



YMCA Calgary
Camp Riveredge
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YMCA Camp Riveredge:

YMCA Camp Riveredge is an outdoor camp inside the city. It is located in a gated area of Sandy Beach Park of 50 Ave (close to MRU). The site is now open year-round and available to YMCA Departments, Schools, Community and Corporate Organizations as well as Sport Clubs.

No longer is Riveredge just a Camp!

On site there are four large tipis, two sea-cans that make-up the Riveredge office and storage area. We also have a small barn (with heating!). Activities run whatever the weather and temperature so it is really important that camper come prepared and ready for all elements. Activities can include but are not limited to archery, orienteering/nature scavenger hunts, bouldering, using the challenge course and low ropes, making arts and crafts, tubing down the Elbow River (pending flow rates), overnight experiences and out trips.

Day Camp Registration:

Summer: June 29th-August 28th 2016 camps are 5 and 10 days in duration pending campers' age:

6-7 yr olds – **Hummingbirds** (one week camps only)

8-9 yr olds – **Hawks** (one week camps only)

10-11 yr olds – **Falcons** (one and two week camps)

12-13 yr olds – **Eagles** (one and two week camps)

14-15 yr olds – **Ospreys** (two week camps only, two choices first two weeks of July and first two weeks of Aug)

Day Camp Hours:

Camp Runs 8:30am - 4:30pm

Drop off and pick up on site starts and end at these times

Busing:

Morning Bussing: 7:30am - 8:00am:

Busses leave branches at 8:00am sharp!

Afternoon Bussing return to branch between 4:30pm - 5:30pm

- You **MUST** select the **SAME** branch for drop-off **AND** pick-up (much confusion has previously occurred).
- The cost for bussing is \$30.
- Bussing is offered rather than pre or post care. There is no pre/post care onsite at Riveredge.
- Bussing is scheduled as a week at a time (sorry no dailies!)
- If this is not required, parents are expected to drop-off and pick-up their children at the Off Site location in Sandy Beach themselves at 8:30am and pick up latest 4:30pm.

Strong Kids:

Campers will be encouraged to help support the YMCA charity Strong Kids, through various fundraisers involving loonies and tonies. See parent newsletter each week for more information.

Family Zone or Camper Fax:

Once registration is complete please logon to:

<http://yycymca.campfax.com/>

This is **IMPORTANT** as it is where families input camper/s medical information **and** FRIEND REQUESTS

Friend Requests:

ALL friend requests are to be made through Family Zone.

Both families must select each other for it to be honored.

Things to Bring or Wear:

Campers will need to bring a day pack that can fit, nut FREE snacks, lunch kit, full water bottle, waterproofs (Jacket & Pants), spare clothing/layers, toque/sunhat, sunscreen.

Please make sure your camper is wearing closed toed shoes so they can participate in all activities (runners or trail/hiking footwear ideal).

Please make sure you **LABEL all items** your camper is bringing to camp including containers! It is a lot easier for us to be able to return.

We are 'UNPLUGGED' please leave any electrical products (cell phones/ipads/Gameboys,etc) at home. Riveredge does not accept responsibility for the loss or damage to camper personal property.

Weather:

Riveredge operates in all weather and temperatures. It is important that campers are prepared. Come with layers, water proofs and a spare change of clothing. In down pours or thunder storms, counselling staff will seek shelter within tipis, under tarps and using building onsite.

Overnights:

Overnight camps are for campers registered in 2-week camps only. The overnight will take place the 1st Thursday of the 1st week. Should weather not be cooperating we may re-schedule to the following week.

Evening meal and Breakfast will be provided for campers. However, campers will need to bring an extra lunch for the following day. This will be stored in the fridge onsite to avoid spoil.

Leave no Trace:

Campers will need to provide their own nut FREE snacks and lunches. Riveredge is a leave no trace camp so any garbage that campers bring onsite they will be responsible for taking.

Due to the wildlife onsite we do not have garbage bins.

Food Drive:

Food drive will take the week of Aug 10-14. The YMCA Calgary Kids in Motion and Day Camps, annually participate for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank. The food drive is a tangible way for our Kids in Motion and Day Camp participants to actively engage in philanthropy and benefit the wider Calgary community. Over 130 000 Calgarians access the food bank every year and over 40% of them are children so the food drive is a fantastic way to connect our participants directly to a city-wide community building effort.

Your camper will be involved by delivering food donation bags to the local community door steps (Monday/Tuesday) and supporting the collection with YMCA designated drivers (Thursday).