

2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp

APPLICATION PACKAGE



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The University of Northern British Columbia is excited to announce the return of the Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp!

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the First Nations Health Authority approached the Health Arts Research Centre (HARC) team and requested they lead and host the very first Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp in Prince George, BC. HARC happily took on this task, and went on to successfully facilitate the 2019 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp, which aimed to inspire youth to pursue post-secondary education, healthcare/health-related careers, and learn more about culture and their own health and well-being.

After the success of the 2019 camp, the HARC team and its' collaborators prepared to host a 2020 camp however, with the onset of the COVID19 pandemic, HARC was required to pivot. As a result, the nature of camp has taken different forms following the 2019 camp, including sponsoring five Indigenous communities across the northern Province to host their own science and culture camps (2021), and a hybrid model sponsoring three communities to host their own camps while bringing a handful of students into Prince George for a three-day camp (2022).

WHAT WE'RE DOING IN 2024

Returning back to our roots, this year we are excited to sponsor **20 Indigenous youth aged 13-16** across northern BC to join us at the UNBC Prince George Campus, located on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh, for a week of science, culture and adventure during the week of **July 14th-20th, 2024**.

Each day, youth will have the opportunity to participate in science-based workshops and activities, cultural teachings from various Elders and knowledge holders, and a fun recreational/adventure-based activity.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS PACKAGE

1. Included in this Application Package are a set of Registration and Safety Forms that need to be fully completed and submitted with your youths' application. **Youth cannot join us for camp without these forms completed**, in detail. This is to ensure the safety of your and the other youth attending, and to ensure that we are able to support any unique needs your youth may have in order to participate fully in camp.
2. Because spaces are limited, we are asking that youth applying tell us in a few detailed paragraphs why they are interested in joining us for camp this year in the space provided below.
3. Submit your completed application form to activeminds@unbc.ca by **April 30th, 2024**. If you need assistance with completion of your application, please contact Laura McNab-Coombs at 250-231-4422 or lauramcnabcoombs@gmail.com.

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NOTIFYING SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Once your application has been received, you will receive a confirmation email from our team. You will be notified by mid-May regarding your youths' acceptance. At this time, a member of our team will work with you to plan your youths' travel to campus. **If your youth is no longer able to attend camp, please notify our team immediately.**

A few weeks prior to camp, you will receive a "Preparing for Camp" package that details what to pack and how to prepare for camp and camp activities.

PARENT, GUARDIAN OR COMMUNITY CHAPERONES

As with every year, we would love to have chaperones join us for camp! If you're interested, please reach out to lauramcnabcoombs@gmail.com for more information. Criminal record checks are required.

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We're so excited to be hosting camp again! In a few detailed paragraphs, please tell us why you want to join us for this years' Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp! Are you passionate about science? Health? Are you wanting to challenge yourself and try something new? Let us know in the space below:

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REGISTRATION FORM

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN			Home Phone: ()
Legal First Name:	Last Name:		Work Phone: ()
Address (suite number, street number and name):			Cell Phone: ()
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	Email:
CAMPER PARTICIPANT			Birth Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)
Legal First Name:	Last Name:		
PICK-UP (Who do you authorize to pick up your child? Please include yourself.)			Relationship to child:
First Name:	Last Name:		Phone: ()
First Name:	Last Name:		Relationship to child:
Names must match government issued photo ID.			Phone: ()

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TO SIGNIFY YOUR AGREEMENT AND SIGN BELOW:

I, (*Parent/legal guardian first and last name:* _____) hereby grant permission to (*Child's first and last name:* _____) to participate in the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) 2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp.

Yes/ No (please circle one)

I hereby acknowledge and agree that there are inherent risks associated with the planned activities. I accept the extent of all risks associated with these activities, which include but are not limited to:

- Weather Conditions (including extreme hot weather, cool weather, rain, wind snow, lightning, or other sudden unexpected weather events); wild life hazards; allergic reactions from exposure to the ecological environment including insects or plants; terrain hazards (including tripping or falling from uneven ground, obstacles, or water).
- General risks for all locations including tripping or falling.
- Transportation to and from the site location (including motor vehicle accident; incorrect navigation).

I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers, hazards, and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting therefrom. I further acknowledge that the above list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with the activities and that the list in no way limits the extent or reach of this release and covenant not to sue. Yes / No (please circle one)

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I give permission to the camp staff to take my child on field trips off campus at locations such as but, not limited to, Overhang Climbing Gym, the Prince George Aquatic Centre, and more.

Yes / No (please circle one)

I acknowledge and accept that by signing this waiver, I hereby understand that activities may be recorded and/or photographed and I am giving permission for my child(s) image to be used as part of promotional material including print, photography, video production, and social media created, published, and distributed by UNBC for the 2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp.

Yes / No (please circle one)

I give permission for UNBC/ 2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp representatives to contact me by email or phone as necessary.

Yes / No (please circle one)

Signature of parent/legal guardian

Relationship to participant

Date

CAMP WAIVERS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHT, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR TO CLAIM COMPENSATION.

TO: The University of Northern British Columbia ('UNBC'), represented by the Northern BC Indigenous Youth Science and Health Camp, and its directors, officers, agents, affiliates, students, employees and other representatives

I CERTIFY THAT I AM THE PARENTOR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR:

(Print participant's name)

In consideration of the University of Northern British Columbia allowing the above-named minor/participant to take part in 2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp activities,

I _____ the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN of the minor/participant agree to indemnify and hold harmless the University of Northern British Columbia, its servants, agents or employees from any and all claims or demands which might be made against it arising out of or in consequence of the attendance or participation of the above named minor/applicant in the various camp activities, and as his/her parent or legal guardian I sign on his/her behalf below:

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(Parent or Legal Guardian's name)

Shall indemnify and hold harmless the University of Northern British Columbia and 2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp officials and any of its officers, employees, servants, agents and contractors from any and all loss, liability, claims, or expenses arising out of the operations of the camp and in the provision of care for my child (Child's name _____), except to the extent that such loss arises from the independent negligence of the 2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp officials.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

CODE OF CONDUCT

In addition to providing a sound educational environment for intellectual pursuits, UNBC is concerned with developing socially responsible citizens, ensuring the welfare and freedom of all members of the UNBC community, and protecting individual rights.

UNBC is thus concerned with the quality of student conduct and has adopted rules and behavioral standards for its students. Disciplinary action may be imposed when a student fails to recognize or violates the rights and freedoms of other individuals or behaves in a manner not consistent with program policies both on and off campus.

I. Standards of Conduct

The following forms of conduct are forbidden and are subject to disciplinary action as provided hereafter:

A. Primary Violations

- i. Physical assault or attempted assault, upon the person of any student, employee, or officer of the Active Minds Camp or anyone visiting or passing through the UNBC campus.
- ii. Utterance of threats by any means of communication, including but not limited to threats of physical abuse of any student, employee, officer of UNBC, or organization.
- iii. Theft or attempted theft of the property or services of the campus, its students, employees, officers or organizations or that of any individual or organization visiting or passing through the campus, by means of taking, deception including bad check, misappropriation or misuse.

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- iv. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
- v. Weapons of any kind and items that could cause injury or damage to participants and/or property are strictly forbidden.
- vi. Destruction or vandalism of the real or personal property of the campus, its students, employees, officers or organizations or that of any individual or organization visiting or passing through the campus.
- vii. Disorderly or disruptive conduct, which substantially threatens, harms or interferes with program personnel or orderly program operations.
- viii. Commission of any act which results in the infliction of harm to any person or damage to campus property or the property of others by willful and deliberate means or through negligence.

II. Penalties Individual Students:

1. Individual students found to have violated this Code shall be subject to restitution if appropriate and to the following range of penalties.

a. **Disciplinary Reprimand:** The student is informed in writing that his or her behavior has been in violation of Active Minds regulations. It is an assumption that repetition of the behavior is not likely. However, it is to be understood that further misconduct may result in additional disciplinary action.

b. **Loss of Privileges:** The student is informed in writing that he or she has lost the privilege of participating in the program for a specific period of time. The student's parents, guardians or sponsors may also be informed in writing if it is felt appropriate.

c. **Expulsion:** The student is informed in writing that he or she has been expelled. The student's parents, guardians or sponsors will also be informed and asked to pick up the student. Altered transportation costs will be incurred at the parent or guardians expense (i.e. the need to book an early flight home for the youth will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian and not that of UNBC or the 2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp staff/officials).

I have read the above Code of Conduct and understand it in its entirety. I recognize that if the Code of Conduct is broken, Northern BC Indigenous Youth Science and Health Camp/UNBC reserves the right to refuse further camper participation for rule infraction.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

EMERGENCY CARD

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CAMPER NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	HAIR COLOUR:
STREET ADDRESS:	CITY: POSTAL CODE:	EYE COLOUR:
MOTHER/GUARDIAN:	HOME PHONE: WORK PHONE:	CELL PHONE:
FATHER/GUARDIAN:	HOME PHONE: WORK PHONE:	CELL PHONE:
EMERGENCY CONTACT:	HOME PHONE: WORK PHONE:	CELL PHONE:
DOCTOR:	ADDRESS: PHONE:	SERVICE CARD:
MEDICAL CONDITIONS:	ALLERGIES:	MEDICATIONS:
SIGNS/SYMPTOMS TO LOOK FOR:	IF SYMPTOMS APPEAR, DO THIS:	TO PREVENT INCIDENT, DO THIS:

Please provide our team with a detailed list of health or wellness considerations that could inhibit your youths' ability to participate safely and fully in all of our activities, including those around mental/emotional and behavioral health. We want to be able to keep your youth safe and support their learning experience during their time with us.

The staff of the 2024 Northern Indigenous Youth Summer Science Camp will contact the parent/legal guardian when the child is ill or in need of medical attention. In EMERGENCIES requiring immediate medical attention, your child will be taken to the nearest hospital emergency room. Your signature authorizes camp staff to call an ambulance and have your child transported to that hospital in the case of

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such an emergency. All or any associated fees are the responsibility of the parents or legal guardian. In the event of an accident or injury, your signature authorizes UNBC and camp staff to provide or cause to be provided such medical services as the UNBC medical personnel consider appropriate.

Signature of parent/legal guardian: _____

Date: _____