



# LEADERSHIP

**AGE RANGE:** 16-17 (must be the correct age by Dec 31, 2020)

## 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.



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## YMCA Camp Gray Jay Summer Camp

- 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.

**\*NEW  
for  
2020**

**Skills development weekends** for Leadership and Leaders-in-Training campers.

- These weekends will provide an opportunity for participants to get acquainted with the summer leadership program. Campers will meet trip leaders and fellow campers. The weekend will be an introduction to the outdoor leadership skill that participant will further develop at camp.

Choose one weekend (Fri 6pm – Sun 3:30pm): May 15-17 | May 22-24 | May 29-31 | June 5-7

Registration for these skills weekends begins in January – watch your email Inbox for details



**COST:** \$3300 *includes skill development weekend*

Visit [camps/camp-chief-hector](https://www.yymca.ca/camps/camp-chief-hector) for session dates and fees and registration instructions.

Returning campers AND new campers\* can register online at [YMCA Online](https://www.yymca.ca/online).

\*New campers MUST contact the Camp office to set up an account and get an ID# and PIN.

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