Indigenous Services Canada

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First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy (FNIYES)

2024 National Science Camp Northwest Territories

Camper Information Package

CAMP DETAILS

Date: August 19 - 23, 2024

Location

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Accommodations

Camp Connections, Foster Family Coalition of the NWT, Yellowknife, NT

Activities

Proposed activities at the camp include attending post-secondary science and technology, traditional science, and local cultural activities.

Transportation arrangements

Participants will travel from home and meet at a location predetermined by the local Region Office then travel to the camp destination as a group.

Chaperones

The participating students must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone from their community, both to and from a local departure point.

Cost

All costs for participants, including travel, meals and accommodation will be covered by ISC/CIRNAC. Participants are allowed to bring a maximum of $250.00 in personal spending money. Travel costs for a parent or chaperone to bring the participant to the local departure point, including accommodation and meals where necessary, will also be covered by Regions.

Safety

Students must be accompanied by a parent/chaperone to a local departure point.
Where possible, a chaperone or other camp representatives will meet and travel with the students from the local departure point.

In the event that scheduling requires a participant to fly unaccompanied, the airline will be made aware that it is a juvenile travelling unaccompanied, so that supervision will be provided in the airport and while boarding and leaving the aircraft.

Chaperones and/or camp staff will meet the students upon arrival in Edmonton and/or Calgary**,** depending on where students are coming from. Specific locations will be confirmed at a later date. The chaperones will accompany the students to the camp and will stay with them at all times.

When returning home, if not travelling together, the chaperones will remain with the students at the airport until they are placed in the care of the airline for boarding. The name of the family member/chaperone picking up the student at the local departure point must be provided in

advance and each person will be required to provide photo identification in order for a child to be released to them.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Who can apply?

First Nation students aged 12 -15, ordinarily resident on reserve or in recognized communities or on community lands, and enrolled full-time in a council operated, federal, provincial/territorial recognized school (includes private schools and home schooling). Applicants must have demonstrated an interest in science.

What is required to apply?

Applicants must submit **one (1)** of the following options:

A. **Essay:** Write an original essay addressing the provided prompts below. Your essay should be typed, double-spaced, and between 300-500 words in length.
   - the impact of natural resources industries on their life and on their community,
   - why they want to participate in the National Science Camp and,
   - what they could contribute to the camp.

B. **Creative Medium:** A creative piece in any medium of your choice (e.g., painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, digital art, etc.). Please ensure that your submission is accompanied by a brief description or artist statement explaining its relevance to your application.

The selection committee will choose ten (10) finalists based on the content of essays and creative submission.

The application must include:

- ☐ the student's essay OR creative medium, and completed application form (see below)
- ☐ a letter of support from the student's school*
- ☐ a letter of reference from one (1) non-family community member
- ☐ a signed statement of eligibility and,
- ☐ a signed parental permission form.

**This letter should come from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator who can speak to the applicant's academic performance, character, and potential to benefit from and contribute to the National Science Camp.*

Applications which do not include all the required documentation will not be considered.

How do I submit the application?

Applications must be submitted by email. Please submit completed and signed forms (see below), along with your essay or creative medium to Jennifer.zhu@sac-isc.gc.ca with the subject *2024 National Science Camp*.

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When is the deadline to submit an application?

The deadline for submission of applications is **May 30th, 2024.**

How are campers selected?

Each Region is responsible for selection of participants from applications submitted.

What are the next steps if I am selected to be a camper?

Finalists will be notified by **June 7th, 2024.** Acceptance must be confirmed via email by **June 12th, 2024.** If confirmation of acceptance is not received from any of the participants by that time, an alternate participant will be selected.

CAMPER APPLICATION FORMS

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ONTARIO REGION STUDENT APPLICATION

Name: _____

First Nation/Band: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** ____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

School Phone: _____

School Contact: _____

Documentation (application must include all)**:**

- □ Completed Application Form
- □ Student Essay OR Creative submission
- □ Letter of Support from School
- □ Letter of Reference from Non-family Community member
- □ Signed Statement of Eligibility
- □ Signed Parental Permission Form

_____ _____

Signature of Student **Date**

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ONTARIO REGION STUDENT APPLICATION

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

I verify that _____ is normally resident on recognized territories, is enrolled full-time in a council-operated, federal, provincial/territorial recognized school (includes private schools or home schooling), and will be between the ages of 12 and 15 at the time of the camp.

_____ _____
Signature – Parent/Guardian **Date**

_____ _____
Signature - School Contact **Date**

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ONTARIO REGION STUDENT APPLICATION

PERMISSION FORM

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Statement of Permission:

Should they be selected, I, _____

give my permission for my child, _____

to travel to and from and to participate in all the activities of the First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy National Science Camp, to be held August 19 – 23, 2024 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, hosted by Indigenous Services Canada/Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, in partnership with the Tłı̨chǫ Government.

Media waiver:

I also give permission for my child to be photographed and/or videotaped during the camp and authorized the use of any photos or videos for non-profit purposes such as reports, media coverage, and advertising for future camps.

All submissions will become the exclusive property of the sponsoring organizations. I understand that my child's submission may be used for reporting, evaluating, or communication purposes.

_____ _____

Signature – Parent/Guardian **Date**