

# CAMP CHIEF HECTOR YMCA SUMMER CAMP PARENT NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025



## A note from the Summer Camp Team:

We are so excited to be providing you with a newsletter this spring with all the information you need to start getting ready for Summer Camp 2025!

We have been experiencing many exciting things around site the last few years, with new buildings, new activities and lots of new campers and staff to join our camp community. We hope this newsletter provides answers to many of your questions, and check out page 7 to find out how you can come visit camp this spring! We look forward to seeing you all so soon!





In the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Treaty 7 Nations. These are the Ancestral Lands of the three Bands of the Stoney Nakoda Nation: Chiniki, Goodstoney and Bearspaw, the Blackfoot Confederacy: Siksika, North and South Piikani Nations and the Kainai Tribe, the Tsuut'ina Nation of the Dene people, as well as the Metis Nation of Alberta, region 3. We gratefully acknowledge that this camp is named after Stoney Nakoda Chief Hector Crawler and that we are the current stewards of the land on which our camp sits. We are committed to exploring and understanding the historical roots of the YMCA relationship with the Stoney Nakoda people.

## Newsletter Information

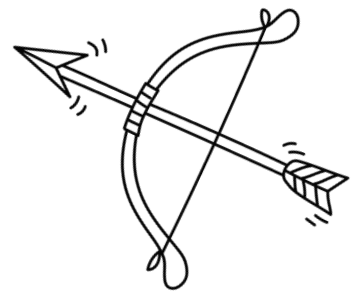
This year, we have shifted to a spring newsletter to touch base with all registered participants. In this newsletter, you will find the following information:

- Getting Ready for Camp!
  - Friend Requests, Packing Lists, A Day in the Life
  - Online Camper Forms
  - Summer Transportation Information
- Kid's Corner - some features from our daily newspaper, the Hector Herald
- Stay Connected with us - Information about our Alumni Program





# GETTING READY FOR CAMP



## FRIEND REQUESTS

Now that your camper has registered, you may be wondering “how do I ask them to put my camper with their friends?”

In spring, we will be distributing camper forms to each registered participant via email. These forms are mandatory to be completed prior to arrival at camp. These forms include medical information, contact information and also-- friend requests!

Please note:

- you may only request a maximum of 2 other campers
- for a request to be accepted, both campers must request each other
- requests must be in the same registered program to be honoured (ex. tipi vs. cabin)
- requests are not guaranteed, but we do our best to honour them!

## PACKING LISTS

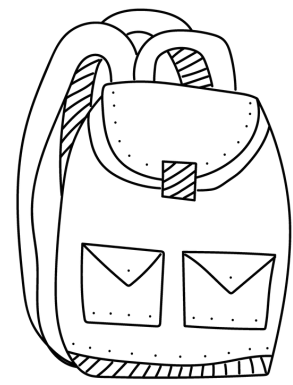
All packing lists are now available on our website. Please note: there have been changes since 2024. You can see them by clicking here: [Packing Lists](#).

If you don't know where to start, check out The Great Outdoors: Junior Outfitters located in Calgary, Alberta. They are a great local shop that has supported CCHY for years and knows our gear lists very well!





# GETTING READY FOR CAMP




## TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

Below is an example schedule of what each day may look like for your camper. This would be a typical week for a 6 day overnight camper. The main difference between a 6 and 13 day program is that 13 day programs go on a multi-night expedition of either hiking or canoeing.

Please note: this is not a confirmed schedule but rather to display the timeline of the day and range of activities your camper has access to.



Camp Chief Hector YMCA  
Summer Camp

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST 8:30AM Blocks run 10-11 and 11-12					
	Team Building Games and Outdoor Games	Rock Wall Climbing	Horsemanship Program (Visit the Barn)	Frisbee Golf	Parents arrive for pick-up/ride buses back to Calgary 10 – 12
	Challenge Course (Low Ropes Activities)	Flying Squirrel or Giant Swing	Drama Based Games	Arts & Crafts	Thank you for coming to Camp Chief Hector YMCA!
LUNCH 12:30PM Blocks run 2-3:30 and 3:30-5					
Unstructured Down Time 1:15 pm – 1:45 pm					
Arrive at camp! Meet your counsellors and your co-campers 2:00 pm	Waterfront Canoeing	Archery	½ Day Hike Around Site	All Camp Day Activities Done with Entire Section Together	
Get to know you games, site tour; welcoming activities	Forest Play (ex. Scavenger Hunt, Shelter and Fire Building)	Animal Game		(Ex. Splashzone, Obstacle Course, Team Based Activities, Tug of War, Surprise Snack!)	
SUPPER 5:30PM					
7:00 Community Meeting  7:45 All Camp Campfire	Freebies!	Section Activity (ex. Capture the Flag)	Freebies!	Closing Ceremony Campfire 7 – 8:30	
APPRECIATIONS AND SNACK 8:00 – 8:30pm					
SLEEP 9PM					

### Example Schedule of Activities – 6 Day Program

PLEASE NOTE: THIS WILL NOT BE THE EXACT SCHEDULE YOUR CAMPER FOLLOWS





# GETTING YOUR CAMPER TO CAMP!

## OVERNIGHT CAMPS

### BUS FROM CALGARY

Bussing fee is included in your registration and is available from Shane Homes at Rocky Ridge YMCA.

#### Heading to Camp

(First Day of Session)

Check In Begins  
at 11:30 am

Busses Leave at  
12:30 pm

#### Returning from Camp

(Last Day of Session)

Bus Arrives in Calgary  
at 10:30 am

### DRIVING YOUR CHILD IN PERSONAL VEHICLE

#### Heading to Camp

(First Day of Session)

Check In Begins  
at 2:00 pm, must arrive  
before 4:00 pm

#### Returning from Camp

(Last Day of Session)

Pick up begins at  
10:00 am, must pick  
up before 11:30 am

### PLEASE NOTE:

All Pioneer CANOE and Leadership Campers will be required to take the bus to camp-- as they need to take a swim test prior to arriving at camp.

## DAY CAMPS

*We do not offer Day Camp bussing from Calgary.*

### BUS FROM BOW VALLEY AREA

#### TO CAMP

Lawrence Grassi School	8:10 am
Elizabeth Rummel School	8:30 am
Exshaw Legion	8:55 am

#### FROM CAMP

Lawrence Grassi School	4:55 pm
Elizabeth Rummel School	4:40 pm
Exshaw Legion	4:15 pm

### DRIVE IN PERSONAL VEHICLE

#### Drop Off

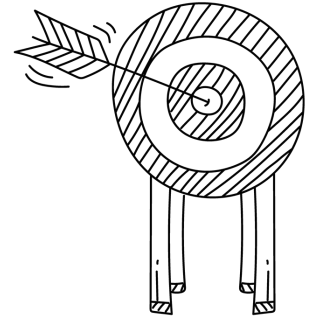
8:30 am - 9:00 am

#### Pick Up

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm



# GETTING READY FOR CAMP



## ONLINE CAMPER FORMS

You will be receiving an email with instructions how to log into your camper's account on campbrain.

**On your profile, you will need to complete the following at a minimum 1 week prior to their arrival at camp:**

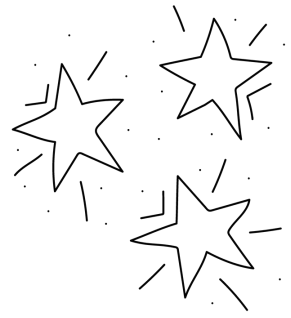
Below is a checklist to make sure your camper account is up to date:

- ✓ Upload a recent photo of your camper
- ✓ Fill out the Household Information, including contact information
- ✓ Fill out all assigned forms
  - ✓ Camper Medical Form
  - ✓ Camper Information Form
  - ✓ Friend Request Form
  - ✓ Dietary Restrictions and Allergies
  - ✓ Waivers & Agreements
  - ✓ Transportation





# OPEN HOUSES 2025



## COME VISIT US BEFORE CAMP BEGINS!

We have two opportunities for you all to visit us at camp to see site, meet some staff, ask your questions and get excited! Neither of these programs require registration as they are drop in days to camp!

### CCHY NEIGHBOUR DAY

**May 17th**

10 am to 3 pm  
Lunch included!

Join us to participate in activities, tour site, and meet other members of our CCHY community! You do not need to be a registered participant in a CCHY program to attend.

### SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

**May 25th**

Ages 6-9 Programs  
Bowfort Lodge  
2 pm - 3:30 pm

Ages 10-17 Programs  
Hector Lodge  
4 pm - 5:30 pm

Join us to tour site and ask your summer camp related questions! No activities are offered this day, but rather a chance to get to know camp and prepare your camper before their summer adventure!





# CAMPER'S CORNER

These are frequently found on our daily newspaper called the Hector Herald which is located at camp and updated daily with jokes, nature facts and riddles! Share these with your camper to get them excited!



I speak without a mouth  
and hear without ears. I  
have no body but I come  
alive with the wind.  
What am I?

an echo

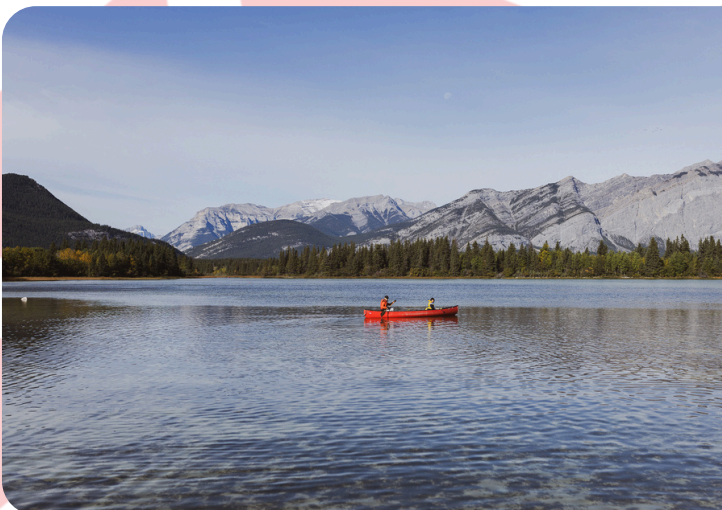
What type of songs do  
the planets sing?

Nep-tunes!



Chilver Lake is filling back  
up which means we will  
be canoeing this year!  
Which animal can you  
find swimming along the  
bottom of Chilver in  
Summer?

tiger salamanders







# STAY CONNECTED

We know you are a parent of a camper but were you also a camper? Did you work at Camp? Did you come to Camp for Outdoor School? Have you volunteered at Camp? If one or many is true...you are Alumni!

We are growing our Alumni list, and we'd love to include you and hear your Camp story(ies). Reconnect with us by filling out the short Alumni Survey and joining the CCH Alumni Facebook Group.

We are planning many fun ways for you to see Camp again, give back to Camp in sweat equity, and meet up with your Camp peeps. We'll keep you informed about all of these things throughout the year via the Alumni Newsletter and social media posts.

Please fill out this survey to connect with us: [ALUMNI SURVEY](#)



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