



LEADERSHIP

AGE RANGE: 16-17 (currently in grade 10 or 11)

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Through backcountry trips and time leading younger campers, Leadership program participants will grow and thrive during their time at camp. Rich experiences in the outdoors complement time leading younger campers and making new and renewed friendships.

- 27-days of exciting programs and leadership opportunities.
- Equine Leadership: Campers spend time riding, helping to care for the Gray Jay herd, and learning about Horsemanship.
- Backpacking Preparation and Training: groups work together to create a route plan, menu plan, and ready themselves for their backpacking (overnight hiking) trip. Leadership groups will spend up to 10 days hiking in the backcountry around Camp Gray Jay and in Banff National Park.
- Camper Mentorship: Leadership participants will plan and lead short activities for younger groups. They will spend a few days with a group of younger campers, shadowing the counsellors.
- Leadership campers thrive in being an active part of their community. They learn through new outdoor experiences and leadership opportunities.

YMCA CAMP GRAY JAY COMMUNITY:

- Located in the Yaha Tinda valley on the northeast boundary of Banff National Park, about an hour west of Sundre, Alberta.
- Campers and staff live in Stoney-style tipis with a fire in the middle. Meals are eaten in a lodge with full kitchen or outside at picnic tables. Toilets are outhouses; sinks and showers have warm running water.





- The Gray Jay community is close-knit. While each tipi group has its own schedule, groups will spend time with each other during activities and meal times. Campers and staff all contribute to a collective happy and fulfilling camp experience.
- Campers start their time at camp at the Shane Homes YMCA at Rocky Ridge, in NW Calgary. All Gray Jay groups will take a bus from there to and from the camp.



LEADERSHIP (CAMP GRAY JAY)

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COST, DATES AND BARCODES:

AGE by Dec 31 2019	Current grade in school	YMCA CAMP GRAY JAY		Cost	JULY Jul 7-Aug 2	AUGUST Aug 4-30
16-17Y	Grade 10 or 11	LEADERSHIP (mixed group)	female	\$2,995	149711	149712
			male		149713	149714