

OPPORTUNITIES & PROGRAMS 2019-2020



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South Slave Divisional Education Council

PURPOSE

The SSDEC has developed this handbook to provide information about a variety of programs available to students outside of school.

For information on sporting events and dates, please visit sportnorth.com/events, where you will find information on:

- Hay River Elk's Outdoor Soccer
- NWT Cross-Country Running
- Laurie Hobart Volleyball Tournament
- Jr. Spike-It! Volleyball
- Sr. Spike-It! Volleyball
- Jr. Cager Basketball
- Sr. Cager Basketball
- Jr. Super Soccer
- Sr. Super Soccer
- Jr. Table Tennis
- NWT Badminton Championships
- Canada Summer Games
- Canada Winter Games
- Western Canada Games
- Arctic Winter Games
- North American Indigenous Games

Many workshops, conferences, and other programs that may not occur regularly are posted to the [NWT Opportunities](#) Facebook page.

You can also contact your local museum, library, or recreational centre for additional after school and summer programming.

Please note that the information in this handbook is current at the time of printing, but may be subject to change. Refer to the contact information for each organization/company for the most up-to-date information.

FORMAT

PROGRAM TITLE

Program description...

- Duration:** Length of the program.
Location: Where the program takes place.
Cost: The total cost of the program.
Eligibility: Information relevant to the program, such as criteria that must be met in order to apply.
Contact: Contact information to find out more about the program and how to apply.
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ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

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When registering, students are asked to choose three theme weeks, in order of preference, from among the 14 themes offered.

- Duration:** 1 week
Location: Ottawa, ON
Cost: \$750 (travel included)
Eligibility:
- Ages 14-17
 - Be a Canadian citizen/permanent resident
 - Be enrolled in an educational institution that is recognized by the Ministry of Education in your province or territory
 - Have written consent from a parent/guardian
 - Obtained a recommendation from school
- Contact:** ewc-rdc.ca

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ARMY CADET CORPS

The Royal Canadian Army Cadets is for teenagers craving exciting outdoor activities where their personal limits as individuals and team-members will be tested.

Army cadets develop abilities in the use of map and compass, GPS technology, orienteering, first-aid, camping and survival skills, canoeing, abseiling, trekking, mountain biking, etc.

Army Cadets get involved in ceremonial military events and citizenship activities that allow them to connect to their Canadian heritage. They develop a great sense of pride and discipline through their involvement in a hierarchical system that allows them to hone their leadership skills as they grow older and they learn to care for younger cadets.

In addition to their specialty training, Army Cadets may become involved in other exciting activities like competitive marksmanship and biathlon, sports competitions, music training and competitions, cultural outings, volunteer community support, etc.

There are also opportunities for National and International Expeditions, and International Exchanges.

Duration & Location:

Fort Smith: Tuesdays @ 18:30-21:00

Hay River: Mondays @ 18:45-21:00

Cost: Free

Eligibility:

- Grade 7 and up

Contact:

Fort Smith:

Email: 2748army@cadets.gc.ca

Phone: (867) 872-3505

Hay River:

Email: 2724army@cadets.gc.ca

Phone: (867) 874-6196

CANADA-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR

The Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF) brings science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) out of the classroom – engaging youth in STEM solutions to real-world issues. CWSF is

a celebration of Canada's brightest young minds and an inspiring exploration in STEM for thousands of visitors.

Duration: 1 week (May)

Location: Various

Cost: Please contact school

Eligibility:

- Gr. 7 and up
- Regional Science Fair winners will be invited to attend the CWSF (please contact your school for regional science fair details)

Contact: cwsf.youthscience.ca

CLASS AFLOAT

Class Afloat offers rigorous and internationally acclaimed academic programmes for Grade 11, 12, university and gap year students while they sail the world's oceans aboard a majestic tall ship. Class Afloat has a long legacy of commitment to academic excellence, community service, leadership and personal development.

Duration: 1-2 semesters

Location: International

Cost: Single Semester - \$36,000

Full Year - \$52,000

*Scholarships available

Eligibility:

- Grades 11-12, gap year or first year university
- Students are generally ages 16-19
- Students must be strong academically and be involved in their school and community

Contact: classafloat.com

DECHINTA CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND LEARNING

Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning is a northern-led initiative delivering land-based, University of Alberta-credited educational experiences led by northern leaders, experts, elders and professors to engage northern and southern youth in a transformative curricula based on the cutting-edge needs of Canada's North.

Duration: 1 semester (12 weeks)

Location: Blachford Lake Lodge, NT

Cost: \$5,000 Dechinta Program Fee

(Scholarships Available to cover cost difference for Northern Students)

For those wishing to take Dechinta for University Credit from the University of Alberta: + \$120 University of Alberta Application Fee + University of Alberta Tuition (\$2,550 for 5 courses)

Eligibility:

- Ages 18+
- No academic prerequisite
- If receiving credits from U of A additional criteria apply

Contact: dechinta.ca

DISCOVERE SCIENCE

At DiscoverE's award-winning camps, participants complete exciting projects and challenges across engineering, science, technology, and math.

Location: Please contact your community centre or band office to see if a camp is scheduled in the summer.

Cost: Free

Eligibility:

- Grades 1-6
- Grade 7+

Contact: discovere.ualberta.ca/SummerCamps/RemoteandRuralCamps

DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

Dreams Take Flight is a national volunteer charitable organization dedicated to providing the trip of a lifetime to medically, mentally, physically, socially or emotionally challenged children.

Duration: 1 day

Location: Disneyland or Disney World

Cost: Free (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Ages 6-12
- Financially not have the opportunity to ever experience Disneyland or Disney World
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be able to legally enter the United States
- Be medically, mentally, physically, socially or emotionally challenged
- Have never been to a Disney Theme Park
- Be able to communicate orally or in sign language
- Be able to function in a group situation and be able to endure an extremely long day
- Attend the mandatory orientation meeting

before the day of flight

Contact: yeg.dreamstakeflight.ca

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Contact: ewc-rdc.ca

EXPLORE

Explore is a five-week intensive French-immersion bursary program that is offered during the spring or summer for people with any skill level in French. Explore participants are awarded a \$2,200 bursary (taxable income) that covers tuition fees for the course, instructional materials, meals, and accommodation. Students will discover another region of Canada while learning French in classes adapted to their language level. Through classroom instructions, workshops, sociocultural activities, and field trips, they will not only improve their language skills and gain university credits, but discover the culture of a new region as well, all while exploring, meeting new people from across the country, and exchanging ideas in a stimulating environment perfect for learning French.

Duration: 1 month (May-August)
Location: Select Canadian Universities
Cost: \$275 registration fee
(travel not included)

Eligibility:

- Be a Canadian citizen/permanent resident
- Be at least in Grade 11 during the preceding school year or be at the postsecondary level by the time your Explore course begins
- Have been a full-time student for at least one term during the current school year

Contact: myexplore.ca

FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

Forum for Young Canadians presents a fun and valuable opportunity to meet other young Canadians during a week-long behind-the-scenes experience in the world of federal politics on Parliament Hill. Students learn how to share, collaborate and turn their ideas into community action. They also have a chance to meet Members of Parliament, Senators and other figures in government and the public service.

Duration: 1 week (October/February/March)
Location: Ottawa, ON
Cost: \$995 (travel included)
*Bursaries and scholarships available

Eligibility:

- Ages 15-19

Contact: forum.ca

FOXY (FOSTERING OPEN EXPRESSION AMONG YOUTH) PEER LEADER RETREAT

Fostering Open eXpression among Youth (FOXY) leads a retreat based around learning about sexual health, healthy relationships, the arts, leadership, and self-empowerment. Previous experience with the arts or artistic talent is not required, but it is hoped girls will enjoy expressing themselves through drama, music, traditional arts, and photography! While the emphasis will not be on strenuous activity, participants should be in reasonably good health and be prepared to spend time outside and engage in physical activities like hiking, swimming, etc.

Participants will receive two (2) high school credits for their active participation in the Retreat, and two (2) additional credits for their

completion of a community project when they return to home communities.

The program runs twice during the summer months.

Duration: 1 week (July/August)
Location: Yellowknife, NT
Blachford Lake Lodge, NT
Cost: Free (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Females ages 13-17

Contact: arcticfoxy.com/retreat

INTERNATIONAL ABORIGINAL YOUTH INTERNSHIPS

The International Aboriginal Youth Internships (IAYI) initiative provides opportunities for Aboriginal youth to participate in international internships in developing countries. The initiative aims to provide valuable international work experience; provide opportunities to increase their awareness of and contribution to Canada's international development efforts; and build the capacity of youth to promote Canada's international development efforts both in Canada and abroad.

International Aboriginal youth internships are spent in a developing country working on issues such as equality between men and women, the environment, health, education, small business development and agriculture.

Duration: 4-6 months
Location: Developing countries
Cost: Dependent on internship chosen
Eligibility:

- Aboriginal
- Ages 18-35
- Secondary school diploma (or equivalent certification) and/or equivalent work experience related to the internship description.

Contact: international.gc.ca/development-developpement/partners-partenaires/iayi-sija/index.aspx?lang=eng

INTERNATIONAL RURAL EXCHANGE CANADA

International Rural Exchange Canada helps Canadian and foreign young adults to experience safe, well-supported and enriching cultural and vocational work placements in agriculture and horticulture sectors both in Canada and participating countries, with screened and accountable host families.

Duration: 3 months - 1 year

Location: Varies

Cost: Registration Fee, Travel

Eligibility:

- Ages 18-30

Contact: <http://irecanada.ca/outbound.html>

JR. CANADIAN RANGERS

Junior Canadian Rangers participate in meaningful structured activities that are not usually offered in isolated communities. These activities help to preserve the culture, traditions and customs of the local community and foster good citizenship, community responsibility, personal health and welfare, and increased self-esteem in the participants.

Junior Canadian Ranger activities include hunting, fishing, living off the land, and learning about spirituality, local dialects, traditional music, singing and dancing.

Ideally, JCRs meet once a week to take part in activities that are fun and focus on high rates of participation and accomplishment.

Duration: Weekly

Location: Please contact local community centre or band office.

Cost: Free

Eligibility:

- Ages 12-18

Contact: jcr-rjc.ca/en/join-us/become-jcr.page

NATIONAL FIRST NATION AND INUIT YOUTH SCIENCE CAMP

Hosted by the First Nations University of Canada, this week-long science camp is held each summer in Saskatchewan.

Duration: 1 week

Location: Saskatchewan

Cost: Free (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Ages 12-15
- Be of First Nations or Inuit descent

Contact: Marcy.MacDougall@canada.ca
(867) 669-2548

NATIONAL YOUTH BAND

The National Youth Band of Canada (NYB) is the most comprehensive music education youth project offered by the Canadian Band Association. It is an outstanding opportunity to perform under the leadership of a renowned Canadian conductor and a featured soloist. The NYB experience also provides each young musician the chance to network with some of the finest instrumentalists from across Canada.

Duration: 1 week (April/May)

Location: National

Cost: \$460 (travel and meals not included)

Eligibility:

- Ages 16-22
- Please see audition requirements

Contact: canadianband.org/#!national-youth-band/cpda

NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIR

A project of Choral Canada, the National Youth Choir (NYC) is a professional development program for Canada's best emerging choral singers. The NYC convenes in a different region every two years, in association with Podium, Canada's national biennial choral conference and festival. After a week-long rehearsal camp, the NYC embarks on a regional tour.

Duration: 2 weeks (May)

Location: National

Cost: \$1500 (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Ages 18-25
- Each province and territory may select up to four (4) NYC singers (one for each voice part) and four alternates.

Contact: choralcanada.org/activities-projects/national-youth-choir/
Online audition: 647-606-2467
programs@choralcanada.org

NATIONAL YOUTH PANEL

Each year Cando selects six Indigenous youth participants to form the National Youth Panel, based on their strengths, initiatives, accomplishments, entrepreneurial spirit, and participation within their communities.

Duration: 1 week (Fall)

Location: National

Cost: Free

Eligibility:

Indigenous

- Ages 18-30
- Must not have been a part of the panel before

Contact: edo.ca/youth/national-youth-panel

NORTHERN YOUTH ABROAD INTERNATIONAL

Emphasizing international citizenship, the International program revisits, reinforces and builds upon many of the facets and lessons of the National program, continuing to promote education, personal growth, cultural awareness and career preparation. International participants travel as a group to a foreign country to contribute to a local volunteer initiative, build career skills, increase independence, acquire new knowledge and experiences, and exchange culture with local indigenous populations. Cultural exchange and immersion in local life is an important component of the international program as it allows participants to explore the similarities and differences between the people, cultures and circumstances of their home communities and those of their placement community.

Participants earn up to nine high-school credits for their efforts.

Duration: July-August

Location: International

Cost: \$1000 (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Ages 16-22
- Canadian NYA Alumni (National Program)

Contact: nya.ca

NORTHERN YOUTH ABROAD - NATIONAL

Participants learn about group dynamics, self-reliance, leadership techniques, increasing confidence, health and safety in the work place,

and on-the-job skills. Following orientation, participants travel in pairs to live with host families across the country and begin a six-week volunteer work placement. While on placement, participants gain hands on work place experience in a chosen field and engage in cultural sharing in their host community.

Before returning to their home communities in late August, participants gather once again in Ottawa for a re-orientation session. “Re-O” provides Participants with the opportunity to reflect on, celebrate, and document the positive changes they experienced over the course of the program and offers techniques for participants to maintain the momentum gained throughout the summer and utilize it to benefit their home communities. Participants are also responsible for preparing a presentation on their NYA experience that they can share with their communities, families, and friends.

Returning participants have a clearer sense of their identity and of their own interests, skills, and career objectives. They also earn up to nine high-school credits for their efforts.

Duration: July-August

Location: Ottawa, ON

Various towns across Canada

Cost: \$1000 (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Ages 15-20

Contact: nya.ca

NORTHERN YOUTH ABROAD - NEXT

NYA Next works to revisit, reinforce and build upon many of the facets and lessons of the National program by promoting education, personal growth, cultural awareness and career preparation. The purpose behind the program’s creation is to allow for NYA’s desire to build a more diverse offering, emphasizing goal setting and achievement, which can be individually tailored to each participant’s interests and needs, highlighted by a distinct Personal Learning Project that each participant will complete, and will be accessed and facilitated through the aid of the program’s Personal Achievement Coach. The bulk of the summer placement for NYA Next will take place at Algonquin College

in Ottawa, where participants will learn about construction and building; engage in volunteer work and service learning; and participate in a multitude of group activities.

Participants earn up to nine high-school credits for their efforts.

Duration: July-August
Location: Ottawa, ON
Cost: \$1500 (travel included)
Eligibility:

- Ages 16-22
- Canadian NYA Alumni

Contact: nya.ca

NORTHERN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SOCIETY (NYLS)

Northern Youth Leadership is a movement dedicated to delivering programming that encourages the development of young leaders in the Northwest Territories (NWT) through providing unique camp and workshop experiences and opportunities for youth from across the NWT, giving them the confidence to reach their potential and be a positive change agent.

Camps are designed to introduce campers to on the land wilderness experiences that challenge self-imposed limitations and build leadership and teamwork skills while building self-confidence.

Duration: 1 week
Location: Northwest Territories
Cost: \$250 (travel included)
*Financial support is available to cover camper fees
Eligibility:

- Ages 11-17

Contact: northernyouth.ca

NWT HERITAGE FAIR

Heritage Fair projects encourage students to develop good research skills using a variety of sources. Projects are intended to encourage students to pursue topics that have a meaningful connection to their lives. Research that goes beyond the use of books and the Internet is encouraged, and this kind of research may involve other skills such as interviewing,

collecting artifacts, photography, etc.

Duration: 1 week (May)
Location: Various NT
Cost: Please contact school
Eligibility:

- Regional Heritage Fair winners will be invited to compete in the Territorial Heritage Fair (please contact your school for regional heritage fair details).
- Gr. 7 and up

Contact: pwnhc.ca/education/heritage-fairs

NWT TRADITIONAL GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The goal of the NWT Traditional Games Championships (TGC) is to increase participation and awareness of Inuit and Dene Games at a territorial level.

Duration: 3-4 days
Location: Yellowknife, NT
Cost: Please contact school
Eligibility:

- Ages 10-12
- Each school can send a team consisting of four boys and four girls

Contact: ascnwt.ca

NWT YOUTH AMBASSADORS

The Northwest Territories (NWT) Youth Ambassadors Program offers a guided and structured volunteer experience for NWT youth at major territorial, national and international events. Participants have an opportunity to develop significant life and job skills and build the confidence necessary to deal with the complex challenges in modern society. Past events include Arctic Winter Games, North American Indigenous Games, and Canada Winter Games.

Duration: Various
Location: Various
Cost: Free (travel included)
Eligibility:

- Community involvement
- Commitment to a healthy lifestyle
- Complete two reference forms
- Age requirements dependent on event and volunteer work required

Contact: maca.gov.nt.ca

PAGE NWT

The Page Program gives junior high school students, who are developing an interest in the legislative process or public affairs, a unique opportunity to see first-hand how public policy is set by the Legislative Assembly. Students chosen for the Page Program must have a good all-round performance at school and self-discipline.

Duration: 1 week (paid) during the school year

Location: Yellowknife, NT

Cost: Free (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Grades 8-9
- Provide a copy of their latest school transcript, a recommendation from their school, and references.

Contact: assembly.gov.nt.ca/about/page-program

PEARSON COLLEGE UWC (UNITED WORLD COLLEGE)

Pearson College UWC is a two-year pre-university school (Grade 12 and Gap Year) for up to 200 students from up to 130 countries at any one time who live, study and grow together in the beautiful Pacific Northwest rainforest.

Duration: 2 years

Location: Vancouver Island, BC

Cost: \$55,000/year
*Scholarships available

Eligibility:

- Apply in Grade 11
- Be a Canadian citizen/permanent resident

Contact: pearsoncollege.ca

SHAD

SHAD is a registered Canadian charity that empowers exceptional high school to recognize their capabilities and envision their extraordinary potential as tomorrow's leaders and change makers. Each year SHAD provides more than 600 Canadian youth a transformational month-long summer experience in-residence at one of 12 top Canadian universities, focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & math), innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Location: Canadian university campuses

Cost: \$5700 (travel not included)

*Bursaries and scholarships available

Eligibility:

- Grades 10- 12
- The application process is rigorous, taking into consideration academic results and engagement beyond the classroom. Selected youth are well-rounded emerging leaders in their schools, volunteers in their communities, and are often gifted musicians, artists and athletes

Contact: shad.ca

SMASH (STRENGTH, MASCULINITIES, AND SEXUAL HEALTH) PEER LEADER RETREAT

SMASH is a program that educates young men about defining their own masculinity – what does it mean to be a man, and how to be a good man. It includes practical, realistic discussions about sexual health and relationships, and straight-forward strategies for communication, consent, and discussions of boundaries.

SMASH encourages Northern youth to become exceptional leaders in their own communities, identifying both problems and solutions, and acting as role models in all facets of their lives. Participants learn about individual and team achievement, being a positive part of a healthy community, and modelling great decision making for others.

Participants will receive two (2) high school credits for their active participation in the Retreat, and two (2) additional credits for their completion of a community project when they return to home communities.

Duration: 1 week (July)

Location: Yellowknife, NT
Blachford Lake Lodge, NT

Cost: Free (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Males ages 13-17

Contact: arcticfoxy.com/smash

STUDENTS ON ICE

Students on Ice (SOI) was established in 2000 with the mandate to educate the world's youth about the importance of the polar regions, to support their continued growth and to inspire initiatives that contribute to global sustainability through Arctic and Antarctic educational

expeditions.

Duration: 2 weeks

Location: Arctic/Antarctic

Cost: ~\$13,500 from Ottawa

*Scholarships available (many cover the full expedition cost)

Eligibility:

- Ages 14 and up at the time of application

Contact: studentsonice.com

TUNDRA SCIENCE AND CULTURE CAMP

Tundra Science and Culture Camp (TSCC) is a summer outdoor environmental education program for high school students and teachers. Students work closely with a variety of instructors including scientists, environmental educators, on-site researchers and Tlicho elders. The focus is on learning about the land from both scientific and aboriginal perspectives.

At the TSCC, students learn about field research methods in wildlife biology, geology, archaeology, aquatic ecology, traditional knowledge, and the Tlicho language. Students also learn about decision-making and resource management in this diamond mining region.

Duration: 10 days (July/August)

Location: Daring Lake, NT

Cost: \$300

Travel to and from home community to Yellowknife, NT

Eligibility:

- Preference is given to students who have completed Science 10 or equivalent.
- A recommendation from the school liaison.

Contact: enr.gov.nt.ca

YOUTH PARLIAMENT

In Youth Parliament, students assume the role of an MLA at the Legislative Assembly in Yellowknife. This includes researching community concerns, meeting with your MLA to discuss issues, writing a Member's or Minister's statement, thinking about and writing questions for Question Period, learning the process of making a bill into a law, and having lots of fun!

Duration: 1 week (May)

Location: Yellowknife, NT

Cost: Free (travel included)

Eligibility:

- Grades 9-10
- Every year, letters are sent to all Principals of high schools in the Northwest Territories. They are asked to help select Grade 9-10 students in their school by providing them with the application information. All completed applications are considered and one student from each riding is selected to represent his or her Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Contact: assembly.gov.nt.ca/about/youth-parliament

YOUTH ASSEMBLY - UNITED NATIONS

The Youth Assembly at the United Nations (YA) is a project of Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, Inc., which aims to provide a platform for fostering dialogue and generating partnerships between exceptional youth, civil society, the private sector, and the United Nations. Youth Assembly at the United Nations presents both an enormous opportunity and a challenge to stimulate and ensure youth engagement and participation.

Duration: 1 week

Location: International

Cost: Varies on location

*Scholarships available

Eligibility:

- Ages 16-28
- Youth should exemplify strong potential or have made an impact as leaders and changemakers in their communities.

Contact: faf.org

YOUNG LEADERS' SUMMIT ON NORTHERN CLIMATE CHANGE

This summit will provide an opportunity for participants to enhance their knowledge of climate change and its impacts through on-the-land learning. Topics discussed in previous summits include: forest fires, permafrost, culture, community, wildlife, politics, water, adapting to climate change, communicating climate change, and food security.

Hosted every two years (2019, 2021, etc.).

Duration: 1 week

Location: Territorial

Cost: Free

Eligibility:

- Ages 18-30
- Youth should show leadership potential, and a strong interest in climate change and the environment

Contact: climateleaders.ca

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