

Information about the 2015 AFL Kids' Camp

Talk to Your Camper about Camp

It's a great idea for parents to talk with their child about their upcoming camping adventure in order to build enthusiasm and set expectations for the camping experience. Please share the information in this package with your child as you feel is appropriate. Be prepared to give your child a happy send-off. Don't let your child feel you are sorry to see them go, but send them off in a spirit of eager expectancy. Also ensure that your child is interested in attending. It places everyone in a challenging position when the child does not want to be at Camp.

About Homesickness

When boys and girls are away from home for the first time a mild or severe case of homesickness can be as real to the child as a stomach ache. Understanding parents realize that it is something your child may need to experience and see through to the finish if they are to become self-reliant and mature. Our staff is trained to detect the early symptoms of homesickness and to deal with your child in a caring, intelligent manner.

Discipline

Our staff is trained to deal with discipline in a caring and effective manner. It is important to us that your child exhibit responsible and safe behaviour during his/her stay at camp. In some cases where a child's behaviour becomes detrimental to the other campers or themselves we may ask the parent/guardian to remove the camper from camp. No alcohol or drugs are allowed. Possession of alcohol or drugs will be grounds for expulsion and anyone in possession of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to attend camp in future years.

Helping Hand Awards

Each day campers are expected to help in a short general camp clean up, and then are given time to put their own cabin in order. Duties include setting and clearing tables and picking up litter around the campsite. Wiping their tables after each meal, clean up spills from the floor and place their chairs on top of the tables in the evening after dinner. Campers will receive awards for this behaviour. Cooperation of campers in all activities is valued and appreciated.

Telephone Calls

There is a phone available for campers to make calls from camp, but we do not encourage calls except in extenuating circumstances. In cases where parental consultation is required, a camp staff member will accompany the camper and assist in placing the call. On occasion, a staff member may call you to discuss behaviour or special circumstances.

Emergency calls to your camper should be directed through Camp Goldeye to the AFL Camp Director Siobhán Vipond cell number at (780) 868-7379. Camp Goldeye's telephone number is (403) 721-2102 or 1-800-721-2102.

In Case of Injury or Sickness

A nurse is available at all times. In the event of a serious injury or illness you will be contacted as soon as possible. If a trip to the hospital or doctor is necessary, a staff member will accompany your child and you will be contacted. If your child requires any prescription drugs we will pay for them and then bill you.

Camp Program

Campers will enjoy swimming, canoeing, hiking, tour, group challenge initiatives, rock climbing, games and sports. We will also spend some time each day learning about unions. All programs are taught and supervised by qualified adult instructors. Activities go rain or shine and everyone must participate.

Transportation

The AFL will make arrangements for transportation from Calgary, Red Deer, Fort McMurray, and Edmonton to and from Camp Goldeye depending on requirements of the campers. If your child requires transportation from these locations, it is necessary that the Transportation Form be filled out and returned to the AFL by **July 13th**.

Pick-up/Drop-off

Campers requiring transportation from **Calgary** should be dropped off at **11:15 a.m.** on **Monday, August 10** and picked up at **2:15 p.m.** on **Friday, August 14** in the strip mall parking lot (Interpacific Business Park) at the Calgary & District Labour Council/NDP office, 321, 3132 – 26 Street, NE, Calgary.

Campers requiring transportation from **Red Deer** should be dropped off at the Petro Canada Gas Station (Gasoline Alley, Hwy. 2 North) at **1:30 p.m.** on **Monday, August 10**, and picked up at **12:00 noon** on **Friday, August 14** at the Esso Gas Station (Gasoline Alley, Hwy. 2 South).

Campers requiring transportation from **Edmonton** should be dropped off at **11:15 a.m.** on **Monday, August 10**, and picked up at **3:00 p.m.** on **Friday, August 14** at the AFL Office, Parkington Plaza, #300, 10408 – 124 Street NW, Edmonton.

Campers requiring transportation from **Fort McMurray** should be dropped off at **6:00 a.m.** on **Monday, August 10** and picked up at **9:30 p.m., Friday, August 14** at St. Martha Catholic Elementary School, Fort McMurray.

Please ensure that your child eats breakfast and brings something for lunch as well on the bus trip to camp. Children will receive a boxed lunch for the return trip. Money to purchase food may be sent with your child however, the driver may not have an opportunity to stop.

Campers whose parents/guardian will take them to **Camp Goldeye**, should be dropped off at **4:00 p.m.** on **August 10**, and picked up at **10:00 a.m.** on **August 14**.

Please do not be late in dropping off or picking up your child.

More Information Contact

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