



Registration

Camp Coyote is a summer camp for trans-identified and gender-questioning youth, ages 25 and under. This four day camp will be an opportunity for youth from around Nova Scotia to connect, build confidence and self-esteem, make new friends, and have a chance to participate in summer activities that are free from gender assumptions, stereotypes and expectations. Get ready to meet new people & have fun!

What Do I Need To Register?

To register for Camp Coyote, make sure you submit the following:

- Online Registration. See the link on our website. www.youthproject.ns.ca
- A deposit of \$25.00. If you have any concerns regarding the cost please let us know. Barring no early return home all deposits will be refunded in full at camp's end. Cheques can be made out to "The Youth Project".
- A signed Parental Permission Form if you are 18 years of age or under.

Please mail or drop off* signed permission form with deposit cheque to:

Camp Coyote Registration
The Youth Project
2281 Brunswick Street
Halifax, NS B3K 2Y9

Online registration will hold your spot for 10 days. If deposit and permission form are not received in 10 days, registration may be cancelled. Once your registration forms have been processed, you should receive a confirmation e-mail.

*If you are dropping forms off after office hours, please use the secure mailbox to the lower right of the door.

Where & When?

Camp Mush-A-Mush, July 1st to
July 4th 2016

The Youth Project has rented the entire camp, so we will be the only people present. Camp Coyote has a private swimming area.

Why Camp Coyote?

Camp Coyote is named after the Canadian author Ivan E. Coyote, whose work reminds us that we are all connected to each other, and we are not alone.



Nut-Free Zone!

Due to severe allergies of camp staff and attendees, Camp Coyote will be a nut-free space. If you plan to bring snacks with you, please ensure they are free of nuts and nut products.

Bus transportation from the Youth Project.
2281 Brunswick St., Halifax

Departure Time:
Friday, July 1st – 12 Noon

Arrive Back:
Monday, July 4th – approx 4:30

If you live outside of HRM and require travel assistance, please contact us.

contact Youth Project staff:

902-429-5429

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www.youthproject.ns.ca

Camp Coyote

A Camp for Trans-Identified and Gender Questioning Youth Information for Parents/Guardians/Family



Hello!

The Youth Project is pleased to be able to offer Camp Coyote this year for trans-identified and gender questioning youth. This four day camp will be an opportunity for youth from around Nova Scotia to connect, build confidence and self-esteem, make new friends, and have a chance to participate in summer activities that are free from gender assumptions, stereotypes and expectations. We are pleased that you are taking the opportunity to learn more.

The Youth Project is a provincial organization that works with youth, 25 and under, around issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. We have been working in Nova Scotia for 18 years. We provide support for youth and their families, we conduct education in schools and the community, and we provide opportunities for youth to participate, build confidence, and grow. We work to provide a safe and supportive environment away from the homophobia and transphobia many youth experience as we work to rid Nova Scotia of homophobia and transphobia.

The Youth Project is a non-profit, charitable organization. We have responsible and professional staff, screened and trained volunteers, and solid youth leadership. All of our events are drug and alcohol free. We have policies, guidelines and regulations that promote safety, security and respect. We are funded primarily by the United Way of Halifax and the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness. We encourage you to check out our website: www.youthproject.ns.ca to learn more about us.

Camp Coyote will be held from July 1st to July 4th 2016. The Youth Project will be providing bus transportation from Halifax to Camp Mush-a-Mush. If possible, we will work with individual youth from outside of Halifax to get them to Halifax. We will have lifeguards present for all water activities and the staff and volunteers are trained in first aid. As with all our events there will be no drugs or alcohol permitted. This camp has been made possible through generous donations from attendees at our annual fundraiser auction.

Please find attached an information sheet about Camp Coyote and the permission form that needs to be signed by you. We want parents to feel comfortable knowing their kids are safe so we encourage you to ask any questions you may still have.

We look forward to a great summer and are pleased to have this opportunity to allow trans-identified and gender questioning youth to have their own space to enjoy the fun that summer can bring, create new friends, and celebrate who they are.

Camp Coyote

Camp Mush-a-Mush: July 1st - 4th, 2016

**Information for
Parents/Guardians/Family**



About Camp Coyote

Camp Coyote is our summer camp experience for trans-identified and gender questioning youth. This camp will allow youth to participate in some summer activities, build confidence and self-esteem, and create new friendships in an environment free from gender assumptions, stereotypes and expectations. It provides an opportunity for trans-identified and gender questioning youth to have their own space to learn, share their stories, and celebrate themselves.

About The Youth Project

The Youth Project is a non-profit charitable organization providing support and services to youth, 25 and under, around issues of sexual orientation and gender identity in Nova Scotia. Our mission is to make Nova Scotia a safer, healthier and happier place for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth through support, education, resource expansion and community development. To learn more visit our website at www.youthproject.ns.ca

Camp Rules

As with all Youth Project events and activities this event is drug and alcohol free. There are also rules around respect and extensive safety rules for the weekend. Staff and volunteers are certified in First Aid. Campers will be provided with a set of camp rules prior to the camp.

Camp Information

- Camp Coyote will be held at Camp Mush-a-Mush in Blockhouse on the South Shore, which is owned by Scouts Canada. We will be the only group at the camp that weekend.
- The bus will be leaving Halifax at 12.00 noon on Friday July 1st, 2016
- The bus will return around approximately 4:30 on Monday, July 4th, 2016
- The Camp can be reached by phone. Number to be provided upon successful registration.
- There is a deposit of \$25 required. If there are no incidents requiring youth be removed from the camp, the \$25 will be returned.
- We expect campers to be responsible for any prescription medications they need. If you have concerns around your child's ability to monitor their medications, please contact us.

For more information please contact Youth Project staff at 902-429-5429 or youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca



The Youth Project - Camp Coyote

Scout Camp Mush-a-Mush,

Blockhouse, NS

July 1st – July 4th 2016

Parental Permission Form

(For those 18 years of age and under)

I understand the details about the Youth Project's Camp Coyote in East Dalhousie July 1st –4th

2016 and grant _____ permission to attend.

- I understand that transportation and accommodation will be provided and that at least three Youth Project staff members and additional volunteers will be present on the trip.
- I understand that there may be certain risks associated with trips and that the Youth Project will take steps to ensure that safety is a priority but that there is always a risk that events, out of the control of the Youth Project can occur, and that the Youth Project accepts no responsibility for these outside events.
- I understand that this is a drug and alcohol free event and that any violation of these rules will result in youth returning home ahead of schedule.
- I have seen the parents information form.

I can be reached at _____ if this information needs to be verified.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Camp Rules and Guidelines



1. Respect

- **Property**

-Camp Property -Youth Project Property -Others Belongings

-The Youth Project is not responsible for lost or stolen items such as: cell phones, laptops, gaming systems, iPods, money, wallets/purses, jewellery etc., so please leave them at home.

-At the beginning of Camp, Staff /Leaders will collect any belonging(s) that participants would like to be secured for the **entire duration** of camp – you will be responsible to sign in and sign out the belonging(s)

- **Language**

-Respect the self-identified names and pronouns of Camp Coyote staff and fellow campers.

-Please do not make assumptions regarding the names and pronouns of others.

-Verbal harassment/bullying of any kind will **not** be tolerated

- **Safe Space**

-Camp Staff/Leaders are here for your safety, please listen to them. If there is an issue that you feel needs to be addressed please speak with the Staff/Leaders

-Be aware of others personal space and boundaries

-Participation in **all** camp activities, meal preparation, meal time, and Camp clean-up is mandatory.

-Prescription medication will be the responsibility of the camper, although you will have the option of securing your medication with staff and have access to it when necessary. Please keep inhalers, epi-pens & other life-saving medication with you at all times.

-Photography is not permitted without the permission of individuals involved, including posting photos and/or names of the individuals online (Such as: Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, etc.).

-A note on nuts: Due to severe allergies, **Camp Coyote will be a nut-free space.** If you plan on bringing snacks with you, please ensure they do not contain nuts or nut-products.

-Cabin Quiet Times will be enforced - everyone needs a good night's sleep, as we will be really active during Camp!

2. **Cigarette Smoking**

-Designated and Chaperoned times and place

-Only those participants who have previously identified they smoke will be permitted to smoke during these times, as smoking is **not** considered a camp activity

3. **Three Strikes & Automatic Dismissal**

- During Camp if you have not adhered to the previous rules and guidelines the following will occur:

-**First Strike:** Verbal Warning

-**Second Strike:** Meeting with Camp Staff/Leaders

-**Third Strike:** Parent/Guardian contacted, participant sent home, loss of \$25.00 deposit, as well as a possibility that the participant may not be allowed to attend future activities hosted by The Youth Project (this does not include Support services).

- **Automatic Dismissal**

Certain behaviours will require responses beyond the Three Strike system and result in an automatic removal of Camp Coyote. They are the following:

-Physical Violence/Harassment/Bullying of any kind

-Drugs (unless otherwise prescribed by your physician), alcohol and weapons of any kind are prohibited

-Swimming outside of designated times and places

What should I bring to Camp Coyote?



- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Soap/Shampoo/Conditioner
- Medication
- Towels (for bathing & swimming)
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen (SPF of 15 or higher)
- Insect repellent
- Hat
- Swimwear (swim bottoms and tops are a required for everyone, tops may include t-shirts, swim binders etc)
- Pair of comfortable shoes
- Shoes for wet weather
- Warm clothing
- 3 days-worth of socks and underwear
- 3 days' worth of clothes: T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, long pants/tights, pajamas, whatever you feel comfortable in!
- Rain coat/Poncho
- Sleeping bag & warm blankets
- Air mattress/bedroll (we have an air pump!)
- Pillow
- Any talent you have! Camp Coyote will have some instruments onsite (guitars, drums, etc.)

A note on electronics and other valuables

What you do not need to bring:

- Money
- Cell phone / ipads etc
- Video or computer games

Please note If you do bring any of the above we can lock these up for you for the duration of camp. If you choose to keep them on you it will be at your own risk, as we cannot be held responsible for their safety.