

Camp Chief Hector YMCA is located just one hour west of Calgary, in Bow Valley Provincial Park. We offer exciting Summer Camps for kids - ages 7-17, Family Camp - all ages, and much more!

Top 5 Reasons why Camp Chief Hector YMCA is GREAT for Kids and Families

Reason Number 5 - Trust

- Camp Chief Hector YMCA is a branch of YMCA Calgary, helping kids thrive since 1930
- Camp Chief Hector YMCA meets the standards of its camping associations: Alberta Camping Association, Canadian Camping Association, International Camping Fellowship

Reason Number 4 - Financial Assistance

• YMCA Calgary wants everyone to have the opportunity to take part in its programs. Financial assistance is available through YMCA Calgary's Strong Kids Opportunity Fund.

Reason Number 3 - Safety

- Staff are first aid certified and have thorough background checks, training and supervision
- Summer camps are safer than sports such as volleyball and baseball (Healthy Camps Survey)
- Camp Chief Hector YMCA works with local government professionals in the fields of safety, park management and medical services

Reason Number 2 – Summer Camps help kids grow, thrive, lead and belong

- Summer camps help girls and boys be their best (Canadian Summer Camp Research Project, University of Waterloo; for more information visit www.ccamping.org > Parents)
 - o Citizenship and social integration making friends and solving social challenges
 - Physical activity and attitudes towards physical activity enjoying fitness
 - Success in school correlates with social integration and physical fitness

Reason Number 1 - Simply put, children, teens and their parents say it's great

- Camper's letter: "I love coming to camp in the summertime. I keep coming back to camp because of all the new friends. I just love the food. The funnest thing I like doing at camp is making friends and learning about new cultures. At camp you can be yourself. I look forward to coming to camp every year. I can't wait to come to camp this year. I am so excited."
- Gold Award Winner (Summer Camp for Kids) Calgary Herald Readers' Choice Awards
- 1st Place Winner (Best Children's Residential Summer Camp) Calgary's Child Magazine

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