

Foster Family Coalition of the NWT

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Welcome Campers!!!!

Camp Connections is intended to provide a positive leadership-based opportunity to meet the needs of children and youth between the ages of 7-18 who are involved with social services or living in foster homes. Children and youth in the NWT deserve a chance to just be kids and also to gain valuable life experiences in a closely supervised culturally rich setting.

Sessions are 7 days and campers are bused from Yellowknife to our beautiful facilities 57 kms northeast of Yellowknife on Ingraham Trail. Camp is now updated with solar power showers and outhouses. Camp consists of numerous cabins for sleeping and a cookhouse for mealtimes and large group activities.

Campers are requested to be dropped off at the Big Blue Plane, across from Aurora Ford, for 9am on the first day of camp and picked up for 2pm on the last day of camp.

Our Programming

- Is age appropriate with a camper/staff ratio of 5:1
- Encourages and empowers campers to learn new skills and challenge themselves
- Includes activities such as hiking, swimming, games, arts & crafts, canoeing, teachings from Elders, and visits from guest artists, Wildlife Officers, and other community professionals
- Is based on the themes "*I am Capable, Loveable, Trustworthy, Important, Powerful, Valuable, and Helpful*".
- Is designed to meet the needs of at-risk children and youth.

Camp Connections Policies & Practices

Please read and initial:

- Camp Connections, operated by the Foster Family Coalition of the NWT, reserves the right to assess whether we can safely and effectively meet the needs of each camper. Admission may be declined if staff determine that we do not have the resources or capacity to provide a positive camp experience.
- Camp staff are trained to support the general needs of children in a camp setting; however, they are not certified counselors, therapists, or social workers. It is important that Guardians/Caregivers complete this application openly, honestly, and thoroughly so that staff can be prepared to support each camper appropriately.
- If circumstances arise during camp where staff are unable to adequately meet a camper's emotional, behavioural, or physical needs, or if a camper's behaviour significantly impacts the safety or well-being of other campers, Camp Connections reserves the right to require the camper to return home.
- While children are attending Camp Connections, every effort is made to maintain the health and safety of all campers. However, due to the nature of group environments, the spread of common illnesses such as colds, influenza, and other communicable conditions may occur. Camp Connections cannot guarantee that children will not be exposed to such illnesses.
- All campers must be free of head lice prior to attending Camp Connections. Caregivers are expected to perform a head check two weeks before the camper arrives at camp and provide treatment as necessary. Camp staff will conduct head checks upon arrival.
- Camp Connections maintains a **zero-tolerance policy** regarding drugs, alcohol, and other prohibited substances. Campers are not permitted to bring drugs, alcohol, or related paraphernalia to camp.
- If any such items are found during camp, they will be **confiscated**, and the camper will be **sent home immediately**. Parents or guardians will be notified and responsible for arranging transportation from Yellowknife.
- Campers are not permitted to have electronics at camp. Please ensure your camper does not bring electronics, including cell phones, to camp.
- If any such items are found in the possession of a camper during Camp, they will be taken, securely stored and returned to the Guardian/Caregiver

on pick up at the end of Camp.

- Campers must be fully potty trained and able to use the washroom independently without staff assistance.
- If a camper experiences a medical or safety emergency, Camp staff will notify the on-call social worker and the Guardian/Caregiver. The camper will be transported to Stanton Territorial Hospital if required. Staff will remain with the camper until they are safely handed over to medical personnel or the Guardian/Caregiver.
- For the safety and security of all campers, **no caregivers, family, or friends may attend camp** or remove a camper from the premises.
- If a camper must leave Camp Connections before the scheduled end of the day, they will be escorted to the **Foster Family Coalition offices at 5125 50th Street, Yellowknife**. Camp staff will supervise the camper until they are safely picked up by their parent, guardian, or an individual authorized in writing.
- If you discover items missing on return from Camp, please notify the Camp Program Director and we will endeavour to locate them and return them to you. Guardian/Caregiver will be responsible for any costs.

Camp Connections 2026

Preference	Session	Age	Arrival Date	Departure Date
	1	Ages 7-11 coed	July 13	July 19
	2	Ages 12-14 coed	July 24	July 30
	3	Ages 7-11 coed	August 4	August 10

Please submit one registration for each camp session

Email this completed form to human_resources2@ffcnwt.com

Registrations will be confirmed on receipt & 7 days prior to camp

ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE REGISTERED

Session: _____

Is this the child’s first visit to Camp Connections? YES NO

Who is responsible for the \$250.00 Registration Fee?

Cancellation

- Camper Registration will be confirmed 7 days prior to the Camp session. Campers may be withdrawn not later than this date
- Cancellations must be made at least 7 days prior to the registration date to be eligible for a refund. Cancellations made within 7 days of the start date, including on the day the camp begins, are not eligible for a refund. No refunds will be issued once the camp has commenced.
- For cancellations made 7 days prior to the registration date, all costs associated with participation in Camp Connections will be invoiced to the Child and Family Services Office or the caregiver.

Camper Information

Full Name: _____

Identified Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____ Grade: _____

Age at time of camp: _____

Health Care Card #: _____

Cultural Heritage: _____

Address: _____

Guardian/Caregiver Information

Social Worker Information (If Applicable):

Social Worker: _____

Phone Number: _____

On-Call Phone: _____

Email: _____

Caregiver Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

(ie. Birth Parent, Foster Parent, Extended Family)

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

(ie. Birth Parent, Foster Parent, Extended Family)

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact in Yellowknife: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

(ie. Birth Parent, Foster Parent, Extended Family)

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Additional Camper Information

Does the Camper know how to swim? * Yes * No
(All Campers are required to wear a life jacket when in, on or near the water)

Does the Camper have any allergies? * Yes * No

If yes, what are they?

If yes, does the participant carry an Epi-pen? * Yes * No

Does the participant have any food related disorders * Yes * No
(eating disorders, texture issues, food touching disorders etc.)

If Yes, please explain:

Does the Camper have a diagnosis? * Yes * No
(FASD, ADHD, ODD, Autism etc.)

If Yes, please explain:

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Does the Camper require any medication? If yes, please list details: medication name, purpose, dose and frequency

Name	Purpose	Dose/ Amount	Time Given	Instructions (How to take it)

Are there any behaviours that could arise at Camp Connections?
(please check all the apply)

- Physical or Verbal Aggression *(please circle which)*
- Outbursts lasting more than a minute
- Extended tantrums
- Self harm behaviours (ie: banging head)
- Triggers
- Reactions
- Spitting or biting *(please circle which)*
- Sexualized behaviors *(ie: inappropriate touching)*
- _____
- _____

Please provide details on how to manage the behaviours identified above.

Additional Information

Please let us know any information related to the following areas of the youth's life. For example, things they need to work on, areas they struggle in, areas where they have many strengths, etc.

Accommodations	
Learning	
General Health	
Likes, dislikes, fears	
Important People	
Choices & Behaviour	
Sleep Issues <i>(wets bed, scared to be alone)</i>	

Guardian Consent General Disclaimer & Waiver

I _____, am the legal guardian
(Guardian/Social Worker)

of _____ and I:
(name of the child)

- Authorize the camper named above to attend Camp Connections.
- Authorize Camp Connections staff to perform CPR or minor first aid treatment if required as staff deem necessary.
- Will not hold Camp Connections responsible for any lost or stolen items, or hold Camp Connections liable in the event of any accident, injury or death.
- Give permission to Camp staff to administer prescribed medications.
- Understand that the summer camps include outdoor activities including but not limited to hiking, swimming, canoeing, riding in boats, fishing, hunting/trapping, and associated activities.
- Assume and accept, without limitation, all risks and dangers associated with the named child's participation in Camp Connections.

Guardian Signature

Print Name

Date

Camper Consent

I _____, agree to attend and participate at Camp Connections. I will leave all valuables, money, and electronics (*computer, cell phones, etc.*) at home. I also agree to have lots of fun!!

Camper Name

Date



Camp Connections: Camper's Packing List 2025

What to Bring to Camp:

Hat	Sunscreen
Bathing Suit	Beach Towel
Sleeping bag (please let us know if you need one ... we have extras!)	Pillow
Toothbrush & Toothpaste	Bug Repellent
Wash Cloth	3 pairs of shoes (sports sandals, runners, light hikers). We also encourage shoes to swim in that are not flip flops.
1 warm wool sweater or fleece	1-2 long sleeved shirts
2-3 pairs of shorts	2 pairs of pants
3 T-Shirts	8 pairs of under clothes
8 pairs of socks	1-2 pairs of pajamas
Rain Gear	Warm jacket
An article of clothing that you wish to tie-dye!	A BIG SMILE!

What NOT to Bring to Camp:

Good Clothes	Any valuables
Knives, matches, lighters. (Camp Connections does NOT allow any of this equipment.)	Food
Cell Phones, Ipad's, Electronics, etc.	Gaming Systems
Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes	Money

Please note that Camp Connections will not be held responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Things to know ...

All medication must be blister packaged and in a Ziploc bag with the campers name clearly written on it. This must be given to the designated staff member on arrival day!

Drop Off and Pick Up Times:

- **Drop Camper off at:** Welcome to Yellowknife sign parking lot @9:00 am
- **Pick Up Campers at:** Welcome to Yellowknife sign parking lot @1:00 pm