



Camper Application Form

Higher Challenge Wilderness Adventures (HCWA) is a not-for-profit wilderness learning seminar operated by the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission (producers of Tribal Trails TV). This organization has been actively involved in sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with Canada's Aboriginal people for over 60 years. HCWA has run camps since 1993 and is specifically designed for First Nations young people ages 13-19.

With safety as the governing principle, each day's activities are guaranteed to stretch the whole person, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. The qualities of trust, endurance, humility, sensitivity to others, patience, love, self-confidence, initiative, service, leadership, and self-discipline are built into the lives of the team as it learns to function in the wilderness *together*. Fear is faced and conquered, and skills are developed as team members find the freedom to try, maybe fail, try again and succeed in a program that is geared to success. HCWA is led by trained, skilled and committed Christian leaders who really care for teens.

Higher Challenge activities may vary according to season or site, but may include things like: backpacking, canoe training, non-technical mountain climbing, rock climbing and rappel, orienteering, survival skill training, swimming, fishing, cliff jumping, flat and moving water paddling and tripping, and many other outdoor pursuits. Lifetime skills are taught on our trips and leadership is encouraged. Through feedback and personal evaluation, every meaningful situation in camp is applied to real life – in fact we have a saying: "Life imitates Trails." In our camps, God is presented as more than just our Creator – He is presented as a personal God who has a plan for all human beings of every race or culture – a plan which is given in the Bible and demonstrated by His Son, Jesus Christ.

HCWA supplies all group gear which includes: canoes and paddles, PFDs, packs, sleeping bags, tents, backpacks, cooking gear, food, first aid and emergency communications. You are encouraged to sign up early for our camps as they do often fill up.

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HCWA Guidelines & Policies

(1) Registration, medical and liability release forms, along with all necessary funds, must be filled out, signed and given or sent to camp coordinator before camp. Payment of fees must be done before camp starts. Absolutely no personal cheques unless pre-approved and submitted two weeks ahead of camp.

(2) Drugs, alcohol are strictly forbidden – their possession or use will cause immediate dismissal from camp at camper's expense. We reserve the right to report possession and or use of illegal substances to parents/guardian and law enforcement authorities. Use of tobacco for those under 18 is prohibited and strongly discouraged by those over 18.

(3) HCWA supplies all group gear and food. If initial ways of communication aren't functioning, communication can be made through NCEM Headquarters (306-764-3388). If necessary, pre-arranged pick-up / drop-off points can be made, but only with parent/guardian permission.

(4) Emergency communication (satphone/cellphone) equipment and an emergency plan will be in place for every camp. These phones are for calling out only and only used for camp business or camp emergencies.

(5) Campers must adhere to HCWA rules and obey the leaders who are responsible for the safety and welfare of the group.

(6) HCWA prohibits leaving a camp early without permission and is not responsible for those who choose to do so.

(7) Camper/Staff ratios will try to be kept around 3/1.

(8) To secure a place on a camp, a non-refundable deposit of \$50 is to be paid at least two weeks before the start of a camp. This fee may be transferred to another camper.

(9) HCWA will seek to have co-ed camps. These camps will encourage the highest moral standards of purity, privacy and respect for the opposite sex. No form of sexual harassment or bullying will be tolerated.

(10) Safety will be the governing principle of all activities. If an activity is deemed unsafe because of weather, water conditions or levels, or any unforeseeable circumstance, we will not do that activity. If behaviour of any individual threatens the safety of the group, or if an individual refuses to cooperate with leadership, the parent/guardian will be contacted and they will have to provide transportation out of the camp for the offender at their own expense and without refund of any fees.

(11) HCWA leaders will have the freedom to teach principles based on the Bible and Christian living. HCWA promotes no specific church and recognizes the freedom of spiritual choice of the individual.

(12) HCWA is not responsible for the loss or damage of any personal property of any camper or staff.

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HCWA CONTACT PEOPLE

HCWA Camp Coordinator

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2017 – Camp Dates & Fees

ULTIMATE CHALLENGE CHURCHILL RIVER CANOE CAMP

July 3-14 / Cost: \$350 (or only \$300 if paid by June 15)

ALBERTA MOUNTAIN CAMP #1

July 18-25 / Cost: \$250 (or only \$200 if paid by June 15)

ALBERTA MOUNTAIN CAMP #2

July 31 - August 7 / Cost: \$250 (or only \$200 if paid by June 15)

Higher Challenge “WHAT TO BRING” List / (Summer Camps)

1. One pair of good hiking or work boots or good runners for walking. (Please break them in before camp.)
2. One pair of runners (if canoeing, skip item 1 & bring 2 pair of these instead)
3. 1 or 2 pairs of swimming trunks/ shorts
4. Underwear
5. One belt
6. Two long sleeved heavy shirts (preferably flannel, wool or fleece)
7. Two pairs of rugged long pants (canvas or nylon hiking pants- not tight fitting - should not be denim jeans)
8. One wool toque
9. One wool or warm fleece sweater
10. One light nylon windbreaker
11. Four pair of heavy duty wool or cotton socks
12. One towel & face cloth
13. Two handkerchiefs (bandannas)
14. Sunglasses & sunscreen lotion
15. Toothbrush & comb
16. Soap & toothpaste
17. One small Bible (optional)
18. One flashlight with extra batteries (bring lots of batteries please)
19. Light fishing gear (pole, reel & lures) Optional- but if you want to fish, please bring your own gear - don't depend on others to supply this for you.
20. Camera (Optional)
21. Mosquito repellent & head net
22. Gloves
23. Lightweight (but rugged) rain-gear (Too cheap of rain-gear tears quickly)

You may take your own sleeping bag, but if it is heavy or cumbersome we may suggest that you use ours. Campers will be issued sleeping bags with liners and be expected to use the liners at all times. Make sure your footwear is well broken in. Helmets, PFD's and other safety equipment for the activities requiring it will be provided by HCWA.

Note: This is the recommended list - if you take these things you will be comfortable. You may use some flexibility when putting these things together, but remember that we have your safety & comfort in mind!

Please don't bring walkmans or MP3 or CD players (leaders will confiscate them) drugs (they're illegal), or watches (you don't need them). Don't bring knives, either. Please bring a good attitude, a sense of humor, a good work ethic, and a zest for adventure - these are great things to bring and will make your HCWA experience very rewarding!

HCWA MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE (confidential & required)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Provincial Medical # _____

Treaty # _____ Band _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Can you swim? Yes ___ No ___ Barely ___

Have you or do you have (explain): Heart attack, angina, chest pains, or other heart problems?

High blood pressure, fainting spells, dizziness? _____

Diabetes or hypoglycemia? _____

Asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, or other lung problems? _____

Ulcers, colostomy, chronic diarrhea or constipation? _____ Kidney or urinary tract problems? _____

Skin disorders? _____ Allergies to mosquitos, bee stings, food or anything else? _____

Allergies to medicines? (list) _____ Epilepsy or seizures? _____

Muscle, bone or joint problems? _____ Unusual menstrual bleeding? _____

Any other physical problems or limitations which we should be aware of?

Have you been treated by a psychologist or psychiatrist or committed for treatment of any mental disease or disorder?

Have you ever been arrested, charged or convicted of a crime? (explain)

Have you seen a physician with the last two years? _____

Physician's name and phone number _____

In case of medical emergency, please notify: _____

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM (confidential & required)

1. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper who in his/her opinion is a hazard to the safety and rights of others or who appears to have rejected the reasonable controls of the Camp. The parent/guardian certifies that the applicant camper is normal in condition and habits and is amenable to necessary discipline. Failure to disclose problems at the time of application could result in dismissal.

2. The parents/guardians submitting to this application are those having legal custody over the child. Conditions of custody, if applicable, will be fully communicated in writing to the Camp.

3. I, the camper and the parent or guardian of the camper, release Northern Canada Evangelical Mission Inc. and Higher Challenge Wilderness Adventures, its trustees, directors, employees, board members, staff and agents from any loss, personal injury, accident, misfortune or damage to the above named or his/her property, with the understanding that the reasonable precautions shall be taken to ensure the health and safety of the named participant. I, the camper, and my parent/guardian am aware that this wilderness learning seminar has some inherent risks, including, but not limited to: **TERRAIN:** Any manner of injury resulting from falls on steep, slippery or uneven terrain and water. **WEATHER:** Any injury or illness resulting from exposure to heat, cold or wet weather or the effects of strong sunlight, lightning, hail, wind or forest fires. **EQUIPMENT:** Any manner of injury or illness resulting from use, misuse, non-use or failure of equipment. **ANIMALS:** Including bears, wolves, snakes, birds, insects, fish, ... and/or other parasites or microorganisms, spiders, and curious or aggressive animals wild or domestic of any kind. **PLANTS:** Any sickness or allergic reaction resulting from ingestion or contact with poisonous plants or fungi. **HAZARDS OF TRAVEL:** Including travel in vehicles, on foot, on water and injury or death caused by, but not limited to, making contact with rocks, trees, obstructions, other vehicles or participants, visible or non-visible, entanglements, entrapment, impalement or sudden immersion in water. **ACTIVITIES:** May include: traveling in vehicles, flat and white water canoeing, 8-9 meter cliff jump into deep water, rock climbing and rappelling with ropes, horse back riding, camping (including being around camp fires and cooking foods and liquids), hiking, backpacking, portaging canoes and gear, group initiative games, ... training, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, winter camper, 12-24 hour solo, 10 km run.

4. The signature of the parent/guardian on the application shall give the Camp Director the right to arrange for any special services or other requirements necessary for the best interest of the camper and shall give the Camp Director the right to approve and obtain medical attention necessary for the camper's welfare and good health including ordering injection, anaesthesia or surgery. In such situations the Camp will notify the parent/guardian as soon as possible. The parent/guardians are responsible for any additional expense that may result from such services.

5. We agree to permit reasonable use of photos and videos or other pictures of the applicant in promoting the Camp or Camp activities and programs.

6. I have read this application form in its entirety, including the HCWA Guidelines and Policies, and I accept the conditions of enrolment.

Camper _____ **Signed** _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian _____ **Signed** _____ **Date** _____

Witness _____ **Signed** _____ **Date** _____