



# Love, Camp

Join us in raising \$14.5 million to show Camp some love



YMCA Calgary

## Helping kids to belong, grow, thrive and lead for over 90 years

Camp Chief Hector YMCA is beloved by thousands of Albertans, who have paddled, climbed, and hiked on the 1,000 acres in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. For over nine decades, Camp has taught problem solving and resilience, leadership and independence, and created positive, character-building memories, stories and joy. Both campers and staff recall their Camp days with a big grin on their face. Recalling that it was a fun, inclusive, memory-filled cornerstone in their young lives.

We are now envisioning what is next for Camp Chief Hector YMCA as it approaches its centennial year as a place for fun, belonging, and making memories that last a lifetime.

Join us in raising \$14.5 million to upgrade our STAY & PLAY environments.

These strategic infrastructure improvements will allow Camp to continue to be that magical camp in the Rocky Mountains – where some of life's best stories come from.

Join us!



Dear Emily,  
It was great to see you back at Camp again this summer, I really missed you. I can't wait to see you next year! Take care of yourself.  
Love, Camp

Dear Camp,

I have been dreaming about the high ropes course challenge from my last day there which seems like a long time ago. I was so scared, but I did it anyway. My camp counsellor, Amanda, knew exactly what to say. She made me feel brave. I never knew I could be that brave. Thanks, Camp - memories from that day have helped me through this past year.

Love, Emily

90+ YEARS

1,000 ACRES

12,000 CAMPERS ANNUALLY

1,500 KIDS SUBSIDIZED

42 HORSES

2 CLIMBING WALLS

27 ARCHERY BOWS

42 CANOES

15 TIPIES

63 YURTS

1 HIGH ROPES COURSE

COUNTLESS MEMORIES



an  
extended  
camping  
season



an  
extended  
riding  
season

## Camp Stay & Play Revitalization | \$13.5 million

### UPGRADE CAMPERS' SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS – WITH YURTS

- Yurts are warmer, so we can extend our camp season in both Spring and Fall
- More accessible for campers with mobility challenges
- Require less maintenance

### UPGRADE OLDER TIPIS – WITH NEW TIPIS made by the Stoney Nakoda

- Ensuring we continue to honour and teach the next generations the importance of Indigenous culture & traditions

### UPGRADE OUTDATED STAFF ACCOMMODATIONS [Link]

- To meet current safety standards
- To be more adaptable to a variety of staffing configurations
- To consolidate the housing footprint

### UPGRADE BOWFORT LODGE KITCHEN

- New flooring
- New ventilation
- New appliances

### UPGRADE WASHROOM FACILITIES [Link]

- Two new washroom and shower facilities
- Accessible and gender inclusive

### UPGRADE BOWFORT CHALLENGE COURSE

- Designed smarter to test & engage all campers

### UPGRADE HIGHER GROUND CHALLENGE COURSE

- Reconfigured design to allow for more climbing, less waiting

### UPGRADE RANCH AREA

- Stable enhancements to allow for a longer riding season
- Better storage facilities, to lower hay costs
- Improved fencing to ensure horse safety



# Camp Futures Fund | \$1.0 million

## GROW CAMP CHIEF HECTOR YMCA ENDOWMENT FUND

- Ensure that all campers have access regardless of financial circumstances

## SUSTAIN FUTURE OPERATIONAL & CAPITAL COSTS

- Giving Camp the financial stability to help ensure on-going upkeep and operations



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HECTOR**  
**YMCA  
Calgary**

## Financial Summary

Total project goal: \$14.5 million

**\$13.5 MILLION** Stay & Play

**\$1.0 MILLION** Camp Futures Fund

## Potential Project Funding

**\$4 MILLION** From provincial & federal governments

**\$1.5 MILLION** From YMCA Calgary

**\$9 MILLION** From community giving through the Love, Camp Campaign

We are honoured the Stoney Nakoda will be making new tipis for Camp.



Camp Chief Hector YMCA is named after Stoney Nakoda Chief Hector Crawler and is situated on the Ancestral Lands of the Stoney Nakoda and the Blackfoot Confederacy.

Camp was established in 1930 during a time when Indigenous people had lost much of their land, rights, and their culture. Instrumental in establishing Camp was Chief Hector Crawler and Jonas Benjamin - Walking Buffalo - of the Stoney Nakoda Nation.

While the relationship between the settlers and the Stoney Nakoda people was fraught with challenges, according to YMCA history, they agreed on the goal for Camp to "make the White man's sons better than their fathers had been" (C.J. Ford). Over our long history, our relationship with the Stoney Nakoda has varied in its nature and depth.

YMCA Calgary is committed to acknowledging our truth and working closely with our Stoney Nakoda neighbours, the descendants of Chief Hector Crawler, and the Stoney Nakoda band office toward shared goals that respect and educate about Indigenous cultures.

Send Camp some love and help us ignite  
the leadership of future generations



Consider making a gift today and ensure a life-changing camp experience for thousands of kids tomorrow.

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Camp Chief Hector YMCA is proudly situated on the ancestral lands of the Stoney Nakoda First Nation, with whom we've shared a common love and respect for these lands for more than 90 years. We honour the three Bands of the Stoney Nation; The Bearspaw, Chiniki and Goodstoney, who make their homes in this area and are grateful for the leadership and friendship they've shown the YMCA, past, present, and future, as we work together to build healthy communities.