



PIONEER

AGE RANGE: 14-15 (must be the correct age by Dec 31, 2020)

NUMBER OF OPTIONS: 4 (Hike, Mountain Arts, Canoe, Horse)

WHAT TO EXPECT WITH ALL OPTIONS:

The Pioneer section is an exciting program for campers who are ready to tackle new challenges, take on more responsibility and develop as young leaders. Campers in this section are role models for younger campers and help shape a community of belonging.

- 13 days of activities and program areas are democratically chosen as a group as well as some pre-scheduled activities, these can include high ropes, escape room, challenge course, team-building, waterfront and more!
- Expedition Preparation and Planning – campers are involved with getting ready for their trip by looking at maps, route and meal planning and packing gear and food.
- Expedition training - an overnight trip to get comfortable with the basics of living out-of-doors, and a longer trip allow campers the opportunity to thrive. During this time, outdoor-living skills are continually developed to allow campers to take on more responsibility and leadership as they gain a better sense of belonging and comfort in nature and with their group.
- Over the course of 13 days, Pioneer campers experience a strong sense of community, learn and grow, and have the potential to thrive in a new and exciting ways.

COST: \$1625

Visit [camps/camp-chief-hector](https://www.yymca.org/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.org/online).

*New campers MUST contact the Camp office to set up an account and get an ID# and PIN.
403-269-6156 or 1-866-430-9622



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OPTION BREAKDOWN:

	Hike	Mountain Arts	Canoe	Horse
What makes this option unique:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campers are encouraged to develop their hiking skills and comfort level, they will spend much of their time exploring the area on foot - Multi-day (4-7) expedition in the backcountry empowers campers to make steps in their growth, leadership, and comfort hiking in the Rockies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campers are encouraged throughout their time at camp to be creative, and participate in lessons on photography, sketching, and painting - Multi-day (3-5) expedition in the backcountry with sketching materials and cameras is a great opportunity to gain experience and inspiration as they explore creativity <p>*NEW – an all-gender group is available</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campers spend a lot of their time at camp developing their canoe skills and comfort level on different types of water (lake and river) - Campers will also head off-site for day trips and a multi-day (4-7) canoe expedition on an age- (and skill) appropriate river 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campers will develop their horsemanship knowledge and riding skills as they spend a large amount of time at the barn with specialized horse staff - Campers will also participate in a multi-day (3-5) hiking trip in the nearby backcountry to reflect on their learnings and strengthen their team dynamic <p>*NEW – an all-gender group is available</p>