

WSFA 2019 Youth Camp Information sheet

Tag-Along-Camp

Date: July 4th to July 7th. 2019



Location: Sheep Creek Back Country Lodge – www.sheepcreekcabin.net

25 km north of Grande Cache Alberta. Access by way of paved highway 40, either north through Hinton or south of Grande Prairie. We are 14 km up a gravel forestry road called the Beaverdam Road. SUV or truck recommended.

Details: This year's youth camp is being called the **Tag-Along-Camp** as we are asking each youth to be accompanied by an adult family member or Guardian. We believe there is no better place to build family bonds than in the outdoors and welcome the adults both as companions to their kids and part of our volunteer team to help keep things rolling smoothly. That's right folks you'll have to work a little bit too!

We have spots for 15 youths plus their adult companion. If siblings are involved one adult can serve as their companion, but we welcome both parents... if so inclined.

Proposed Activities: Should you arrive **Thursday afternoon** to the lodge you will be squared away in your accommodations. Dependent on the luck of the draw and the weather you'll be housed in either a cabin or tent accommodation.

Thursday afternoon and evening will be mostly free time with hiking, antler shed hunting, and fishing available right at the lodge. We'll have an evening barbeque and meet and greet and get to know each other a bit.

Friday Morning we'll be up bright and early for a hearty breakfast and then off to Grande Cache for one of the following activities. *This schedule also allows later arriving families to rendezvous with us in Grande Cache and take part in our day's activities. (Although pretty much ensuring they'll get a tent Friday night!)

- **White Water Rafting** with Wild Blue Yonder. We start the trip with safety training before we depart down the Sulfur River. The river winds down a mountain canyon and is fast enough to provide some thrills but safe enough to entrust our kids to! Wild Blue Yonder is a very professional and has well trained staff who accompany each group. Check out Wildblueyonder.ca and look at the Canyon Whitewater trip.
- For those who prefer to see the world from the **Back of a horse** we can accommodate up to a group of 10 out on the trail. The skilled folks at U-Bar- Stable, will share horse handling techniques and then take the group out on a mountain ride.
- If rafting and horses just aren't your thing there is a **beautiful hike** available into Willmore Wilderness Park. You can hike out to the lookout where the Sulfur River spills out into the Smoky River, maybe even spotting our rafters as their trips finishes off. Eaton Falls, a scenic mountain stream destination, is also an easy day hike from the Willmore staging area.

Friday Evening will be another gourmet meal followed by a mystery guest speaker and presentation. Followed by some quality time around the firepit sharing stories and bush tips.

Saturday Morning starts off with another power breakfast and folks off for the day's activities. Once again, we have a few activity choices for our group.

Mountain Angling



Join us for instruction on the renown Sheep Creek. Both fly fishing and spoons and jigs use will be covered by our angling pro, Paul Hveengard. Paul is a fisheries biologist and avid angler. Learn about the unique traits of fishing mountain rivers and have a chance to catch and release a magnificent Bull trout; or catch and consume a feisty mountain white fish. Be prepared to rise early!

Videography

Our crew will have an opportunity to learn how **to shoot wildlife video** on their smartphones. The reality of today's world is that shooting video has become part of our lives, so you might as well learn from the best. Join Emmy award winning cinematographer Andrew Manske out in the field to learn how to get the most out of your phones. Andrew will also be showing some of his outstanding wildlife footage during the evenings. Andrewmanske.com

Bushcraft Skills

Join us as we hike the river flats and hills along the sheep creek. We'll discuss real world mountain travel and trail finding. Should weather permit the group may hike up an old historical trail that is rarely used anymore. A real-world demonstration on how to find and stay on a mountain trail.

Day one repeat. Should anyone wish to **raft or horseback** on the Saturday as they missed it the day before we can arrange that as well.

Saturday Evening social features good food and better stories. After our meal we'll have some unique skill testing activities for the youth with some cool outdoor prizes.

Sunday Morning, we feed you and kick you out! We realize most folks will have a long drive in front of them, so we'll get you on the road at a reasonable time.

REQUIREMENTS:

If possible, we ask that attendees bring a sleeping bag, therma-rest, and personal hygiene items like towels and face cloths. It is **not essential** that you bring a sleeping bag and therma-rest so if that presents a problem let us know.

If you're planning on fishing a license is required for all of those over 16. No firearms please, but if you have bear spray you are welcome to bring it.

Good rain gear and outside gear is essential. Sturdy hiking shoes and a hat as well.

We are off the grid and have no cell service or internet so be prepared to face the real world! We have cell service 5 km away at KM 9 on the Beaverdam road so you can check in at home if required. We have a sat phone at the lodge for emergency use only.

We use both composting and outdoor toilets at the lodge. They are well maintained and sanitary. We have gravity fed water supply and hot showers available. The showers require visitors to heat the water on propane stoves.

We have propane stoves and fridges on-site, but food is supplied. However, feel free to bring your favorite snack food.

You will be required to hike into the lodge from the parking area, approx. 15 minutes. We recommend bringing your gear in a back pack so that you're able to easily carry it into the lodge. We will transport heavier items by ATV, but our expectation is that guests will be travelling light. You will be required to cross over the sheep creek into the lodge by way of a cable car. The crossing is about 100 feet and only 4-5' above the water but we like to inform visitors in advance.



Last but not least, is we require a good attitude from all our visitors. Life in the mountains can be interesting and sometimes changes. If you show up and it rains for three days are you really going to go rafting and horseback riding? Or will we be more likely to be sharing skills and tips under a big tarp in front of a blazing fire pit?

We will make the best use of the kid's time as possible and hopefully impart a few life and bush lessons to them. Our expectation is that the adults along will also each in their own way contribute to the experience and the memories we make with our most precious resource, our youth.

Who the heck are we?

Sheep Creek Backcountry Lodge is a family run business and owned by myself Brian Bildson, and my son Jason Bildson, but is a family affair with my four adult kids and nine grandchildren all pitching in to help run the lodge.

We've host guests from all over world, last years we had folks from Israel-Norway – Finland - Netherlands – and the US come stay with us. But most of our visitors are Alberta families.

We trap and hunt from the lodge and our trapping territory is 350 square miles extending to the BC border. I'm sure the mention of Femme Creek, the Muddy Water, and Casket Mountain are recognizable to many and these are all found on our trapline. We are aptly named as Sheep Creek Lodge.

Further info: Call me at 780-831-8434 or brian@gpprime.net

Book Now: Complete attached application and forward back to brian@gpprime.net & info@wsfab.org

WSF Alberta Sheep Camp 2019

DISCLAIMER, RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the Wild Sheep Foundation Alberta allowing me to participate in the Youth Hunter Sheep Camp, in the Activity, I hereby agree as follows:

I acknowledge that the Activity is potentially a very hazardous activity.

I fully acknowledge that neither WSFA have made any representations, warranties or assurances, whether written verbal, express or implied about the Activity, the physical conditions or suitability of the Wilderness Property for the Activity, or about my personal safety or security while engaging in the Activity.

I agree that I am responsible for my own personal safety and security and the safety and security of others while at the Youth Hunter Sheep Camp. I agree to take all reasonable and prudent precautions to ensure my own personal safety and to decrease the risk of injury, death, or property damage to any other parties that might coincidentally be on the Wilderness Property.

I hereby voluntarily assume any and all risk associated with the Activity on the Wilderness Property, including, without limitation, bodily injury, death, or property damage, all such risks being known and appreciated by me.

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release WSFA and their respective directors, officers and employees from any and all liability, suits, actions, claims, causes of action, demands, penalties, judicial or administrative proceedings, fines, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind and character (including, but not limited to, investigative and legal defense costs) associated with, arising out of or in consequence of any loss, injury or damage, including, without limitation, bodily injury or death, whether foreseeable or not, whether direct or indirect, related in any way to the Activity due to any cause whatsoever, including, without limitation, negligence.

I further agree, for myself, me heirs, executors and administrators to hold harmless and indemnify WSFA e and their respective directors, officers and employees from and against any and all liability, suits, actions, claims, causes of action, demands, penalties, judicial or administrative proceedings, fines, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind and character (including, but not limited to, investigative and legal defense costs) associated with, arising out of or in consequence of any loss, injury or damage, including, without limitation, bodily injury or death, whether foreseeable or not, whether direct or indirect, related in any way to the Activity due to any cause whatsoever, including, without limitation, negligence.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and I accept all of this Agreement's terms and conditions without modification, have had the opportunity to consult legal counsel and recognizing that I am waiving important legal rights.

Signature of Participant _____

Witness _____

Date _____

Printed Name of Participant _____

Printed Name of Witness _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under the age of 18 years)

Printed name of Parent or Guardian

Youth Hunter Sheep Camp Application Form

Name

Parent/Guardian

Address

City

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____

AHC Number _____ WIN Number _____

Medical conditions, disabilities, allergies? _____

Emergency Contact During Camp:

Name _____ Phone _____

Have you:

Completed Hunter Education Program? _____ Yes _____ No

Hunted Big Game in Alberta? _____ Yes _____ No

Hunted Bighorn Sheep? _____ Yes _____ No

Please include a completed Waiver and Indemnity Agreement), and forward along with the \$30 registration fee to:

Wild Sheep Foundation Alberta

Box 2639, Rocky Mountain House, AB T4T 1L6

Phone: 403-845-5544 ... Fax: 403-844-2832 ... E-Mail: info@wsfab.org

Website: www.wsfab.org

Wild Sheep Foundation Alberta – Youth Camp volunteer waiver agreement

All youth camp volunteers acknowledge that they are responsible for the conduct and safety of any youth attending camp under their care. They recognize that the youth camp location is a wilderness destination and carries inherent risks for both adult and youth participants.

The volunteer shall hold the organization and/or any employees or representatives from Wild Sheep Foundation Alberta and/or Sheep Creek Back Country Lodge and Guide Experience blameless for any actions that arise out of

their attendance at the Youth Camp during the month of July 2019. Said risks may include, but are not limited to, weather events, animal interactions, equipment failure, illness, or injury. This waiver applies to all adult volunteers and juveniles under their care.

It is also acknowledged that the volunteer signing this agreement is attending as a working participant and shall contribute to the effective running of the camp as best suited to their abilities. Food and accommodation shall be supplied to adult participants, but should they choose to participate in paid activities all additional costs shall be their own responsibility.

All parties recognize that the intent of the youth camp is to instill skills and values that will assist the younger members of our group. As adult volunteers we commit to lead by example and demonstrate a spirit of cooperation and comradery to all those in attendance. Failure to demonstrate those attributes may lead to an early departure from the camp.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2019

Adult volunteer _____

Names of all youths under your guardianship at youth camp:
