



Federation of North-American
EXPLORERS

FNE Explorers National Summer Camp

Wilderness Camp 2016

***An Adventure for all FNE Explorers
Thursday, July 21 to Sunday afternoon, July 31st***

Dear FNE Explorers from North America and interested boys or leaders from our brother groups in Europe:

We are pleased to announce our 17th Annual Explorer Summer Camp on crown land. Last year's program was a great success, and we are working hard to make this year's program even more special!

THE PROGRAM

Crown land is a great place to run a summer program focusing on the safe enjoyment of the outdoors. We spend a large amount of time in the water, swimming, canoeing, and fishing. We construct our own facilities such as tables, chairs, a cooking platform, and more, and we have found that the boys like it that way.



APPLICATION TARGET DATES

Please do not miss this opportunity. Turn in your application form as soon as possible as this will assist the leadership team with program planning. The deadline for the early registration discount is March 1st.

ACTIVITIES

Although we are in the early stages of program planning, here are a few highlights as to what Summer Camp is all about for our Explorers.



We are living in the true wilderness. We bring in our own food and sleep in tents. With coaching and training from the leaders, the Explorers will:

- Prepare and cook their own meals
- Build their own cooking fire
- Prepare and enjoy evening camp fires
- Construct tables, chairs, an oratory and a dining shelter
- Safely utilize camping tools like a buck saw to cut wood
- Hike in to the campsite with their gear and food supplies
- Canoe trips

- Swimming and fishing
- Exciting outdoor games and adventures
- Theme events, such as the Olympics, which include events on land and on water
- Night time games and training activities

You send us a boy, and we send you back a true Explorer who is more mature, more responsible, and a seasoned outdoor skillsman.



Our sons truly get the opportunity to camp, live, pray, cook, play, explore and compete with their brother Explorers from a number of troops from within our growing FNE family.

Other types of activities that our Explorers participate in include:

- Sports activities
- Extraordinary theme-based games in the wide outdoors that challenge our Explorers in so many different ways (observational, strength, endurance, courage, problem solving, patrol team work)
- Growing appreciation for nature in its different forms
- Safety first for self and one's brothers... the do's and don'ts
- Attending Holy Mass in town on the two Sundays
- Undertaking a community service project
- Orienteering challenges
- Survival skills
- Daily confession, Mass and prayers while at our base camp and one evening Eucharistic Adoration



Explorers come to further develop their outdoor skills. It's a great opportunity to develop personal leadership development skills along with construction building projects such as tent platforms!

Part of the attraction is being away from home and proving to yourself that you can do things on your own, trying to solve life's little problems knowing that caring leaders and fathers are there to help, support and encourage.

We run our camp as one big family. We try to treat and care for each boy as we would for our own sons. We try to show that, as in our family, we care about each boy as an individual. And as in our own family, anyone can come to the adults for help on any issue at any time.

We expect a great deal from each and every Explorer. We help them to always do their best while recognizing that we all come to camp with different skills, weaknesses and life experiences. We do not measure your son as compared to another boy but rather to himself so that we can see his growth and development.

With the exception of our professional lifeguard, our entire leadership team consists of volunteers. A team of leaders from various FNE groups along with friends of the group and fathers will look after your sons and the other boys at camp.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT CAMP

How do we arrange for transportation?

Families will car pool to and from the camp drop-off location (about 2 to 2.5 hours from the city of Toronto). Families are encouraged to join us for lunch and closing ceremonies on the last day of camp, Sunday, July 31st.

How do you handle dietary or medical restrictions?

A leader will be assigned to monitor campers with allergies, dietary restrictions, medication requirements or medical challenges. Please ensure that your son's vaccinations are up-to-date.



What about water safety?

We emphasize safety on land and near the water. Safety procedures start with the Buddy System; no boy can go anywhere near the water alone. Everyone must wear life jackets while in a boat, in a canoe, or even if he is standing on the shoreline fishing. Leaders, along with a qualified lifeguard, supervise water activities at all times.

Why does camp last as long as it does?

Experience has shown us that this time period is just right, both for our boys and leaders. There are so many things to do, so it takes all of the available time to undertake the many varied activities that we have scheduled for our Explorers while at summer camp.

Will you provide first aid and medical care?

We assign one leader to be responsible for dispensing medication as instructed by parents or a physician. A medical centre is within reach of our camp site. We have never had a serious injury at camp, and we intend to keep it that way. Various leaders are fully trained in First Aid.

What do we pack or bring to camp?

You will receive a detailed checklist of what to bring and how to pack it well before camp departure date arrives.

Do fathers have to pay a fee to attend camp?

Fathers giving their time to help at camp do not pay.

Are discounts or financial assistance available?

No boy should have to miss summer camp for financial reasons. Your son's adult leader, if you wish, can arrange for whatever financial assistance may be required. The camp fee for a second member from the same family is reduced by \$60.00. A discount is offered for applications submitted and paid before March 1st, 2016.





Father/Guardian's Name: _____

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Prov:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

FNE Group: _____

Father can come to camp and help from _____ **to** _____.

We have contacts for food discounts. Contact us for additional details.

Son #1: _____ **Age:** _____

Son #2: _____ **Age:** _____

Son #3: _____ **Age:** _____

Son #4: _____ **Age:** _____

Fees <i>(in Canadian Dollars)</i>	\$CAD	Qty.	Total
Explorer – July 21 st to 31 st	\$489		
Discounts <i>(in Canadian Dollars)</i>			
Sibling Discount – per additional son attending summer camp	-\$60		
Early Registration – per camper if fees are paid before March 1st, 2016	-\$15		
TOTAL DUE:			

Please make a check payable to “Eagle Explorers” and give it to your group leader along with the completed form or mail them to:

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