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DREAM

Become A
YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Register NOW! Deadline Feb 28th 2022

First day March 3rd | PAID work experience | food at every session
| gift cards | spend time outside | explore the territory!

COVID protocols will be in effect. Register with Marissa at 604-317-0167 / marissa_gilmour@squamish.net

Youth Ambassador Program

March 3 – August | 10 Youth Gr 8-12 | Leadership



Youth Ambassadors on a Canoe Journey 2019

CORE VALUES

Wanaxws – Honour | **Nexwniwen** – Learning | **S7ixwa7** – Generosity | **Iyim Skwalwen** – Strength of Heart

YOU are the future of the Squamish Nation.

YOU have important gifts to share with the world.

YOU are a role model to the younger generation, as they look up to you for guidance.

If you read those and thought, “None of that is true...” Then *show up* for this program and let us teach you how amazing you already are!

DETAILS

- **WHO** – Squamish Nation Youth Grade 8-12 (approx. age 14-18)
- **WHAT** – Become a leader by learning to care for yourself, your friends, and your community. Highlights include trips to Squamish, paid work experience at summer camps and community events, first aid certification, volunteering, and planning a year end trip!
- **WHERE** – Meet every week in North Vancouver and at various camps, locations, and adventures out in the community and lower mainland.
- **WHEN** – Once a week, Thursday or Saturday from March until August.
- **WHY** – Because the youth are worth it!



First day Thursday March 3 from 4:30 – 6:30pm at the Youth House*

*Beside Ayas Menmen reception 380 Welch Street, West Vancouver.

To register or for more info contact Marissa at 604-317-0167 or marissa_gilmour@squamish.net

What is the Youth Ambassador Program?

Run through Ayas Menmen, the Youth Ambassador Program is an incredible opportunity for you, Gr 8-12 students, to explore the traditional territory, get valuable certifications, and earn money while giving back to the community. Our mission is to become leaders by caring for ourselves, each other, and the community.

Every week you will receive a gift card when you attend the session, in appreciation of your time and effort. Meals are provided as well! Finally, the group will plan a year end trip to celebrate all our hard work.

Leadership Training

We all need to know how to take care of ourselves, so we are in a good place to show up for others. The Youth Ambassadors will learn critical skills like healthy communication, how to navigate conflict, and peer to peer mental health support so they can form a supportive team and rely on each other. The group will volunteer in the community and can put these hours towards their high school graduation requirement. Youth Ambassadors will also gain important certifications like first aid, food safe, and canoe certification, making them excellent candidates for jobs in outdoor recreation and beyond.

Time on the Land

This year the Youth Ambassadors are on a journey to explore the traditional Squamish territory and learn teachings to help us understand the time of transformation we are in today. While having fun outside, we will be remembering how to let the land heal us and help us find strength.

Paid Work Experience with KIDS

There is no better way to discover our own capacity, pride, and confidence than playing with and teaching children. The Youth Ambassadors will take on leadership positions at summer camps and after school programs. They will help children try traditional skills like hide tanning, making teas, and beading.

ACTIVITIES & WHAT TO EXPECT

- **Delicious food provided every meeting**
- Trips to explore the traditional territory (North Van, Squamish, Howe Sound and more)
- **Gift Cards provided based on attendance**
- Volunteer hours to use for graduation requirement
- **Paid work experience in a leadership role at summer camps (Jr counsellor, etc.)**
- Group Outings (archery tag, white water rafting etc.)
- **Day trips in Canoes and Big Canoe paddle certification**
- Wilderness First Aid Certification
- **Workshops on topics of your choice!**
- Food Safe Certification





HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is open.

Deadline to register is Feb 28 2022. First day of Youth Ambassadors is March 3, 2022.

1. Email marissa_gilmour@squamish.net to receive registration form.
Or drop by the Youth Center between 3:00pm – 8:00pm Monday – Saturday and pick up paper copies of the registration forms.
2. Bring forms to the info night on Feb 17th, 2022, at 4:30pm at CJMC!
Or, take a photo of your completed forms and email to marissa_gilmour@squamish.net by Feb 28 2022

Please email / text Marissa at 604-317-0167 to let her know if you are interested ASAP as spaces are limited

FOR MORE INFORMATION

It is very important that any interested youth and parents/caregivers attend one of the following info nights:

- **ONLINE INFO NIGHT:** Feb 16 (Wed) | ONLINE 6:00 – 7:00PM
Feb 22 (Tue) | ONLINE 6:00 – 7:00PM

Meeting ID 813 1744 8264 Passcode **Fiu6hu**

- **IN PERSON INFO NIGHT:** Feb 17th (Thurs) | 4:30 – 6:00PM CJMC Esla7ahn room*

*2 doses of a COVID-19 Vaccination are required to enter CJMC. Participants in the Youth Ambassador Program are encouraged to be vaccinated, but vaccination is not required. Please attend a virtual info session if you are not vaccinated.

- **CONTACT MARISSA** at **604-317-0167** or marissa_gilmour@squamish.net with any questions!

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Covid-19 protocols will be in place during this program. This includes a health check and temperature check at each meeting, wearing masks inside, maintaining physical distance whenever possible, holding as many sessions outside as is possible, and staying home if any participant or staff member feels sick. Registration is limited due to space limitations, so registration is required.

Covid-19 vaccination is **not required** to register for the Youth Ambassador Program.