

2027 Summer Program Guide

Camp Chief Hector

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ABOUT CAMP CHIEF HECTOR YMCA

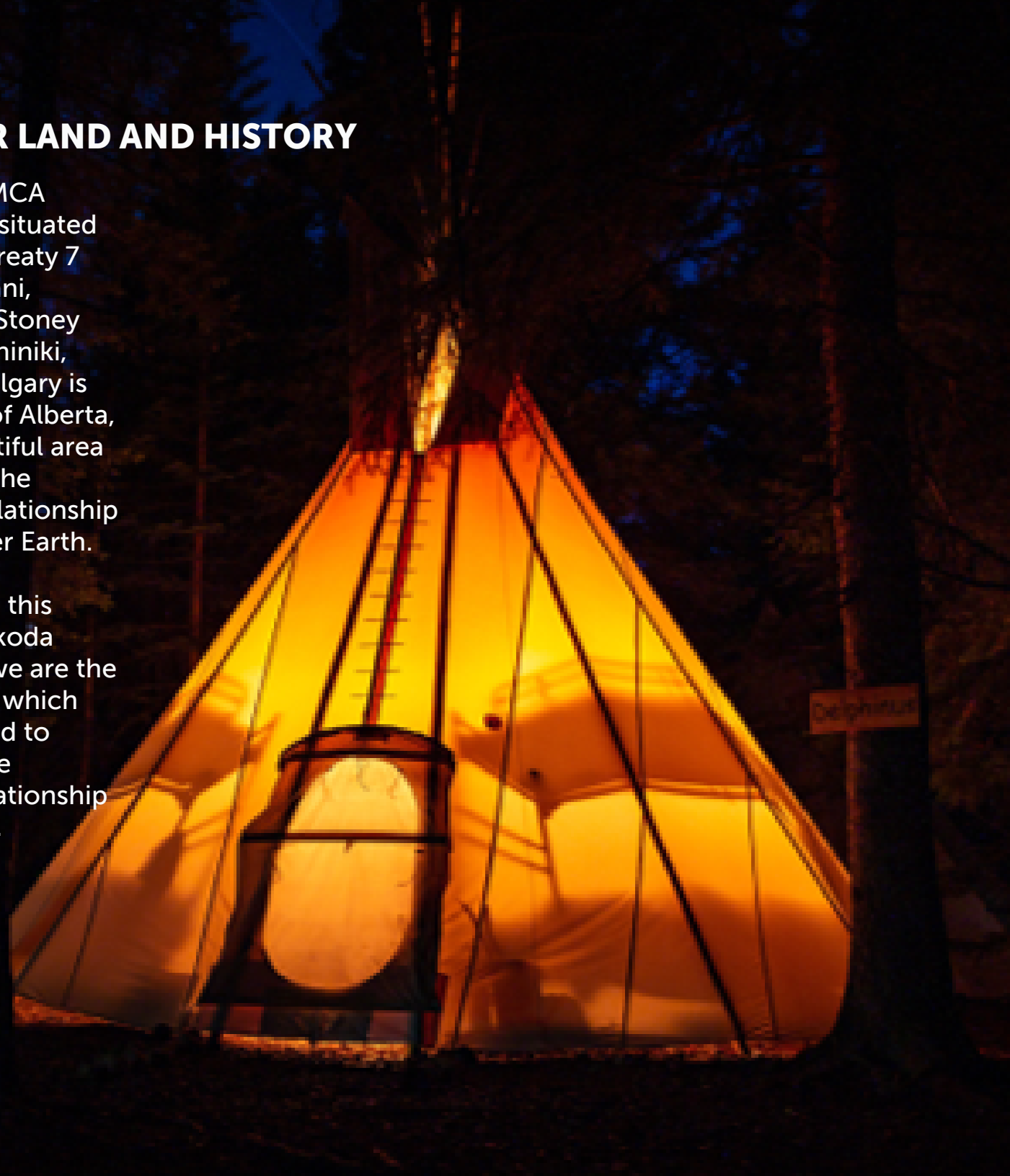
For over 95 years, Camp Chief Hector YMCA has been a camper's paradise. Operating year round, Camp Chief Hector YMCA offers unique camping and outdoor experiences. While programs typically focus on youth through our summer camps and 3-season outdoor schools, camp also offers weekend programs for adults and families, as well as meeting and event facilities.

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ACKNOWLEDGING OUR LAND AND HISTORY

In the spirit of reconciliation, YMCA Calgary acknowledges that it is situated on the traditional lands of the Treaty 7 First Nations of the Siksika, Piikani, Kainai, Tsuut'ina, and the three Stoney Nations, that comprise of the Chiniki, Goodstoney, and Bears Paw. Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, and all those who call this beautiful area home. We honour and respect the inherent cultural respect and relationship that all nations have with Mother Earth.

We gratefully acknowledge that this camp is named after Stoney Nakoda Chief Hector Crawler and that we are the current stewards of the land on which our camp sits. We are committed to exploring and understanding the historical roots of the YMCA relationship with the Stoney Nakoda people.



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ARE YOU AN ALUMNI?

We want to connect with all alumni from Camp Chief Hector YMCA and invite you to a series of events - specifically for alumni!



2027 Alumni Events

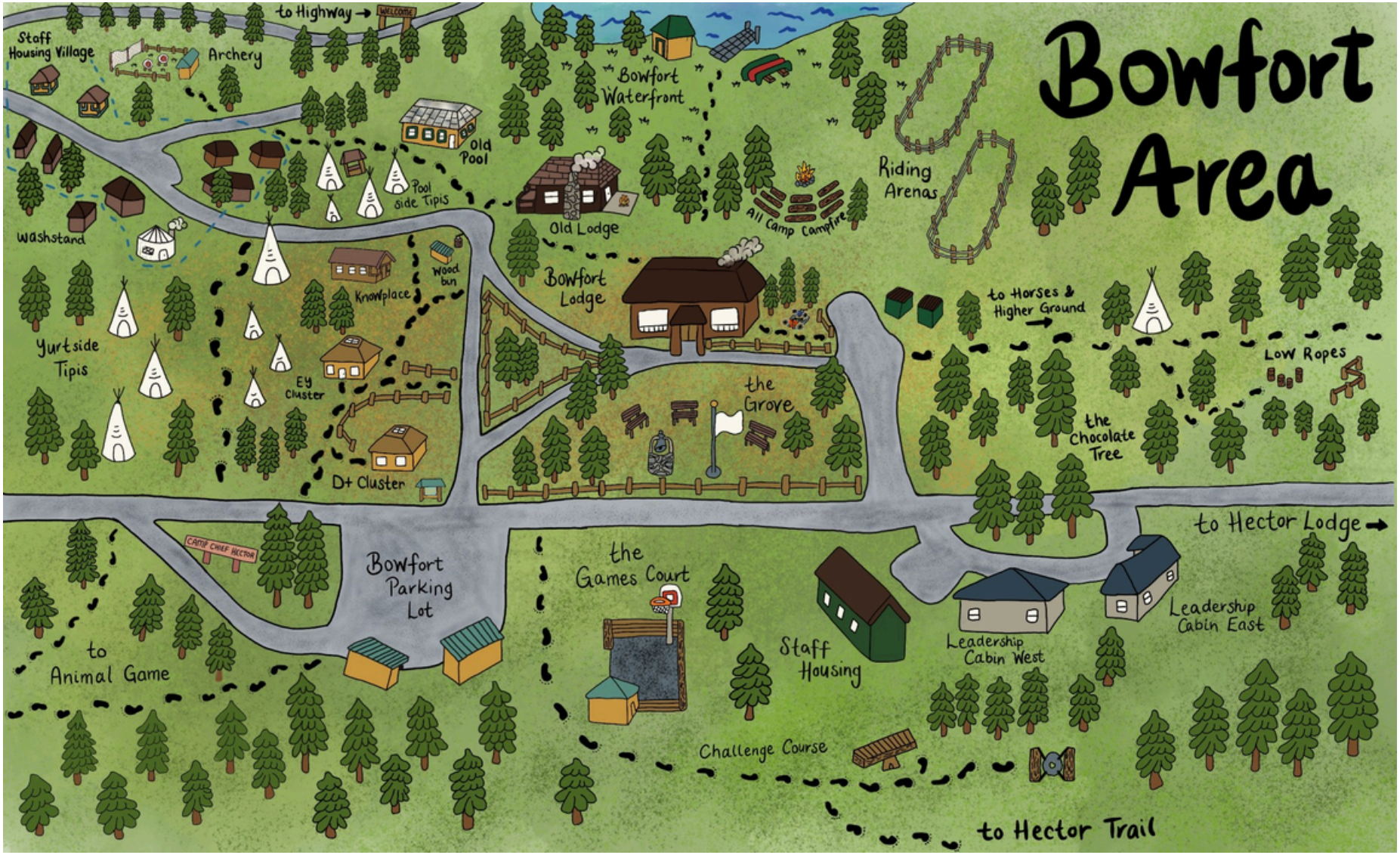
Alumni Work Volunteer Day
April 2027
YMCA Calgary *Golf Tournament*
June 2027
Homecoming BBQ
Fall 2027
Expedition Gala
Fall 2027
... and more!

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To Register to our Alumni Newsletter







About Our Site- Bowfort Area

Camp Chief Hector YMCA is located in Bow Valley Provincial Park in Exshaw, AB. We are fortunate to have access to over 1000 acres of land to explore, learn, and play together outside in nature.

Bowfort Area hosts our Juniors program and our Day Camp Program in the summer season. Campers will stay in tipis or indoor cabin accommodations. Our dining hall is located in Bowfort Lodge surrounded by activity areas including archery and Bowfort Waterfront.



About Our Site- Hector Area

Hector area is the home base for all Summer Camp Programs aged 10+. The dining hall is located inside Hector Lodge, which is surrounded by the yurts assigned to Mistaya and Kananaskin Campers. Around this area includes our archery range, challenge course, climbing tower, and is steps away from Hector Waterfront and our barn.

Halfway between Bowfort Area and Hector Area is our Expedition Centre and Midcamp Area. This is where our Pioneer, Wrangler in Training, and all Leadership/LIT programs stay during their time here at camp.



A typical day at camp...

8:15 am	Morning Activity
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Activity Block - Yurt/Tipi Group
11:00 am	Activity Block - Yurt/Tipi Group
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Activity Block - Yurt/Tipi Group
3:00 pm	Activity Block - Yurt/Tipi Group
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Free play and Rest time
7:30 pm	Section Activity or Freebies
8:15 pm	Evening Snack
8:30 pm	Evening Appreciations/Reflection
9:00 pm	Wind Down and Bedtime Routine





Activity Blocks allow campers to participate as their tipi/yurt group in the listed programs. Campers will have these times to develop teamwork, build friendships and create memories together at these program areas.

Section Activity is a time for campers to gather with all groups in their age group. An activity will be facilitated during this time which could be a sing-a-long campfire or a large game such as capture the flag. It's a time to gather and connect with other campers their age to expand their community.

Freebies are a time where your camper is able to sign up to attend a program area they enjoyed the most so they can experience it again! They will join other campers with the same interest and get to focus on what they loved to do the most.



Activities

All Groups

- Animal Game
- All Camp Day
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Adventure Playground
- Campfire
- Classic Camp Games
- Challenge Course
- Drama Based Games
- Forest Play/Nature Exploration
- Games and Sports Court
- Hiking and Exploring Trails
- Higher Ground (rock climbing, high ropes, giant swing and more!)
- Horsemanship Experience
- Large Group Games (ex. Capture the Flag)
- Leadership Skill Development
- Team Building Games
- Overnight Expedition
- Waterfront Canoeing & Pond Study Activities

Available for Some Groups

- Horseback Riding - WIT, Mistaya 13 Day, Kananaskin - 13 Day only
- Expedition Preparation and Skill Development



Overnight Accommodations at CCHY

Tipi

Located at Bowfort Lodge Area
Programs: Juniors - Tipi
Sleeps 2 counsellors, 8 campers on bunk beds
Fire pit inside for warmth and comfort
Outhouses and shower facilities located nearby

Cabin

Located at Bowfort Lodge Area
Programs: Juniors - Cabin
Each room sleeps 2 counsellors, 8 campers on bunk beds, common area with 2 other rooms of campers in building
Heated facility with washroom and shower facilities inside

Clusters Interior
Cabin Option



Inside Tipi
Tipi Option





Yurt Exterior



Yurt Interior

Yurt

Located at Hector Lodge Area and Midcamp Area
Programs: Mistaya, Kananaskin, Pioneer, Wrangler in Training, Leadership, LIT Programs

Each yurt sleeps 2 counsellors, up to 9 campers on bunk beds. Wood fire stove located inside for warmth and comfort. Outhouses and shower facilities located nearby

Summer Day Camps

6-10 YEARS CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.

All Gender Groups

Day Camp sessions run 5 days, Monday to Friday including running on holidays including the August Civic Holiday. Campers receive a lunch in Bowfort Lodge alongside our Junior campers to fuel them as they participate in a fun-filled day! Day camp programs include archery, canoeing, classic camp games, rock climbing, and a visit to our horses. Day campers work as a team to experience new activities and face challenges with the guidance of their camp counsellor.

Bussing is available from CANMORE and EXSHAW at no additional cost. Our site is in the Bow Valley, approximately 55 minutes west of Calgary.







6 Day Programs
OVERNIGHT CAMPS

JUNIORS

7-9 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Acommodations: Cabins or Tipis

The Junior program is based out of Bowfort Lodge. Junior campers come for 6 days, 5 nights and stay in either a tipi or cabin, to be selected at time of registration. Campers will experience many camp activities that include archery, rock climbing, canoeing, classic camp games and get to visit the horses. All campers have the option to try an onsite overnight camping experience with their group. All Junior campers will develop their teamwork skills, experience new challenges and meet new friends.

Please note: this program includes joining in a one night - onsite overnight expedition. Please refer to the packing list for more information. CCHY has gear to lend your camper if needed.



MISTAYA

10 - 11 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Accomodations: Yurts

Mistaya camp offers time for learning, making friends, working as a team and having fun outdoors! During this 6-day program, campers will participate in activities such as hiking on our trails, arts and crafts, rock climbing, archery and classic camp games! All 6-day Mistaya campers have the option to participate in an onsite one night overnight camping experience. All Mistaya camps run out of Hector Lodge and campers will stay in yurts.

This program is an introductory level program for those campers new to camp between the ages of 10-11 years.

Please note: this program includes joining in a one night - onsite overnight expedition. Please refer to the packing list for more information. CCHY has gear to lend your camper if needed.



6 Day Programs
OVERNIGHT CAMPS





KANANASKIN

12-13 YEARS **Campers must turn this age by December 31, 2027.**

Acommodations: Yurts

Kananaskin camp offers a time for learning, making friends, working as a team, and having fun outdoors! In this 6-day program, campers will participate in activities such as hiking on our trails, arts and crafts, high ropes, archery, and classic camp games! All 6-day Kananaskin campers have the option to participate in an onsite one night overnight camping experience. All Kananaskin camps are run out of Hector Lodge and campers will stay in yurts.

This program is an introductory level program for those campers new to camp between the ages of 12 - 13 years.

Please note: this program includes joining in a one night - onsite overnight expedition. Please refer to the packing list for more information. CCHY has gear to lend your camper if needed.

PIONEER

14-15 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Acommodations: Yurts

Pioneer Camp offers a time for learning, making friends, working as a team, and having fun outdoors! During their 6 days here, Pioneer campers will participate in activities such as a day hike, high ropes, archery, classic camp games, and canoeing! All Pioneer 6D campers will participate in a one night onsite overnight camping experience. All Pioneer camps are run out of Hector Lodge and the campers will stay in yurts in Midcamp with other Pioneer programs.

This program is an introductory level program for those campers new to camp between the ages of 14-15 years.
Please note: this program includes joining in a one night - onsite overnight expedition. Please refer to the packing list for more information. CCHY has gear to lend your camper if needed.

13 Day Programs
OVERNIGHT CAMPS

MISTAYA

10-11 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Accomodations: Yurts

Mistaya campers come to camp for a 13-day session and live in yurts near Hector Lodge. Campers will participate in various traditional camp activities including archery, rock climbing, arts and crafts and canoeing all while developing their teamwork and self-confidence. Each camper will get the opportunity to visit the barn and learn about the horses.

Each 13-day Mistaya camper will experience a 3-day overnight hike at a local campsite. During this adventure, campers will help pack and carry their gear and food, help set up their campsite and work as a team to learn and have fun in the outdoors!

Our Expedition Program Guide will contain trip information, risk management details, and answers to common questions about our Expedition Program. Before your camper comes to camp, please use this document to help them prepare and learn more about the Expedition that they will be participating in. This will be available on our website before your camper comes to camp.





KANANASKIN*

12-13 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Accomodations: Yurts

Kananaskin campers come to camp for a 13-day session and live in yurts near Hector Lodge. Campers participate in various traditional camp activities including archery, rock climbing, and arts and crafts while building their team, and developing their personal skills. Each camper will have the opportunity to visit the horses and learn introductory horsemanship and riding skills.

These campers will prepare for their 4-day overnight trip by first doing skill building onsite either hiking or canoeing (river based). During the overnight expedition adventures, campers will help pack and carry their gear and food, help set up their campsite and work as a team to learn and have fun.

*This program has FOCUSES for their expeditions.
Onsite programming is the same for both groups.
At the time of registration, you will have to choose CANOE or HIKE.

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13 Day Programs
OVERNIGHT CAMPS





PIONEER - HIKE *[All Gender]*

14-15 YEARS CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.

Accomodations: Yurts

Pioneer hike campers come to camp for a 13-day session and stay in yurts near Deer Lodge (Mid-camp). Campers will learn about teamwork, leadership, responsibility, and develop personal strengths and self-confidence. Campers will participate in a variety of camp activities such as games, arts and crafts, archery, climbing and more.

These campers will participate in 8 days (total) of hiking. These 8 days are broken down into a day trip, and the longer backcountry expedition. These experiences give opportunities for campers to focus on developing leadership and outdoor living skills, as well as backcountry travel.

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PIONEER - CANOE *[All Gender]*

14-15 YEARS CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.

Accomodations: Yurts

Pioneer canoe campers come to camp for a 13-day session and stay in yurts near Deer Lodge (Mid-camp). Campers will learn about teamwork, leadership, responsibility, and develop personal strengths and self-confidence. Campers will participate in a variety of camp activities such as games, arts and crafts, archery, climbing and more.

These campers will participate in 8 days (total) of canoeing. These 8 days are broken down into a day trip, and the longer backcountry expedition. These experiences give opportunities for campers to focus on developing leadership and outdoor living skills, as well as backcountry travel.

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13 Day Programs
OVERNIGHT CAMPS

WRANGLER IN TRAINING
[All Gender]

14-15 YEARS CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.

Accomodation: Yurts

Our Wrangler in Training Program is an equine and leadership focused program. In this two week program, campers will spend the majority of their time involved in activities at the barn where they will gain a rich experience with horses involving developing horsemanship and horseback riding skills. Campers will also participate in camp activities, an onsite overnight expedition, a day hike, and classic camp games!

They will experience daily life at the barn and have leadership opportunities with the younger groups on site. Wranglers in Training is suitable for all levels of experience.







27 Day Programs
OVERNIGHT CAMPS

LEADERSHIP- Canoe *[All Gender]*

16 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Accomodations: Yurts

Leadership campers come to camp for 27 days and stay in yurts near Deer Lodge (Mid-camp). Their focus will be on learning and developing backcountry expedition skills and leadership abilities. To facilitate their development in these areas, campers will participate in various outdoor expedition trips, including onsite overnights and canoe practice training prior to the expedition.

Included in this program are over 16 nights of backcountry canoe tripping experience. Groups plan and prepare together for their exciting and rewarding expedition trips with their leaders. Throughout their month-long experience, they will develop personal strengths and new abilities.

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LEADERSHIP- Horse & Hike *[All Gender]*

16 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Accomodations: Yurts

This program is suited for those looking to develop their outdoor leadership skills and horsemanship skills. Half of the program will be focused on time at the barn learning from our Wranglers about horsemanship, horseback riding, and participating in a horse-based overnight pack trip expedition.

The other half of the program will be focused on building leadership skills during onsite activities including high ropes and canoeing. Campers will also participate in a 6 day hiking expedition in the backcountry to practice these skills and continue to develop their outdoor literacy and leadership skills.

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27 Day Programs
OVERNIGHT CAMPS





LEADERSHIP- Hike *[All Gender]*

16 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Accomodations: Yurts

Leadership campers come to camp for 27 days and stay in yurts near Deer Lodge (Mid-camp). Their focus will be on learning and developing backcountry expedition skills and leadership abilities. To facilitate their development in these areas, campers will participate in various outdoor expedition trips, including onsite overnights and day trips.

Included in this program are over 16 nights of backcountry hiking trip experience. Groups plan and prepare together for their exciting and rewarding expedition trips with their leaders. Throughout their month-long experience, they will develop personal strengths and new abilities.

Our Expedition Program Guide will contain trip information, risk management details, and answers to common questions about our Expedition Program. Before your camper comes to camp, please use this document to help them prepare and learn more about the Expedition that they will be participating in. This will be available on our website before your camper comes to camp.



LEADERSHIP- Exchange *[All Gender]*

16 YEARS **CAMPERS MUST TURN THIS AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2027.**

Accomodations: Yurts

TThis program is a new 27 day program that we are running in conjunction with YMCA Camp Pine Crest located in Muskoka, Ontario.

This program will focus on the development of leadership skills through an exchange trip to Camp Pine Crest YMCA. At this camp, the CCHY campers join the Pine Crest Cohort and participate in their camp activities as well as a 4-5 day canoe trip on the French River. After their 10 days at Camp Pinecrest YMCA, their cohort and the CCHY campers will return to CCHY for 10 days together on our site. During their time, CCHY campers will host the Pine Crest cohort and be leaders and ambassadors for all things CCHY. They will participate in our trek course, classic CCHY programming and go on a 4-5 day hiking expedition in the Bow Valley. All travel associated with the exchange program is included in the program fee.

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Leadership Programs

OVERNIGHT CAMPS



LEADER IN TRAINING

[All Gender]

17 YEARS

Accomodations: Yurts

Registration for the Leaders-in-Training (LIT) program involves an application and interview process that is open to past Leadership participants and other interested youths. LIT is a month-long program during which they will participate in leadership training, a backpacking trip, and activities to develop their leadership skills.

The second two weeks is reserved for the LIT's to volunteer as a counsellor for a Juniors or Mistaya group. This program is focused on building leadership skills and gaining experience being a counsellor. This program includes a 3 day offsite expedition aimed to build outdoor leadership skills.

APPLY NOW

Applications for all LIT programs at Camp Chief Hector are now open for summer 2027! Please forward your resume and cover letter to camp@ymcacalgary.org with the subject line "2027 LIT Application for [your name]"

The deadline to submit your application for these programs is December 1st,2026 at 5:00 pm MST.

We will reach out to you in mid-January to set up an interview. The Camp Chief Hector team will be holding in-person interviews {online is available if you do not reside in Calgary area) during January and February. We look forward to reviewing your application!

Leadership Programs

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

THE GREAT DIVIDE HIKE

[All Gender]

17 YEARS

Accomodations: Yurts

This program was **NEW** to 2026, and was so successful we will be running it again in 2027! Great Divide Hike campers come to camp for 55 days and live in a Yurt near Deer Lodge. The focus of this program is on honing outdoor leadership skills on a 40-day backpacking trip on the Great Divide Trail. Great Divide Hike campers will be immersed in a team environment, allowing them to explore the ways in which they can contribute to a common goal and group identity.

Campers will become a part of the planning and preparation process for the wilderness expedition by contributing toward food and gear packing as well as developing individual and group goals for the expedition. Part of this program will be focused on performing community service and trail maintenance on the Great Divide trail in order to contribute to the longevity of the program.

On the wilderness expedition, campers will have the opportunity to hone their skills as outdoor leaders by taking on peer-leadership roles, such as navigation, route planning, camp craft, and cooking. Throughout the Great Divide Hike, campers will develop their personal strengths, learn new skills, and recognize areas of growth.







APPLY NOW

Applications for all LIT programs at Camp Chief Hector are now open for summer 2027! Please forward your resume and cover letter to camp@ymcacalgary.org with the subject line “2027 Great Divide Hike Application for [your name]”

The deadline to submit your application for these programs is December 1st, 2026 at 5:00 pm MST.

We will reach out to you in mid-January to set up an interview. The Camp Chief Hector team will be holding in-person interviews {online is available if you do not reside in Calgary area) during January and February. We look forward to reviewing your application!

Leadership Programs

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

SAC DENE *[All Gender]*

17 YEARS

Accomodations: Yurts



Sac Dene campers come to camp for 55 days and live in a Yurt near Deer Lodge. The focus of this program is on honing outdoor leadership skills on a 40-day wilderness canoe trip. Sac dene Campers will be immersed in a team environment, allowing them to explore the ways in which they can contribute to a common goal and group identity.

Campers will become a part of the planning and preparation process for the wilderness expedition by contributing toward food and gear packing as well as developing individual and group goals for the expedition.

On the wilderness expedition, campers will have the opportunity to hone their skills as outdoor leaders by taking on peer-leadership roles, such as navigation, route planning, camp craft, and cooking. Throughout the Sac Dene program, campers will develop their personal strengths, learn new skills, and recognize areas of growth. This program celebrated it's 30th expedition in 2025.

APPLY NOW



Applications for all LIT programs at Camp Chief Hector are now open for summer 2027! Please forward your resume and cover letter to camp@ymcacalgary.org with the subject line "2027 Sac Dene Application for [your name]"

The deadline to submit your application for these programs is December 1st, 2026 at 5:00 pm MST.

We will reach out to you in mid-January to set up an interview. The Camp Chief Hector team will be holding in-person interviews {online is available if you do not reside in Calgary area) during January and February. We look forward to reviewing your application!

Looking for ways to come to camp outside of Summer?

Outdoor Schools Program

Looking for a unique experience to get your students in the outdoors and enhance your classroom curriculum?
Available Fall, Winter, and Spring, our Outdoor School Program offers a variety of packages for your school's needs.

Click here for more info!

Registered Weekend Programming

Family Getaway Weekends - Come to camp for fun for the whole family!
Horsemanship Clinic Series - learn all about horsemanship and build your riding skills over a series of weekend lessons at CCHY
Yoga Weekend Retreats - A rejuvenating mountain retreat focused on yoga, camp activities and overall wellness.
Winter Basecamp - make CCHY your place to stay while you explore the mountains your way!

Click here for more info!

Custom Bookings

Looking for something else that suits your needs? A corporate retreat? Large family gathering? Day and overnight options are available!

Inquire by emailing us at camp@ymcacalgary.org

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Bowfort Programs

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Age	Camp Name	Fee	Sessions			
6-10 Y	Day Camp	$508		B July 5 - July 9	C July 12 - 16	D July 19 - 23
			E July 25 - July 30	F August 1 - August 6	G August 8 - August 13	

Age	Camp Name	Fee	Sessions			
6-9 Y	Juniors *Tipi or Cabin Option*	$1,086	A June 27 - July 2	B July 4 - July 9	C July 11 - 16	D July 18 - 23
			E July 25 - July 30	F August 1 - August 6	G August 8 - August 13	H August 15 - August 20

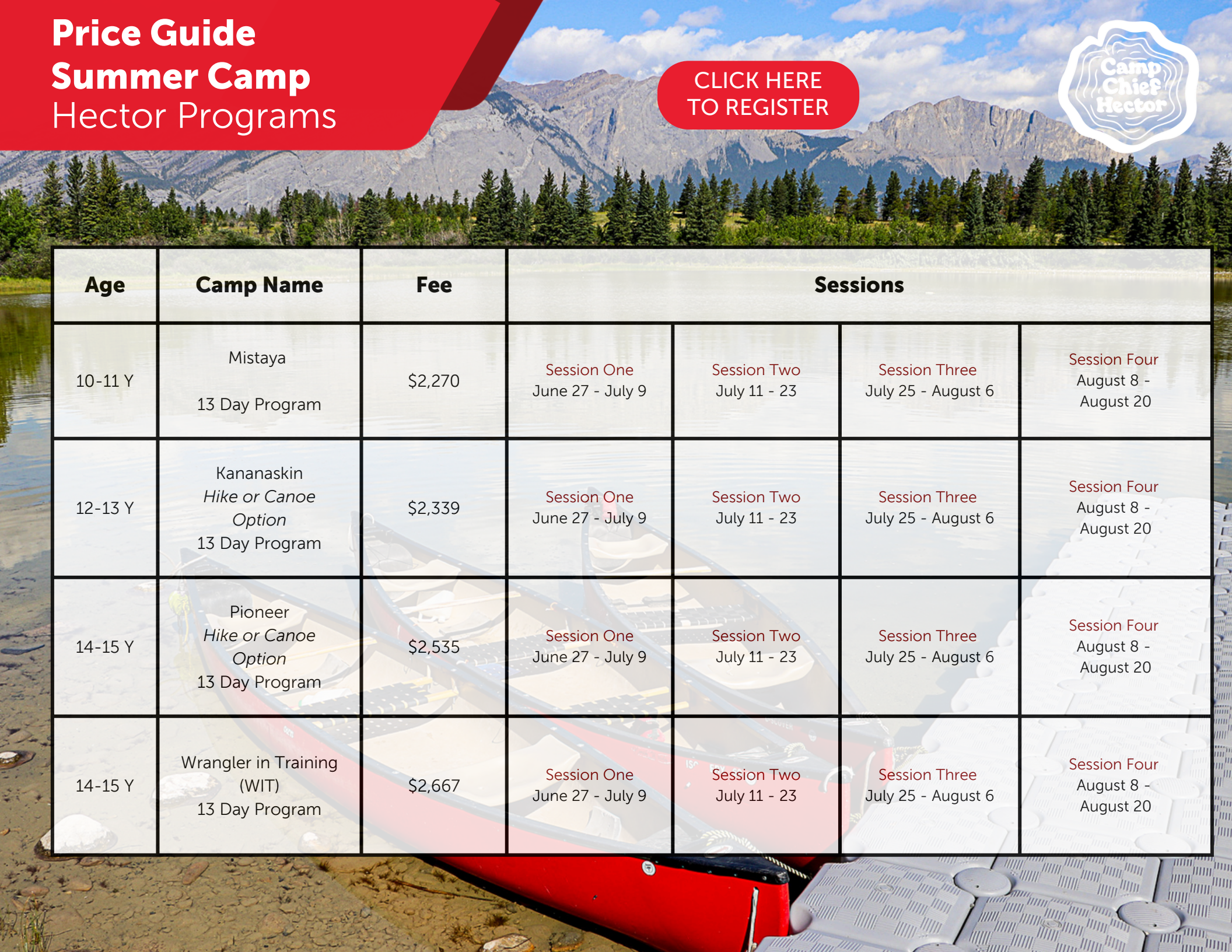
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Age	Camp Name	Fee	Sessions				
10-11 Y	Mistaya 6 Day Program	$1,155	A June 27 - July 2	B July 4 - July 9	C July 11 - 16	D July 18 - 23	
			E July 25 - July 30	F August 1 - August 6	G August 8 - August 13	H August 15 - August 20	I August 22 - August 27
12-13 Y	Kananaskin 6 Day Program	$1,155	A June 27 - July 2	B July 4 - July 9	C July 11 - 16	D July 18 - 23	
			E July 25 - July 30	F August 1 - August 6	G August 8 - August 13	H August 15 - August 20	I August 22 - August 27
12-13 Y	Pioneer 6 Day Program	$1,155	A June 27 - July 2	B July 4 - July 9	C July 11 - 16	D July 18 - 23	
			E July 25 - July 30	F August 1 - August 6	G August 8 - August 13	H August 15 - August 20	I August 22 - August 27

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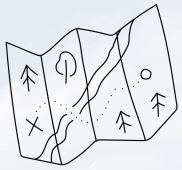


Age	Camp Name	Fee	Sessions			
10-11 Y	Mistaya 13 Day Program	$2,270	Session One June 27 - July 9	Session Two July 11 - 23	Session Three July 25 - August 6	Session Four August 8 - August 20
12-13 Y	Kananaskin *Hike or Canoe Option* 13 Day Program	$2,339	Session One June 27 - July 9	Session Two July 11 - 23	Session Three July 25 - August 6	Session Four August 8 - August 20
14-15 Y	Pioneer *Hike or Canoe Option* 13 Day Program	$2,535	Session One June 27 - July 9	Session Two July 11 - 23	Session Three July 25 - August 6	Session Four August 8 - August 20
14-15 Y	Wrangler in Training (WIT) 13 Day Program	$2,667	Session One June 27 - July 9	Session Two July 11 - 23	Session Three July 25 - August 6	Session Four August 8 - August 20

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Age	Camp Name	Fee	Sessions	
16 Y	Leadership - Exchange 27 Day Program	$5,334		Session Three & Session Four July 25 - August 20
16 Y	Leadership - Hike Focus 27 Day Program	$5,334	Session One & Session Two June 27 - July 23	Session Three & Session Four July 25 - August 20
16 Y	Leadership - Canoe Focus 27 Day Program	$5,334	Session One & Session Two June 27 - July 23	Session Three & Session Four July 25 - August 20
16 Y	Leadership - Horse & Hike Focus 27 Day Program	$5,334		Session Three & Session Four July 25 - August 20

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Age	Camp Name	Fee	Sessions		
17 Y	Leader in Training (LIT) Onsite Program	$1,732	LIT Training & Learning Program June 27 - July 9	Volunteer Contract July 11 - 23	August Option to Extend to Paid Contract
17 Y	LIT Program "Sac Dene" *Canoe Based Program*	$9,339	July and August June 27 - August 20		
17 Y	LIT Program "The Great Divide Hike" *Hike Based Program*	$9,339	July and August June 27 - August 20		

General Information About Your Camper's Experience

TRANSPORTATION FOR CAMP

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

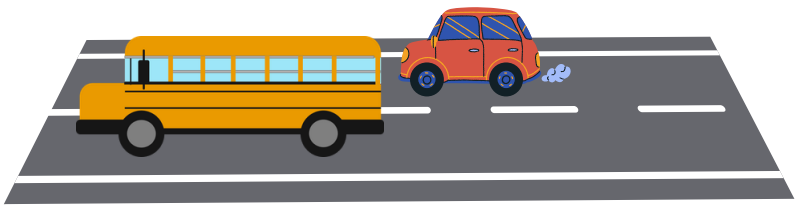
Camp Chief Hector YMCA has two options for campers to get to and from camp for their overnight program. They can catch a bus at Shane Homes at Rocky Ridge YMCA or can be dropped off by personal vehicle to site. The bus option does not have a fee associated with it.

Camper forms are distributed by email to families in late Spring. On these forms you are able to indicate how you would like your camper to get to and from camp.

DAY CAMPS

Camp Chief Hector YMCA has two options for campers to get to and from camp for their day camp program. You may drop off and pick up your child daily directly on site, or use the bus that drops off in Exshaw and Canmore only.

There are not options for a bus from Calgary for day camp programs.





FOOD SERVICES FOR OVERNIGHT CAMP

Here at camp, we have a talented team of dedicated cooks & chefs who prepare delicious and nutritious meals each day for all of our campers! Our Executive Chef mentors our kitchen staff to ensure our growing guests get well-balanced, nutritious and high protein meals while they stay with us.

If your camper has food allergies or restrictions, please ensure you include this on your camper's medical form. Our Cooks and Chefs have a vast amount of knowledge to accommodate allergens, dietary needs and special needs such as vegetarian, vegan, halal, celiac, lactose intolerance, nut allergies and picky eaters etc. if we are made aware ahead of arrival.

For more information or if you have concerns, please contact us at camp.kitchenservices@ymcacalgary.org

General Information About Your Camper's Experience



Registration Dates 2027

Registration dates have changed to Fall 2026 for the following Summer Camp Year.

We hope that these changes to our registration dates will allow families to make their 2027 plans with your camper's friends ahead of other program registrations. Our intention also is to alleviate financial pressures by spacing out payments for registrations over a longer period of time. Find out more information on the next page about payment options.

Returning Campers

November 17th, 2026 at 9:30 am MST

New Campers

November 24th, 2026 at 9:30 am MST



Cancellation Policy

Curious about what happens if you need to cancel?

CLICK HERE TO VIEW

Financial Assistance for Programs

At YMCA Calgary, we remove financial barriers so everyone can play.

If you require financial assistance to register for a program at Camp Chief Hector YMCA, please *send us an email* to set up your account no later than to have it set up prior to registration:

November 13th, 2026

Your account must be set up prior to registration opening on November 17th to have subsidy auto-applied. You can still apply for subsidy after this date, but will be required to pay the deposit on registration day to hold your spot.

camp@ymcacalgary.org

For more information about our Let's Raise program, or if you would like to become a donor, please click here: **Let's Raise**

General Information About Your Camper's Experience

Registration Information

Registration is done on our Online Portal.
If you are a returning camper, you will be able to use last year's login credentials to sign in to register.
If you are a new camper, you will have to create an account here:

ONLINE CAMPER PORTAL

Deposit and Payment Information

A 25% deposit of total registration fees is required at time of registration to secure your spot.
During registration you can choose to pay in full, or select payment installments.
Installment payments are spread out over 5 payments and begin on January 1st, 2027. NEW

Camper Information Forms

Camper information forms including food allergies, medical information, transportation options and friend requests are emailed directly to registered participants in late Spring.

We cannot accept this information over phone or email.









SUPPORTING GENDER DIVERSE CAMPERS

We are dedicated to the creation of a safe, secure space for those spending time at camp for all campers. It is the policy of YMCA Calgary and Camp Chief Hector to maintain and promote a community and facility that provides the highest quality of services to our campers regardless of their actual or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation. We encourage the parent(s) or guardian(s) of any transgender, trans+, and gender nonconforming campers to contact us at camp@ymcacalgary.org to discuss a support plan and the commitments to inclusion made by YMCA Calgary / Camp Chief Hector and how we can best welcome and support your camper(s).

Annually, CCHY collaborates with the Centre for Sexuality to provide a focused camp experience for youth that identify as 2SLGBTQ+ called Camp fYrefly. You can learn more about this program by clicking here:

Camp fYrefly

INCLUSION & SUPPORT

At Camp Chief Hector YMCA, we strive to create a space for all individuals to belong, grow, thrive and lead.

While CCHY cannot provide 1:1 support for individual's behavioural needs, we are able to provide other support systems and allow external support workers to attend with your camper. Learn more about our staffing structure and available supports on our staffing pages.

If your camper requires additional support, or you want to discuss with us any specifics, please reach out to us after registration to begin this process.



HOW DOES STAFFING WORK AT CAMP CHIEF HECTOR YMCA?

In our summer camp programs, we aim to provide a two counsellor to eight camper ratio with our minimum supervision ratio being one counsellor to eight campers. In addition to counsellors, we have a variety of other camp staff supporting campers, including:

- Resource staff (who have a specific skill set for facilitating in specialized areas, such as canoeing, arts and crafts, horse programs, the Wellness Centre and the Expedition Centre)
- Team Leads (who provide leadership and program oversight of each age division)
- Coordinators (who provide leadership and supervision of our large program areas, including Bowfort Lodge, Hector Lodge, the Barn, the Wellness Centre, and the Expedition Centre)

TRAINING

All of our staff go through a background check and receive extensive Child Protection and Safeguarding, and Risk Managment training. All of our staff are required to be certified in Standard First Aid and CPR Level C.

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

For all of our programs, we prioritize our staffing based on individual's qualifications, skills and certifications including but not limited to Wilderness Advanced First Aid and Canoeing certifications from Paddle Canada.

In some instances, the staff assigned to your camper's group may be a different gender. All of our staff are trained equally and our policies for child safety are the same regardless of the staff's gender.







JOIN OUR TEAM

We hire year round for the following positions:

Camp Counsellors
Outdoor Education Staff
Kitchen Staff
Wranglers
CUI Climbing Staff
Expedition Staff
Program Leads & Coordinators

Applications open in December 2026.

Apply here!





We'll see you outside!

