



**YMCA Western Canada Leadership Conference
Camp Chief Hector, AB
Be inspired in this Olympic themed leadership conference.**

The Moose Jaw Family YMCA is looking for mature, responsible teens between the ages of 14-17 to send to the YMCA Western Canada Leadership Conference this February! **The contest closes on February 5th**; winners will be announced on February 10th, 2010. Youth will leave for the 3 day conference on February 25th-returning March 1st. Complete the following application and mail it to: Attention Kathy Rossler, 220 Fairford Street East, Moose Jaw, Sk, S6H 6H2

Parent Information

Name: (first) _____ (last) _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (h) _____ (c) _____

Are you a YMCA Member? _____

Applicant Information

Name: (first) _____ (last) _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: (h) _____ (c) _____

Are you a YMCA Member? _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

1. List in order of importance to you, up to 5, activities or organizations in which you have participated during the last 3 years.

	Organization/Activity	Grade	Involvement/Leadership Responsibility
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

2. Select one of the activities or organizations listed above and briefly explain how your participation has been of benefit to you.

3. What do you hope to gain from your participation in the YMCA Western Canada Leadership Conference?

Attach the 2 reference forms with your application. Please have them completed by adults who know you well (other than a parent or relative- please use the attached form)

Permission

I would like to be considered for the YMCA Western Canada Youth Leadership Conference. I acknowledge receipt, understanding, and acceptance of the attached Rules and Guidelines.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

To be signed by the student's parent or guardian:

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend, if selected, the YMCA Western Canada Youth Leadership Conference. I also assume responsibility for my son/daughter's conduct while participating in the leadership training activities. I acknowledge receipt, understanding, and acceptance of the attached Rules and Guidelines.

Parent or Guardian Signature:

Date:

To take a virtual tour of the YMCA Camp Chief Hector please visit <http://www.ymcacalgary.org/web/Default.aspx?cid=2952&lang=1>





What Makes a Qualified Candidate?

To qualify for the Western Leadership Conference, a student must:

- Must be between the ages of 14 and 17

- Be mature, responsible and ready to have fun

- Must have completed all the applicable application forms and have a parent or guardians approval.

- A completed list of references must be included

- Previously shown leadership within their communities, they must also demonstrate an interest in and a potential for leadership development.

- Show self-motivation with a broad range of interests and a willingness to contribute to the group process.

- Be able to commit the time and energy required to participate and develop a youth leadership program at the Moose Jaw Family YMCA.

All student applicants should consider the following:

- There is no fee for participation; however, all students are expected to be actively involved in a YMCA community service project.

- Youth attending will be expected to commit to a 1 year leadership program at the Moose Jaw Family YMCA



YMCA Western Canada Youth Leadership Conference Reference Form (1 of 2)

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

To the reference:

The person named above is an applicant for the YMCA Western Canada Youth Leadership Conference. The Selection Committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by the references of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Name of reference: _____

Contact Number: _____

1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. What do you consider the applicant's primary talents/strengths?

3. Please comment on the applicant's relationship with his or her peers?

4. Please rate the applicant with other high school students you have known.
1-Outstanding 2-Excellent 3-Good 4-Average 5-Unable to judge

Character: ____	Ability to work with others: ____
Concern for others: ____	Maturity: ____
Responsibility: ____	Oral communication skills: ____
Leadership: ____	Initiative: ____
Interest in community affairs: ____	

Signature of reference: _____ Date: _____



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YMCA Western Canada Leadership Conference Participant Contract

Responsibility

- It is our expectation that all participants will conduct themselves as excellent ambassadors for the Moose Jaw Family YMCA.
- It is our expectation that all participants will bring a positive attitude to the activities at the conference. Appropriate language, trying new things and keeping an open mind is an important part of leadership development.
- Complete a one year (1) leadership program at the Moose Jaw Family YMCA
- Expectation that participants are actively involved in a YMCA community service project.

Honesty

- Be honest with yourself and others. Be honest about your abilities and what motivates you. Be honest if you make a mistake.

Respect

- Respect yourself- take care of yourself. Nutrition, fitness and safety are all important factors in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.
- Respect others – be aware of how you talk to and about others. Treat everyone the same as you would like to be treated
- Respect the environment - treat the facility and equipment as if it were your own.

Caring

- Remember to be caring and considerate of others.

What to Expect from your YMCA

- The YMCA will pay the registration fees and transportation to and from for the 2010 leadership conference
- Provide positive and encouraging adult supervision for the entire duration of the trip
- Provide registration in a YMCA leadership program at no charge.
- A fun time!

I have read and understand the above statements:

Participant's Name: _____
Please Print

Participant Signature: _____