

Outdoor School Information Session

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Agenda

- School
 - Fees
 - Itinerary
 - AofR
- Camp Chief Hector
 - Risk Management
 - Overnight stay and meals
 - Overview and preparation





Information

- **Fees – 320\$**
 - What does it cover?
 - Trip + Bus for 140 students (+/-300\$)
 - Substitute Teachers at school (+/-20\$)
 - **Financial Assistance Available – Mr. Comeau**
- **Itinerary**
 - Come to school Tuesday April 22
 - Gear in the gym (follow the list)
 - Pick up students Thursday April 24 2:00-2:30. **Be on time.**
 - **Detailed itinerary to come in information package**





Information

- **Acknowledgement of Risks**
 - Coming up in information package
 - Allergies
 - Medication
 - **Emergency phone number – Available 24/7**
- **Teacher/Supervisors**
 - Camp staff and teachers are supervising
 - Mr. Davis – Teacher in charge
 - Mme. Caroline – Mr. Orr – Mr. Morand – M. Mathieu



2024 Outdoor Schools Program Information



About Camp Chief Hector YMCA

- Camp Chief Hector YMCA is a unique camping and outdoor education branch of the YMCA of Calgary
- Located 45 minutes west of Calgary and 20 minutes east of Canmore
- Programs include Overnight Summer Camp and Outdoor Schools



Risk Management

WILDLIFE

- At camp, we have a wildlife management policy that shapes our interactions with our natural environment to prevent wildlife encounters

INJURIES AND MEDICATION

- Teachers are responsible for the administration of medication and to make decisions along with parents regarding medical care should an injury occur.
- Any emergency medication (EpiPen/inhaler) should be kept on the student's person

STAFF TRAINING & STUDENT WELLNESS

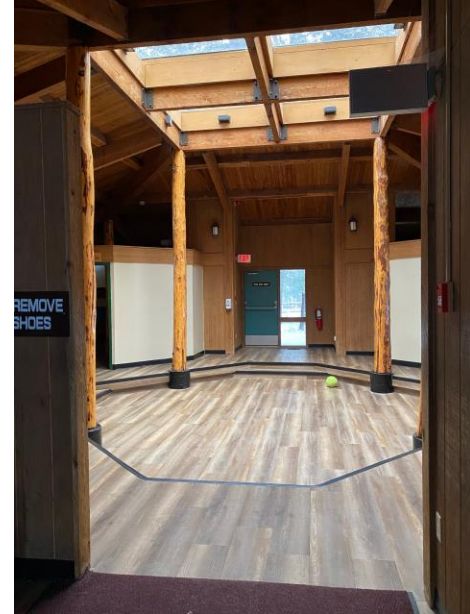
- All of our staff receive extensive training focused on safety and well-being of participants in programs.
- Staff are also required to maintain First Aid and CPR-C certifications at a minimum, some having advanced first aid certifications.



For Your Overnight Stay

FALL/WINTER ACCOMMODATIONS

- Our fall/winter season includes indoor accommodations with shared rooms.
- Each room will have bunk beds for students, they will need to bring their own sleeping bag or bedding.
- Counsellors will be bunking in, in each cabin, for supervision and in case of an overnight emergency
- Each cabin has plumbing (showers, flush toilets, sinks).



Meals

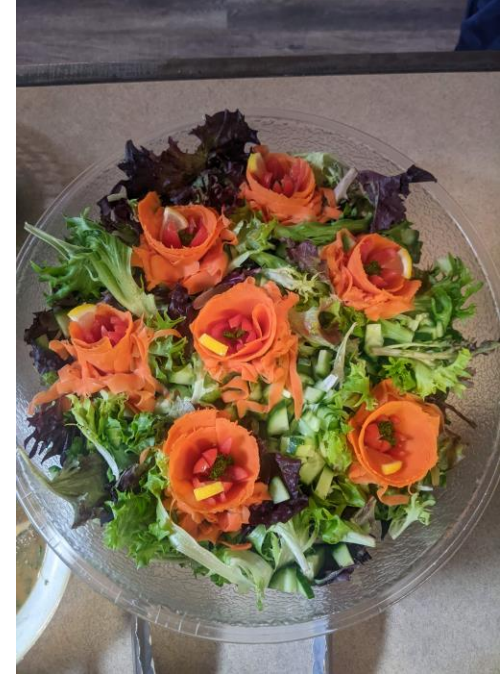
WHEN DO WE EAT?

- Meals at 8:30, 12:30 and 5:30
 - Snack at 8:00 pm
 - Fruit Available throughout the day
- Family-style dining

WHAT ABOUT ALLERGIES?

- We are able to accommodate almost any allergy and dietary restrictions including Gluten Free, Celiac, Dairy Free, Halal, Vegetarian and Vegan
- Nut Aware site

Patrik Peter, *Executive Chef*



Transportation



For most schools, Camp Chief Hector will organize and facilitate planning of transportation of your students to and from camp. We use the same companies as the CBE and other school boards (First Student and Southland).

Please note, we require 1 teacher to bring a personal vehicle to site for the duration of the stay to use in cases of injuries, illness or emergencies.

ECO-School Overview

3 day, 2 night program designed for Grade 5's and 6's

This program is aimed to provide outdoor nature-based educational programming for your students by facilitating the following activities:

- Animal Game
- Outdoor Skills (ex. Shelter Building)
- Trees and Forests Curriculum
- Challenge Course
- Team Building and Initiatives
- Exploration Day Hike
- ECO-nomy Game
- Indoor and Outdoor Group Games
- Campfire with Songs and Stories
- Wide Area Games
- Night Science



How to be Prepared

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK:

- Layered clothing (synthetic if possible):
 - Insulating layers
 - Protective layers (cold/wet weather)
 - Hats (brimmed/toque)
- Socks & good footwear
- Sleeping bag, blanket & pillow
- Towel & bathing suit, Toiletries
- Medication
- Water bottle, Day Pack, Sunscreen

PLEASE LEAVE THE FOLLOWING AT HOME:

- Valuables
- Jewelry and nice clothing
- Electronics (Ipod's, cell phones, etc)
- Food and Snacks
- Knives and other camping equipment
- Perfumes and body sprays

Pricing

If needed, YMCA Calgary has the Let's Raise Foundation available for subsidy. Our program can support up to 70% of the cost of sending a student to camp.





Next Steps

- Information Package
 - Letter
 - Acknowledgement of risk
 - Letter
 - **Fees online – Teacher or Mr. Comeau for assistance**
- Questions?



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