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Possibilités et programmes offerts aux élèves et aux jeunes ténois

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Purpose

This handbook provides information about programs and opportunities available to high school students. Most of the opportunities listed within this handbook target Northwest Territories (NWT) students and are provided by local organizations. National and international opportunities and programs are also provided within this document that are accessible to students throughout the NWT.

The appendix at the end of this handbook contains a table of contents of the programs and opportunities that are available for youth after high school who are looking for experiential learning opportunities to support them in their career exploration.

Many workshops, conferences, and other programs that may not occur regularly can be found on the [NWT Opportunities](#) Facebook page.

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

Indigenous students can also reach out to Indigenous governments to learn about any programs or opportunities they may have available. Please see: <https://www.eia.gov.nt.ca/en/nwt-indigenous-government-directory> for names and contact information for NWT regional and community Indigenous governments.

Please note that the information in this handbook is current as of August 2022 and may be subject to change. Refer to the contact information for each organization/company for the most up-to-date information.

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Handbook Contributors

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If your organization has a program or opportunity for NWT students in Grades 9-12, or youth who have recently exited high school, that you would like to have listed in this handbook, please contact CEA@gov.nt.ca

Format Example

Program title

Program description...

Duration:	Length of the program
Location:	Where the program takes place
Cost:	The cost of the program
Eligibility:	Information relevant to the program, such as application criteria
Contact:	Contact information to find out more about the program

Objectif

Le présent manuel fournit des informations sur les possibilités et les programmes offerts aux élèves du secondaire. La majorité des possibilités suivantes s'adressent aux élèves ténois et sont proposées par des organisations locales. Les programmes et les possibilités disponibles à l'échelle nationale et internationale auxquels peuvent participer les jeunes ténois sont également présentés dans ce document.

L'annexe figurant à la fin de ce manuel contient une table des matières listant les possibilités et les programmes offerts aux jeunes qui cherchent à gagner de l'expérience professionnelle à leur sortie du secondaire, et ce, dans le but de les aider dans leur choix de carrière.

Beaucoup des ateliers, des conférences et des autres programmes qui n'ont pas lieu régulièrement sont disponibles sur la page Facebook [NWT Opportunities](#).

Vous pouvez aussi contacter le musée, la bibliothèque ou le centre des loisirs le plus proche de chez vous pour en savoir plus sur les programmes qu'ils proposent après l'école ou pendant l'été.

Les élèves autochtones peuvent également se tourner vers les gouvernements autochtones pour découvrir les possibilités et les programmes dont ils pourraient bénéficier. Pour obtenir les noms et les coordonnées des gouvernements autochtones régionaux et des administrations communautaires, consultez le <https://www.eia.gov.nt.ca/fr/gouvernements-autochtones-des-tno-0>.

Notez que les informations contenues dans ce manuel sont à jour en date d'août 2022 et sont susceptibles de changer. Veuillez communiquer avec les entreprises ou les organismes concernés pour obtenir les renseignements les plus récents.

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Exemple de format

Titre du programme

Description du programme

Durée :	Durée du programme
Lieu :	Lieu où se déroule le programme
Coûts :	Coûts du programme
Admissibilité :	Informations sur le programme, telles que les critères d'admissibilité
Coordonnées :	Coordonnées des responsables du programme si vous souhaitez les contacter pour en savoir plus

Listing of Programs and Opportunities

Camp Connections

Camp Connections is an on-the-land adventure-based summer camp for kids ages 7-18 who are currently, or have been, involved with social services. The camp started in 2003 and has remained one of the Foster Family Coalition of the NWT's biggest projects. Hundreds of kids in foster care, those who have been adopted, and children living in foster or adoptive homes, have benefited from the life skills, knowledge, artistic activities, physical activities, and most importantly **fun** that is at Camp Connections.

Duration:	1 week (July/August)
Location:	Ingraham Trail
Cost:	\$250
Eligibility:	Ages 7-18
Contact:	Website: https://www.ffcnwt.com/campconnections

Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE)

CRE is a registered charity that provides Indigenous-based leadership, learning, and experiences to every youth that participates in their programs. CRE organizes three main types of activities: leadership training programs, workshops, and gatherings. Various programs are available that cover a wide range of opportunities.

Duration:	Varies depending on opportunity
Location:	Varies depending on opportunity
Cost:	Please contact organization
Eligibility:	Ages 15-29
Contact:	Website: http://canadianroots.ca/

Class Afloat

Class Afloat offers rigorous and internationally acclaimed academic programs for Grade 11, 12, university, and gap year students while they sail the world's oceans aboard a majestic tall ship. Class Afloat is a registered independent high school and proud partner of Acadia University offering accredited Grade 11, 12 high school and first-year university courses to an international student crew.

Class Afloat alumni have gained admission to the world's leading post-secondary institutions. Today, they are engaged citizens whose sense of the possible has been enhanced and redefined by their Class Afloat experience. Since 1984, over 2,000 Class Afloat students have sailed more than 800,000 nautical miles to over 250 ports of call worldwide.

Committed to the principles of academic excellence, community service, leadership and personal development, this exceptional program provides young people with the opportunity to develop as individuals, excel as global citizens, and forge lifelong friendships as they explore the world.

Duration:	1-2 semesters
Location:	International
Cost:	Single Semester - \$41,000 Full Year - \$58,500 *Scholarships available
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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:	Website: https://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 and University of British Columbia-accredited educational experiences. Led by northern leaders, experts, elders, and professors, this program engages northern and southern youth in a transformative curriculum based on the innovative needs of Canada's North.

Dechinta is recognized as a leading organization in the field of higher education for its leadership in Indigenous land-based education in the North. They have been committed to delivering programs created by Indigenous northerners for the past decade, and their curriculums are developed specifically to cover critical northern issues from an Indigenous and northern perspective. Courses prepare students for leadership roles in their communities, with a focus on Indigenous law, governance, and women's leadership.

Duration:	1 semester (12 weeks)
Location:	Various northern locations
Cost:	\$2,500 - \$3,000 Dechinta Program Fee (varies depending on the course content) (Scholarships available to cover cost difference for northern students)
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 11-12, gap year or first year university. • Students are generally 16-19 years of age. • Students must be strong academically and be involved in their school and community.
Contact:	Website: http://www.dechinta.ca Email: admin@dechinta.ca

EntrepreNorth Cohort-Based Entrepreneur Growth Program

EntrepreNorth is a project initiative that offers programming to empower Indigenous and community-based entrepreneurs to build sustainable businesses and livelihoods across Northern Canada.

EntrepreNorth's flagship **Cohort-Based Entrepreneur Growth Program** offers 8-10 Indigenous and community-based entrepreneurs in Nunavut, Northwest Territories and Yukon the opportunity to gain the knowledge, skills, and support to help take their businesses to the next level and create a positive community impact at the same time.

A new cohort theme is selected each year. The cohort theme approach ensures that they provide highly relevant and industry-specific content to all program participants.

Cohort 1: Land Crafted Products

Cohort 2: On-the-Land Tourism

Cohort 3: Circumpolar Fashion

Cohort 4: Local Food Products

Cohort 5: Digital Creative

Duration:	Nine months
Location:	Various locations (travel included)
Cost:	All program participation costs are covered, including travel, accommodations and per diems.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Application deadline June 30th of each year.For Indigenous entrepreneurs living in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon.
Contact:	Website: https://www.entreprenorth.ca Email: info@entreprenorth.ca

Experiences Canada

For over 85 years, Experiences Canada has been offering youth opportunities to explore Canada in ways they never imagined. Experiences Canada offers youth exchanges for participants aged 12 to 17 years old. The exchanges are organized between groups of 10 to 30 young people. Their reciprocal exchanges offer life-changing experiences: enabling young Canadians to build personal skills and self-confidence; form new friendships; deepen their knowledge of a second language, of other histories and cultures, and inspire them to become more actively engaged in their communities.

Virtual Exchanges are also available through Experiences Canada. Virtual Exchanges encourage youth to discover and share the diverse histories, geography, languages, cultures, and ways of life that shape their communities and our country. Virtual Exchanges can support social studies, language, and creative studies curricula from Grades 7-12, as well as second language learning. In addition to the typical pairing of two schools or youth groups, in recognition that many youths are studying independently at home, Experiences Canada is also offering an option for youth to apply individually and be twinned with other individual youth in Canada.

Duration:	One week
Location:	Various locations across Canada
Cost:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 application fee (by group). • \$250 participant fee (once the application has been approved). • All travel costs are covered by Experiences Canada/Department of Canadian Heritage.
Eligibility:	Ages 12-17
Contact:	Website: https://experiencescanada.ca/exchanges/

Explore

Explore is an intensive French-immersion program that is offered during the spring and summer. If you are interested in learning or improving French and travelling to a new part of Canada, then Explore might be the perfect program for you. The Explore program provides \$2,800 (\$2,240 for virtual sessions) for each participant ages 16 years and older and \$2,000 (\$1,600 for virtual sessions) for participants 13 to 15 years of age. This amount covers the major expenses for your participation in the program. 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. Virtual Sessions are available.

Further opportunities available through *Languages at Work* (pg. 26)

Duration:	1 month (May-August)
Location:	Select Canadian universities
Cost:	\$275 registration fee (travel not included) *Funding opportunities are available
Eligibility:	Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (those studying in Canada on a student visa are not eligible) and meet the institution's minimum age requirement by the time Explore begins (13-15, 16-17, or 18+)
Contact:	Website: https://englishfrench.ca/explore/

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.

For decades, Forum has provided a unique space for youth to experience Canada's multifaceted democracy and the institutions that form its foundation. The time has come for Forum to be reimagined for young people today by building on the program's strengths and legacy, while adapting to new and innovative opportunities for experiential learning and engagement. Now is the time to make sure young leaders receive the support and the tools they need to ensure their continued meaningful engagement in all areas of Canadian society.

Duration:	1 week (October/February/March)
Location:	Ottawa, ON
Cost:	\$995 (travel included)
Eligibility:	Ages 15-19
Contact:	Website: forum.ca Email: forum@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 the visual arts.

Participants at the FOXY Peer Leader Retreat will have the opportunity to learn about sexual health and healthy relationships through photography, music, theatre, digital storytelling, and traditional beading.

All participants will spend time during the Retreat planning a small community project that they will deliver with help from a mentor and FOXY when they return to their home communities. The FOXY team will provide resources to assist with the planning and will help connect the peer leader with supports when they return home. Participants will receive two high school credits for their active participation in the Retreat, and two additional credits for their completion of a community project when they return to their home communities.

The program runs twice during the summer months.

Duration:	1 week (July/August)
Location:	Yellowknife, NWT Blachford Lake Lodge, NWT
Cost:	Free (travel included)
Eligibility:	Girls aged 13-17
Contact:	Website: https://arcticfoxy.com/retreat/

Inspire NWT

Inspire NWT is a 12-week entrepreneurial leadership program that will show young people what they're capable of. This discovery experience will advance their employability and leadership skills by learning entrepreneurship from a northern perspective.

They'll address problems in their community through the creation of new business ideas or initiatives. Along the way, they'll set personal and professional goals for the future and be guided by local instructors and business mentors who will help them reach their goals.

Duration:	12 weeks (starting in September)
Location:	Online
Cost:	Participants are paid \$400 per week.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between the ages of 18-30.• Live in the Northwest Territories.
Contact:	Website: https://www.inspirenwt.com/

International Aboriginal Youth Internships

The International Aboriginal Youth Internships (IAYI) initiative provides opportunities for Indigenous 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:	Minimum of three months
Location:	Developing countries
Cost:	Dependent on internship chosen
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify as Indigenous.• Ages 18-35.• Possess a secondary school diploma (or equivalent certification) and/or equivalent work experience related to the internship description.
Contact:	Website: https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/study_work_travel-etude_travail_voyage/aboriginal_internships-stages_autochtones.aspx?lang=eng

International Rural Exchange Canada

International Rural Exchange Canada (IRE Canada) is a non-profit organization recognized by the Government of Canada that has been helping trainees experience agriculture abroad for over 30 years.

IRE Canada is located in Alameda, Saskatchewan, and travels across the country educating students and young farmers alike about the benefits of its international exchange program.

Trainees from Canada journey abroad to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. IRE Canada offers an assorted set of placements that include but are not limited to crops, beef, dairy, hospitality, tourism, culinary, sheep, greenhouses, bee-keeping, equine, and wine-making.

Duration:	Three months – one year
Location:	Varies depending on opportunity
Cost:	Paid work placement
Eligibility:	Ages 19-30
Contact:	Website: https://awaytowork.ca/

International Summer School for Young Physicists

International Summer School for Young Physicists (ISSYP) is an exciting and challenging two-week virtually led program for Canadian and international high school students who have a keen interest in theoretical physics and intend to pursue physics studies at the university level.

Duration:	Two weeks in July
Location:	Online
Cost:	\$250 payable upon acceptance. *Funding opportunities are available
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students in Grade 11 or 12.• Have completed Grade 11 physics by the start day of the program.• Complete and provide all application materials.
Contact:	Website: https://perimeterinstitute.ca/issyp

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Duration:	Minimum of six months
Location:	Developing countries
Cost:	Dependent on internship chosen
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 18-35.• Secondary school diploma (or equivalent certification) and/or equivalent work experience related to the internship description.
Contact:	Website: https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/study_work_travel-etude_travail_voyage/youth_internship-stages_jeunes.aspx?lang=eng

Junior 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, Junior Canadian Rangers 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:	<p>Website: https://www.canada.ca/en/ombudsman-national-defence-forces/education-information/cadet-junior-canadian-rangers/junior-canadian-rangers.html</p> <p>1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (NU, NT, YT)</p> <p>Phone: 1 (867) 873-0700 ext. 6832</p>

Katimavik – the National Experience

Katimavik offers young adults opportunities to gain life skills and work experience while contributing to community development through volunteerism and employment.

As part of the National Experience, diverse groups of young people will spend five months living together in the iconic Katimavik house, while discovering two different communities in Canada. Participants spend the weekdays volunteering with community organizations, helping others, and gaining new skills. As a group, they also engage in additional learning activities and develop their own group projects.

Throughout the experience, Katimavik volunteers develop specific competencies that aim to increase self-confidence and leadership skills, while discovering their potential to make contributions that will shape the future of Canada. Some of the topics that are explored include civic engagement, autonomous living, healthy lifestyles, and environmental stewardship. Katimavik aims to help youth become engaged, caring citizens and capable contributors and leaders for a better Canada.

Duration:	5.5 Months <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 11, 2023 – June 14, 2023• July 14, 2023 – December 13, 2023
Location:	Various locations across Canada
Cost:	\$1,000 * Cost can be supplemented through fundraising
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 17-25.• Must be a resident or citizen of Canada.
Contact:	Website: https://katimavik.org/en/we-offer/national-experience/

Languages at Work

Languages at Work is a summer employment program for youth aged 18 to 30 and is designed to provide Canadian students with practical summer job experience, a chance to practise and improve their second official language skills (either French or English), and the opportunity to discover a new region of the country.

Duration:	3-8 weeks
Location:	National (placement varies)
Cost:	Paid opportunity
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an <i>Explore Bursary</i> recipient (<i>This opportunity is listed within this handbook on Page. 15</i>). • Ages 16-30 (<i>Some institutions may not accept participants under 16</i>). • Available to work after the explore program course session. • Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. • Be interested in working in your immersion language.
Contact:	Website: https://languagesatwork.ca/

MAKEWAY – Northern Youth Leadership

Northern Youth Leadership (NYL) runs remote wilderness programming for youth aged 11–17 from across the NWT, with some programming open to youth from across the territories and Inuit Nunangat. NYL programming helps youth develop leadership skills, life skills, emotional resilience, and to challenge themselves through positive risk-taking. In addition, NYL runs the Leadership Development Program, which is a youth employment program that includes mentoring, training, and paid employment opportunities. On average, NYL runs four to six programs annually involving 75 youth from approximately 30 communities across Canada.

Northern Youth Leadership strives to be inclusive and remove as many barriers as possible to participation. All programming is free to participants. NYL covers the cost of return travel from their home communities, accommodation, and food. NYL can do this thanks to generous financial partners.

Duration:	Varies depending on opportunity
Location:	Territorial
Cost:	Free (travel included)
Eligibility:	Ages 11-17
Contact:	Website: https://makeway.org/project/northern-youth-leadership/ Phone/Toll free: 1 (866) 843-3722

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:	One week (May)
Location:	University of Regina Regina, Saskatchewan
Cost:	Information on costs not available as of this handbook's publishing. Please refer to the website below for up-to-date information.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 16-22.• Please see audition requirements through the link provided. Auditions can be submitted as a recording. (Fee of \$20).
Contact:	Website: https://www.canadianband.org/nybhome

National Youth Choir

The National Youth Choir of Canada (NYCC) is a project of Choral Canada and is one of Canada's finest youth choirs. It is a one-of-a-kind professional development opportunity for some of Canada's best emerging choral singers. National in scope, the prestigious choir is made up of singers between the ages of 19 and 26 who are auditioned from across the country every two years. The next audition cycle will take place in 2023 with the tour taking place in 2024.

Duration:	Two weeks (May)
Location:	National
Cost:	\$1,575 (travel, meals, and accommodations are included)
Eligibility:	Ages 19-26
Contact:	Website: https://www.nycc.ca/index.html

National Youth Panel

The National Youth Panel is brought forth to showcase Indigenous youth. Each year, six Indigenous youth participants are selected to form the National Youth Panel, a signature event at the Annual National Conference. The selections for the National Youth Panel are based on their strengths, initiatives, accomplishments, entrepreneurial spirit, and participation within their communities.

Duration:	One week (Fall)
Location:	Whitecap Dakota First Nation, Saskatchewan
Cost:	Free
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be of Indigenous descent (Inuit, Métis, First Nation).• Ages 18-30.• Must not have been a part of the panel before.
Contact:	Website: https://www.edo.ca/youth/national-youth-panel

Northern Mosaic Network

As an organization, the Northern Mosaic Network strives to make communities in the Northwest Territories a safer, more open, more knowledgeable place for all 2SLGBTQIPA+ people and their allies.

Since 2020, the Northern Mosaic Network has been working to develop and revise the workshops and trainings it offers in the Northwest Territories through the hiring of experts in curriculum, 2SLGBTQIPA+ identities, and facilitation.

Over the past two years, the Northern Mosaic Network has developed 13 identity workshops, eight sector-specific trainings, and two 2SIQTIP (Two Spirit, Indigiqueer & Queer and Trans Indigenous People) workshops. The Northern Mosaic Network has completed the piloting of those workshops, and now are ready to offer them regularly.

Location:	Yellowknife, NT
Cost:	Membership fees for youth 30 and under are free
Contact:	Website: https://www.northernmosaic.net/

Northern Youth Abroad (NYA) – Canada Program

Participants learn about group dynamics, self-reliance, leadership techniques, increasing confidence, health and safety in the workplace, 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 workplace 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” (Re-Orientation) provides participants 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:	Late June to early August
Location:	Ottawa, ON
Cost:	\$1,000 (travel included) *Cost can be supplemented through fundraising
Eligibility:	Ages 15-20
Contact:	Website: https://nya.ca/

Northern Youth Abroad (NYA) - Next

NYA Next works to revisit, reinforce, and build upon many of the facets and lessons of its 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. This is then 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:	\$1,500 (travel included) *Cost can be supplemented through fundraising
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 16-22.• NYA Canada Program Alumni.
Contact:	Website: https://nya.ca/

Northern Youth Abroad (NYA) - 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 a key 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:	\$1,500 (travel included) *Cost can be supplemented through fundraising
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 16-22.• NYA Canada Program Alumni.
Contact:	Website: https://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 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:	Varies depending on camps provided. Camps are usually one to two weeks long
Location:	Northwest Territories
Cost:	Free (travel included)
Eligibility:	Ages 11-17 (ages vary dependant on the camp)
Contact:	Website: https://northernyouth.ca/

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. The Aboriginal Sports Circle NWT strives to support athletes with an interest in traditional games, and who wish to pursue these games at a higher level, by involving all NWT communities in traditional games and events.

Duration:	Three to four days (February)
Location:	Yellowknife, NT
Cost:	Please contact school
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 10-12.• Each school can send a team consisting of four boys and four girls.
Contact:	Website: https://ascnwt.ca/ Carson Roche, Events Manager Phone: (867) 669-8385

NWT Youth Ambassador Program

The NWT Youth Ambassador 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. Students can also earn high school credits. Past events include Arctic Winter Games, North American Indigenous Games, and Canada Winter Games.

The NWT Youth Ambassador Program gives youth an opportunity to build leadership skills through participation at special events and volunteer assignments.

Duration:	Durations vary depending on opportunity
Location:	Locations vary depending on opportunity
Cost:	Free (travel included) Deadline to apply is in late September
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong community involvement. • Commitment to a healthy lifestyle. • Provide two reference forms. • Aged 16-22 as of January 1 in the following year that you applied. • Be a resident of the Northwest Territories. • Valid NWT Health Care. • Provide current criminal record check. • Available to attend the mandatory orientation session in early November.
Contact:	<p>Website: https://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/en/services/youth-ambassador-program</p> <p>Email: youth_and_volunteer@gov.nt.ca</p>

Pacific Discovery

Pacific Discovery offers experiential gap year semester and summer programs abroad to some of the most amazing places on earth. The programs are deliberate overland journeys, blending authentic immersion in diverse cultures, meaningful service-learning projects, rewarding adventures, wilderness exploration, and personal development.

Students challenge themselves in a supportive small group environment, developing empathy for other cultures; furthering understanding of international issues; heightening appreciation for the earth's wild places; deepening global perspectives; and discovering their own passion and purpose. Pacific Discovery has undergone independent safety accreditations with Gap Year Association (USA), Year Out Group (UK), and OutdoorsMark (NZ).

Pacific Discoveries summer, semester, and gap year programs are grounded in the philosophy of experiential education, where learning is facilitated and hands-on. Their programs include overland journeys, blending cultural immersion, personal and leadership development, volunteer and community service projects, experiential education, wilderness exploration and optional transferable academic credit. Pacific Discovery's mission is to offer the world's best experiential programs, providing insights into our increasingly global society, developing empathy for other cultures, furthering understanding of international issues, heightening appreciation for the earth's wild places, and assisting you to stretch and grow.

Duration:	Programs range from 4-10 weeks
Location:	Location varies depending on program
Cost:	Cost varies depending on program
Eligibility:	Ages 18-24
Contact:	Website: https://www.pacificdiscovery.org/

Page Program - 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:	One week (paid) during the school year 15 hours per week at \$15.20/hour
Location:	Yellowknife, NT
Cost:	Free (travel included)
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 8-9.• Provide a copy of latest school transcript, recommendation from their school, and references.
Contact:	Website: https://www.ntassembly.ca/about/page-program Coordinator of Administrative Services: Phone: (867) 767-9131 ext. 12034

Parks Canada Youth Ambassador Program

Parks Canada inspires Canadian youth from all backgrounds to discover the rich and diverse natural and cultural heritage of Canada.

Parks Canada finds creative ways to inspire a love of nature and culture as they present some of the coolest Parks Canada projects. By linking networks, creating digital content, and using social media platforms, Parks Canada Youth Ambassador Program ensures you get the best of Parks Canada.

Duration:	One year (full time work from May to August – part time work from September to March)
Location:	National
Cost:	Free (travel included)
Eligibility:	See website below for eligibility information
Contact:	Website: https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/serapprocher-connect/parcsavie-parkslife/pja-yap/courant-current

Pearson College UWC (United World College)

Pearson College UWC is located southwest of Victoria, B.C., and is Canada's most international school and the country's only United World College — a movement encompassing 18 global schools dedicated to uniting cultures and countries around the world through education.

Pearson is a two-year, pre-university school for students from over 150 countries who live, study, and learn together pursuing the International Baccalaureate and an outdoor-oriented experiential education. More than 4,200 students have graduated from the UWC — its alumni are determined to make a difference in the lives of others and the world.

Duration:	Two years
Location:	Victoria, BC
Cost:	\$64,615/year *Scholarships/financial aid available (Scholarship opportunities for Indigenous students)
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply in Grade 11, at least 16 years old.• Be a Canadian citizen/permanent resident.
Contact:	Website: https://www.pearsoncollege.ca/

Schools North Apprenticeship Program – Government of the Northwest Territories

Schools North Apprenticeship Program (SNAP) is a work experience program for NWT high school students. It provides students who are interested in skilled trades with a way to gain valuable work experience while also attending high school. This program assists students in gaining valuable work skills and exploring career alternatives.

Students can earn money while learning a trade and gain high school credits through the support of employers and teachers to learn their chosen trade while completing their high school education at the same time.

Duration:	From age 16 to when student graduates from high school
Location:	Various communities in the NWT
Cost:	No cost. You may earn a wage.
Eligibility:	Must be 16 and registered in and attending high school
Contact:	<p>Talk to your parent/guardian and then tell your school's SNAP Administrator or Career and Education Advisor (CEA@gov.nt.ca) that you are interested. They will help you complete the necessary forms and get you on your way to becoming a registered SNAP Apprentice.</p> <p>More information: https://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/en/services/apprenticeship-trade-and-occupation-certification/schools-north-apprenticeship-program</p>

Shad Canada

SHAD is a registered Canadian charity that empowers exceptional high school students 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.

Duration:	One month (July)
Location:	21 Canadian university campuses
Cost:	\$6,100 (travel not included) *Bursaries and scholarships available
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 10-11.• The application process takes 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:	Website: https://www.shad.ca/ Email: info@shad.ca Phone: (519) 884-8844

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 straightforward 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 high school credits for their active participation in the Retreat, and two additional credits for their completion of a community project when they return to their home communities.

Duration:	One week (June)
Location:	Yellowknife, NT Blachford Lake Lodge, NT
Cost:	Free (travel included)
Eligibility:	Boys ages 13-18
Contact:	Website: https://arcticfoxy.com/call-of-the-north-foxy-and-smash-youth-leadership-summit-lappel-du-nord-le-sommet-de-leadership-jeunesse-foxy-et-smash/

Students on Ice

Students on Ice believes in the immeasurable power of youth voices and action to bring about positive change. Our world faces numerous challenges, and there can be no doubt that youth are critical to creating a healthy, more sustainable tomorrow. The program's educational focus has expanded from leading educational expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic for youth, but the purpose remains the same: only by connecting youth with the knowledge, people, and resources that enable them to be part of the solution can we succeed in building a future that benefits both people and the planet. From expeditions to youth leadership opportunities and careers, Students on Ice offers a number of programs to support youth.

Students on Ice 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:	Two weeks
Location:	Location varies depending on expedition
Cost:	Varies depending on expedition *Scholarships available (many cover the full expedition cost)
Eligibility:	Ages 14 and up at the time of application
Contact:	Website: https://studentsonice.com/

Summer Student Employment Program – Government of the Northwest Territories

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) recognizes the value of summer student employment to support eligible northern students and to provide experience to future graduates with the intention of retaining skilled northern graduates. The program provides average wages between \$26 and \$29 per hour to help offset the high cost of university.

Duration:	April 15 – August 30
Location:	Multiple locations across the NWT
Cost:	Paid position, between \$26-\$29 per hour
Eligibility:	NWT students attending post-secondary institution
Contact:	Website: https://www.gov.nt.ca/careers/en/summer-student-employment-program

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 Tłı̨chǫ elders. The focus is on learning about the land from both scientific and Indigenous perspectives. At the TSCC, students learn about field research methods in wildlife biology, geology, archaeology, aquatic ecology, traditional knowledge, and the Tłı̨chǫ 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 *Bursaries are available
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Preference is given to students who have completed Science 10 or equivalent.A recommendation from their school liaison.
Contact:	Website: https://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/tundra-science-and-culture-camp

Where There Be Dragons

Mapmakers once drew dragons to represent lands unknown. Going 'Where There Be Dragons' is to explore beyond the edge of your map. When we engage the unfamiliar, we rediscover ourselves and the world, charting paths to an expanded horizon.

Immerse yourself in a new culture, learn how to travel with intention, and gain skills through language study, hands-on apprenticeships, and local homestays. Spend your time with Where There Be Dragons going behind-the-scenes, and genuinely connect to a different way of life. Explore their programs in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the United States.

Where There Be Dragons programs are designed to push participants out of their comfort zone to examine their assumptions, values, and world views. When we engage wholeheartedly with multiple realities and seek out fresh perspectives, we become more empathetic and better versions of ourselves.

Duration:	Varies depending on program
Location:	Various locations within Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the United States
Cost:	Varies depending on program * Funding opportunities are available
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Summer Travel Abroad Programs: Ages 15-25.Gap Year Programs: Ages 17-22.Independent Experience: Ages 18-25.
Contact:	Website: https://www.wheretherebedragons.com/

Young Canada Works

Young Canada Works (YCW) offers young Canadians the opportunity to develop skills and gain experience in the workplace.

Through job and internship programs, students and graduates can put their skills to the test, build career equity, earn an income, and get started on the right career path. The YCW program creates approximately 2,300 job opportunities per year in the fields of heritage, arts, culture, and official languages. The YCW program contains two components: Job programs and Internship programs.

Duration:	Varies depending on opportunity
Location:	National
Cost:	Varies depending on opportunity. Paid opportunities.
Eligibility:	Ages 16-30
Contact:	Website: https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/young-canada-works.html

Young Leaders' Summit on Northern Climate Change

This summit provides 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.

The Young Leaders' Summit is hosted every two years, with the next one taking place in 2023.

Duration:	One week (August)
Location:	Territorial
Cost:	Free
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 18-30.• Youth should show leadership potential, and a strong interest in climate change and the environment.
Contact:	Website: climateleaders.ca

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:	One week (August)
Location:	New York City, NY
Cost:	<p>Conference fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early-Bird - \$295 • Regular - \$365 • Late - \$405 <p>*Additional fees apply dependent on the selection of additional packages</p>
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 18-32. • Proven track record of leadership experience, school, or community involvement. • Have an interest in global affairs, sustainable development, and youth issues.
Contact:	Website: https://www.youthassembly.org/

Youth Mentorship for Tourism Program – Government of the Northwest Territories

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) recognizes the value of mentoring in ensuring competent future leadership of the tourism industry. The Youth Mentorship for Tourism Program aims to provide students and/or young professionals interested in working in any area of the tourism industry the opportunity to work with experienced industry professionals (mentors) who are willing to share their expertise and knowledge.

The program will match NWT students and/or young professionals with an appropriate experienced professional in a specific area (based on the mentee's interest), which may lead to employment at the mentor's place of business.

Duration:	Three to five months
Location:	Based on the selected mentor's location
Cost:	All mentees under the program will receive a grant of \$1,250 upon completion of the mentorship process and submission of required reporting
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a resident of the Northwest Territories; • Must be less than 18 years old, but no younger than 16; • If more than 18 years old and not older than 26 years old, must be able to show proof of employment in tourism to qualify as young professional. • If older than 18 but not older than 26 years old, and not young professional, must provide a motivation letter for admission into mentorship program. The motivation letter should address why the applicant wants to be mentored, how the mentorship will help them and what they plan to do after the mentorship.
Contact:	Website: https://www.iti.gov.nt.ca/en/YMP

Youth Parliament - NWT

In Youth Parliament, students from across the Northwest Territories 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.

Every year, letters are sent to all principals of high schools in the NWT and they are asked to help select Grade 9-10 students by providing them with the application information. All completed applications are considered and one student from each riding is selected to represent their Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Duration:	One week (May)
Location:	Yellowknife, NT
Cost:	Free (Travel, food, and accommodations are provided)
Eligibility:	Grades 9-10
Contact:	Website: ntassembly.ca/youthparliament

YWCA NWT Youth Programs - GirlSpace

GirlSpace is a free leadership program for any person who identifies as a girl ages 8 to 17. The program runs during the school year and often has special programming during March break and the summer.

GirlSpace offers youth the opportunity to: work collaboratively with other girls to develop a space where everyone feels welcome and respected; learn, grow, and share in a non-judgmental environment supported by professional staff; build skills, including leadership, teamwork, self-reliance, increased independence, self-awareness, and positive self-esteem; connect with the community in a variety of volunteer roles.

Duration:	Ongoing (special programming over March break and the summer)
Location:	Territorial
Cost:	Free
Eligibility:	Ages 8-17
Contact:	Website: ywcanwt.ca/youth-programs Email: girlspace@ywcanwt.ca

YWCA NWT Youth Programs – Project Child Recovery

Project Child Recovery is a proactive program that promotes healthy coping strategies for children and youth, focuses on creating strong and resilient young leaders by creating a safe place for youth to explore their passions and gifts, and ensures they have the support and services they need. YWCA NWT offers age-appropriate, supportive peer group sessions to address common concerns and promote choices that are non-violent. It is a free program accessible for youth ages 8 to 14 through YWCA NWT.

Participants are encouraged to talk about their feelings, explore healthy coping strategies, discover a support system, develop a safety plan, and enhance their self-esteem. Every session is facilitated by a professional and is designed to increase the child or teen's sense of belonging and trust and can include group sessions, outings and more.

Duration:	Ongoing
Location:	Territorial
Cost:	Free
Eligibility:	Ages 8-14
Contact:	Website: ywcanwt.ca/youth-programs Email: childrecovery@ywcanwt.ca

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