcomed all Sac Dene participants and families to Camp for the weekend to meet and greet, and pack for the trip!



Previous to that, the dynamo duo have spent a few weeks dehydrating food, meal planning and route planning before the big 42 day trip.

Take a peek at the [video](#) to see all the food before it's packed (including some treats!!) the staff picked out for their days along the river!



Did you know they even bake a birthday cake for those lucky campers who have their birthday on trip?!?

We can't wait for all these folks to head out to the Mackenzie River on this incredible experience!



## 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.**



## HOMECOMING



**Get your ticket**

*Return to the place that shaped you. Celebrate Camp's legacy, share this special place with your loved ones, and be a part of its future!*

We are calling all camp inspired – alumni, past staff, past campers and parents - to reconnect with camp, with your friends, here at your second home. On September 20, 2025, join us at Camp Chief Hector for Homecoming!

Homecoming  
September 20, 2025  
Camp Chief Hector YMCA  
9am to 4pm  
Tickets by donation to Love, Camp

## LOVE, CAMP CAMPAIGN



After raising \$12.9 million, we are now in the final phase of the campaign and securing the remaining \$4.1 million needed to finish enhancing camp facilities and expand opportunities for youth to experience the life-changing power of camp. Join us, and show your love for camp!

To learn more about our goals and the progress we've made to date, visit our [Campaign website](#).

**MOVIE: Click here to see the progress of Love, Camp so far!**

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Alumni Engagement Specialist, **Samantha Nelson** has resigned from her role. She started in this position in August 2022. In this brand new role for our Association, she has been instrumental in launching our Camp Chief Hector Alumni Program. Through her leadership, we have launched an alumni database, increased alumni engagement through targeted communications and events, including our inaugural Camp Homecoming in 2024, and revived our annual charity golf tournament. She has also been instrumental in the behind-the-scenes management of the Love, Camp Campaign.

Over the years, Samantha has worked in different roles within our Association, accumulating 31 years of service and shared that although she is stepping away on June 30, she plans to stay connected to her YMCA colleagues and the Camp Alumni Community.

We wish her all the best as she ventures back into the world of quilting with her home business and teaching opportunities.

If you need anything or have a question, before a new Alumni Engagement Specialist is in place, please contact **Taryn Ashdown, Annual Campaign Manager**.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events

#### CAMP TOURS

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

**Contact us to book a date.**

#### HOMECOMING

Saturday, September 20, 2025  
Camp Chief Hector YMCA

### Family & Group Experiences at Camp

#### Family Weekend Getaway

- Space still available for Oct 24-26

#### Mountain Yoga Retreat

- Space still available for Nov 14-16

#### Basecamp

- Space still available for Nov 21-23

#### CAMP NEVER GROW UP \*new

- Space still available for Sep 19-21

#### Horsemanship Program

- Space still available starting Sep 6

**Register today**

Questions? Contact **Taryn Ashdown**, Annual Campaign Manager.



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