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Outdoor School Programs at Camp Chief Hector YMCA Overview 2022

Mission and Vision of Program

Our Outdoor Schools Programs are designed to foster environmental awareness and community building in an outdoor setting. The activity blocks available in each specific program are designed to be a holistic approach to teaching Alberta Learning Objectives in an adaptable setting for all students including those with learning and behavioural exceptionalities that may experience difficulties in traditional classroom settings. At Camp Chief Hector YMCA, we aim to provide inclusive and immersive outdoor experiences to all students while facilitating learning of meaningful and relevant Alberta curriculum.

Fees for Program

Fees include overnight accommodation, meals and snacks, program supplies, and staffing. Camp Chief Hector YMCA has subsidy option available through our Let's Raise Foundation. More information on this program can be found here: [YMCA Calgary Let's Raise Foundation](#)

Camp Location

Camp Chief Hector YMCA is located within Bow Valley Provincial Park, which is approximately 75 km from Calgary city limits. To find directions to camp, please click here: [Directions to Camp](#)

YMCA Camp Riveredge is located near Sandy Beach along the Elbow River in SW Calgary. It has similar program areas as CCH and it is an outdoor environment tucked away from city sights and noises.

*Please fill out the attached Microsoft Form with your school specific information to express your interest in attending our Outdoor Schools Program. **Please note:** We will attempt to ensure your request is met but availability is not guaranteed. For specific questions or inquiries, please email cchy@ymcacalgary.org*

Specific Program Descriptions and Outlines

ECO-School

Dates Available: Winter (March to April) and Fall (September to December)

Length: 4 day, 3 night program

Price per student: \$360 + GST per student – includes transportation

Description: This overnight program is designed for Grade 6 student curriculum which includes programs focused on team building, low ropes, Trees & Forests, Night Science and Drama. Camp Chief Hector specific programs that are based on curriculum include Predator vs. Prey, ECONomy Game, Wilderness Playground and an Exploration Day Hike. Students can expect to spend their time here exploring the natural world through a fun and interactive overnight camp setting.

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Hector Spring School at Camp Chief Hector

Dates Available: Spring (May and June)

Length: 4 day, 3 night program

Price per student: \$360 + GST per student – includes transportation

Description: This overnight program is designed for Grade 6 student curriculum which includes programs designed to extend classroom learning, develop social skills and be in the natural world. Camp Chief Hector specific programs that are based on curriculum include Voyageur Canoeing, team building and initiative tasks, Predator vs. Prey, Trees & Forests curriculum, Outdoor Living Skills, Night Science, and an Exploration Day Hike. Students can expect to spend their time here exploring the natural world through a fun and interactive overnight camp setting.

Outdoor Experiential School

Dates Available: Spring (May and June)

Length: 4 day, 3 night program

Price per student: \$390 + GST per student – includes transportation

Description: This overnight program is designed for middle school aged students to develop social and leadership skills in an outdoor and experiential learning environment. A unique feature of this program is the focus day in which the students get a more in-depth experience with high ropes or canoeing. This allows students to develop some technical skills in service to their leadership goals. Activities within the OES program include: group initiative team building, outdoor living skills, canoeing, high ropes, low ropes, and team swing.

Hector Spring School at Camp Riveredge

Dates Available: Spring (May and June)

Length: 4 Day Program *no overnight option, no meals included

Price per student: \$152 + GST per student

Description: This program is designed to follow our Hector Spring School curriculum which is focused on providing immersive outdoor experiences to students in an educational setting. Camp Riveredge does not have overnight accommodation, so this program is suitable for single or multi-day program options. At Camp Riveredge, activities include team building, exploration hike with Trees & Forests curriculum, low ropes, Predator vs. Prey and outdoor living skills. If your school is hesitant to book an overnight option due to COVID protocols, this is a great and comparable program solution for your students to attend outdoor schools this Spring.

Day Use Program Option

Dates Available: Spring (April – June)

Length: 1-2 day, available at Camp Chief Hector and Camp Riveredge

Price per student: Camp Chief Hector \$50 + GST per student (lunch included), Camp Riveredge \$38 + GST per student (no lunch)

Description: This single day program is designed to get students outside to re-connect with nature and with each other. Activities are focused on team building, low ropes, nature connection and Predator vs. Prey. This is a great option for schools that are seeking an opportunity to introduce and get exposure for their students to learn and play outside.

**** please note, we do not provide transportation for Day Use Programs**

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