

Victoria Immigrant & Refugee Centre Society
Youth STRIDES Summer Camp Application Form



Monday, July 17th - Saturday, July 22nd, 2017

Camp Barnard

Sooke, BC

Youth Strides is a five-day free summer camp for Newcomer youth ages 13 - 19 years old. Youth will arrive to the camp on Monday, July 17th and will leave on Saturday, July 22nd. Throughout the week, youth will participate in creative and exciting workshops and activities that range in different themes. We will explore themes like leadership, identity, culture, media, discrimination, social justice, and the environment. Youth will learn valuable skills including building self-confidence, various life skills, conflict resolution, stress management, goal setting, and self-awareness. Youth Strides provides youth with an opportunity to build new friendships, and create lasting memories. Youth Strides is a powerful, profound, and unforgettable summer camp experience!

If Youth Strides sounds like a camp for you, ***please fill out the application form below and submit it to Jasindra or Jaz at the VIRCS office, 3rd floor 637 Bay St, or by email at Jasindra@vircs.bc.ca or Jaz@vircs.bc.ca, as soon as possible.*** All applications will be accepted and interviews will be conducted for the selection process. Late applications will not be considered as space is limited. More information will be provided to you once your son or daughter is accepted to the camp, at our information night on July 6th, 2017. ***If you have any questions please call us at 250-361-9433 ext 243 for Jaz or 245 for Jasindra.***

Application Process	
Application Due Date	June 5th, 2017 at 5 pm
Applicant Interviews (if needed)	June 12 th – June 16 th , 2017
Applicant Notification	June 19 th to 21 nd , 2017
Information Night for Parents	Thursday, July 6 th , 2017
Youth Strides Camp	July 17 th - 22 nd , 2017

All applicants must meet these requirements to participate in camp:

- I am between the ages of 13-19 years old
- I am a Newcomer to Canada (as an Immigrant or Refugee)
- I am interested in community building
- I would like to learn new leadership skills
- I am comfortable to be away from home for one week



Application

Applicant Information:

Full Name:		Gender: M/F/Other	Date of Birth:	Age:
Address:				
Phone Number:		Cell Phone Number:		
Email:		Country of Origin:		
Date of Arrival in Canada:		Immigration Status:		
First Language		Other Languages:		
Care Card Number (Health Care):				

Do you have any allergies? If yes, please indicate: _____

Do you take any medication? If yes, please indicate: _____

Do you have any dietary requirements? If yes, please indicate: _____

Date of last tetanus shot: _____

Can you swim? YES or NO (Please check the box)

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	Cell Phone Number:
Email:	

Questionnaire

- Please write answers in full sentences or point form
- Questionnaires may be filled out in any language (*If possible in English is preferred*)
- If you need help filling out the questionnaire, please contact 250-361-9433 ext 243 for Jaz or 245 for Jasmindra

1. How did you hear about Youth Strides?

- VIRCS
- Internet
- Friend or family member
- School (name): _____
- Community Organization (name): _____
- Other: _____

2. Explain the reason why you want to attend Youth Strides summer camp.

3. What is one personal goal that you would like to work on at the Youth Strides camp? (Example: To feel comfortable speaking in front of a group.)

4. Do you have other friends or family members applying? If yes, what are their names?

5. What activities would you like to do at the camp?

6. Do you have any concerns or questions about camp that you would like to ask?

Participation Agreement

The following Youth STRIDES guidelines are designed to insure that the camp is a happy, safe, and healthy experience for everyone. Here are the conditions under which we accept participation. Violation of any of these policies may subject you to dismissal from camp at your expense.

1. The use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or any other controlled substances or drugs are not permitted.
2. Sexual harassment and intimidation, whether verbal or physical is inappropriate and not permitted.
3. There will be mixed ages at camp and we strive to be mindful of the safety and comfort for all age groups and genders.
4. Verbal or physical displays of racial, sexual, or religious discrimination are not permitted.
5. Campers may not leave the camp property except on organized camp trips with the supervision of a volunteer or staff member.
6. Theft will not be tolerated.
7. Youth STRIDES will not be responsible for any valuables (wallets, cell phones).
8. Respect for private property must be practised while at camp.
9. Participation is vital for all activities.
10. All medication (prescription or non-prescription) must be kept with leaders.

I understand that I may or may not be selected after the interview to attend the Youth STRIDES Summer Camp 2017. YES

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents/Guardians' Authorization: The person described has my permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted in writing by a physician or myself. I give permission to the physician selected by the camp coordinator to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and order injections and/or anaesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. My son or daughter has completed the application form; I have read and understood "Participation Agreement" that he or she must abide by.

Parents/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby release the use of photo/video images and work product of the above registered youth for the purpose of Youth STRIDES promotion and display to the general public.

Parents/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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