



Hello YMCA,

Welcome to the 5th edition of our Camp Chief Hector Alumni newsletter! We are so grateful you chose to be here and stay connected to us and your camp peers.

## JOIN THE ALUMNI NETWORK

Be the first to find out about what's happening at Camp and upcoming Alumni Events. Click the button to the right and tell us about your Camp connection. It's quick - we promise!

[Reconnect with Camp](#)

In the more than 90 years since Camp Chief Hector began, many thousands of people have worked and played here. Help us find them!



Whether you use Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or Email, spread the word to your Camp peers.

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING

# What if you could come back and experience it all again?

Camp is calling you home. Rekindle friendships and unlock the core memories that made you who you are today. Now you can show your loved ones where all the stories began.

## Save the Date

September 21, 2024  
Camp Chief Hector YMCA

*Tickets and details to be released July 15, 2024.*

**DO YOU GOLF?**

# Register now

YMCA Calgary Charity Golf Tournament  
in support of Camp Chief Hector

September 23, 2024  
1pm Shotgun start  
Bears paw Golf Club



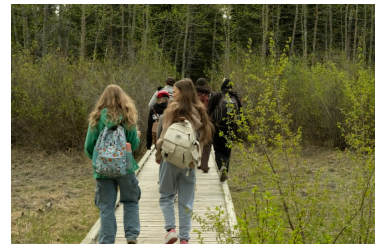
**Sign up to golf or become a tournament sponsor**

## TOURS OF CAMP

**Has it been a while since you've seen Camp?**

Want to see what's new? We want to show you! Tours (including lunch) available July thru September Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

**Contact us to book or get more information.**



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - Georgia Ens



**For generations, outdoor camps have been a place for youth to foster their confidence, independence and critical thinking skills that are cornerstones for a future of success. Camp Chief Hector YMCA is one such camp. Since it first opened in 1930, the camp has dedicated itself to being a place where youth can belong, grow, thrive and lead.**

It was these formative experiences that drew Georgia Ens back to Camp Chief Hector year after year, from her first summer there when she was eight. "I challenged myself in ways that I didn't ever think I would have if I had not been out in that environment of independence, learning and tackling challenges," says Ens, now 30.

Camp Chief Hector became a second home to Ens during her childhood summers, which were filled with horseback riding, canoeing, rock wall climbing, campfires, arts and crafts, and friendships that continue today. As she grew older, Ens delved further into the canoe-focused programs with overnight trips along the North Saskatchewan River systems. The countless hours and weeks paddling along the rivers and exploring Alberta's backcountry became foundational memories and skills that shaped Ens into who she is today.

"The joy of taking those risks, to try something that scares you and see that you're capable of doing it or being able to cheer your friends on and then celebrate, those are core foundation experiences," says Ens. "You can really come into your own and flourish as a young person."

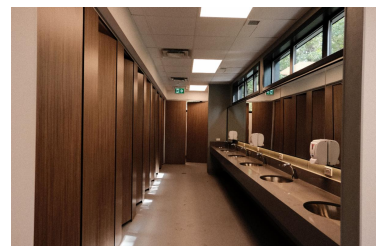
[\*\*Click here to read the full story\*\*](#)

## **CAMP UPDATES**

**The new wash buildings, located at mid-Camp and Hector-end, are finished!**



Individual Showers



Toilets and Sinks

## Higher Ground - new High Ropes Course

*What's that canoe doing way up there?*



### A new tipi in Hector Field

We were extremely happy to have members of the Chiniki Band of the Stoney Nakoda First Nation out at Camp this spring. Together, we put up a Stoney-made tipi, had a Pipe Ceremony and raised the Treaty 7 Flag. This event is a representation of a few years of rebuilding relationships. We are happy to continue working together, planning more collaboration and opportunities to connect.

*Photo of Love, Camp Campaign Cabinet*



## LOVE, CAMP CAMPAIGN UPDATES



Have you had a chance to view our Love, Camp website? This is a great tool to check out to learn more about this capital campaign project, the history of Camp Chief Hector YMCA and to see how you can get involved!

We have raised \$10 million of our \$17 million goal to revitalize Camp Chief Hector YMCA.

**[Have a look or share the link with a friend from Camp!](#)**

🎵 **TUNES FROM CAMP DAYS** 🎵

## YMCA CAMP DAYS PLAYLIST



Mark Kelly, alumnus of Camp Chief Hector ('89) and Camp Thunderbird ('90) has created a Spotify Playlist of nostalgic songs from his camp days.

[Click here to listen](#)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events

#### TOUR & LUNCH AT CAMP

When were you at Camp last? Want to see what's new? We want to show you! Tours (and lunch) available between June and September.

Wednesdays 10am - 2pm

[Contact us to book a day.](#)

#### ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Saturday, September 21

Camp Chief Hector YMCA *Tickets and details released July 15*

#### LOVE, CAMP CAMPAIGN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 23

Bearspaw Golf Club (1pm Shotgun Start)

[Click here to register.](#)

### Save the Date

#### EXPEDITION CELEBRATION

October 2024 (Date TBA)

Shane Homes YMCA at Rocky Ridge

#### MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

Alumni Fundraiser

Friday, November 1

Ironwood Stage & Grill | Doors at 6pm

*Tickets on sale in September*

Questions? Contact [Samantha Nelson](#), Alumni Engagement Specialist, Camp Chief Hector YMCA



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