



CONSERVATION ACTION TEAM STUDENT APPLICATION PACKAGE

Full instructions, eligibility requirements, and important dates can be found online at Yukon.ca/CAT

The following forms must be included in your application package:

- the Student Application, filled out by you
- the Parent/Guardian Permission, signed and read by your parent or guardian
- the Nomination of Applicant, filled out by the nominator and returned in a sealed envelope

Return completed forms:

via email: catcamp@yukon.ca

or mail to: C.A.T. Application, c/o Youth Programs Coordinator
Government of Yukon, Department of Environment
Education and Youth Programs
Box 2703 (V-5R), Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 2C6

For more information, contact:

Lauren Wonfor
Youth Programs Coordinator
Phone: 867-667-3041 or 1-800-661-0408 ext. 3041
catcamp@yukon.ca

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General information (print)		
Name	Date of birth YYYY/MM/DD	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> X
Mailing address	Postal code	
Physical address (if different from above)		
Phone	Email	
School attended this year	Grade	
Aboriginal ancestry: Yukon First Nations?* <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<i>*Optional – you do not need to answer the above question in order to apply to camp. Information provided will be used for statistical purposes and preference may also be given to First Nations candidates.</i>		
Have you participated in a CAT camp before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, when? _____		
Have you applied before and been unsuccessful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Participant agreement (to be read and signed by the applicant)

I understand that if I am accepted into the Conservation Action Team, I will be undertaking physical and educational challenges in the Yukon outdoors. I really want to be a part of this camp, and I agree to act **with respect** toward other team members, my instructors, the environment and myself.

The following are the main rules of the Conservation Action Team:

- 1) Instructors are responsible for program safety; their instructions are to be followed at all times.
- 2) Participants are not allowed to leave the group without permission from the instructors.
- 3) Swimming is permitted only in designated areas and only under the supervision of team leaders.
- 4) Personal flotation devices must be worn in all watercraft by individual participants.
- 5) No alcohol or non-prescription drugs allowed (including tobacco) and all prescription drugs must be reported to your Team leader.
- 6) Leave all personal electronic entertainment gizmos (i.e. videos games, cell phones, wide screen televisions) at home.

I agree to abide by the above rules, and any others that may be established by team leaders. I understand I can be sent home at my parents' expense for not cooperating fully or endangering myself or others. I will participate as much as I am able in all camp activities.

Applicant signature

Date

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Statement of interest

In this section, answer these questions (no more than 300 words):

1. Why do you want to be in the CAT program?
2. How will you contribute to making it a great experience for the group?

Additional information

Program preferred (check one). Program dates change yearly. Visit Yukon.ca/CAT for this year's dates.

- Junior – June (currently Grades 6-7) Second choice – if we are full for your choice of Junior camp
 Junior – July (currently Grades 6-7) are you able to participate in the other camp? Yes No
- Senior – August (currently Grades 8 -9)

How did you hear about the Conservation Action Team?

- Teacher Newspaper Radio Friend
 Poster Yukon.ca website Conservation officer Classroom presentation
 Other (specify) _____



Dear parent/guardian:

The Conservation Action Team summer program, run by the Yukon Department of Environment, combines outdoor adventure, environmental education and conservation related activities. Participants have fun while learning about stewardship and cooperation within a group camping experience. We will go to great lengths to help every child feel welcome and safe in our care. It is extremely important that it is your child's choice to be in this program. Our experience has shown that if a child does not want to participate their behaviours can lessen the enjoyment for others and may even cause safety issues.

While the Yukon Department of Environment takes all necessary and reasonable precautions to prevent accidents, it is important for parents to be informed about the Conservation Action Team and understand the potential risks involved. We urge you to read the information brochure outlining the program and the **Description: Activities, Responsibilities and Potential Risks** on the reverse of this page.

Parent permission	
Applicant name	Parent name
<p>I hereby give my consent to my child participating in the Conservation Action Team summer program run by the Yukon Department of Environment. I have read the Description: Activities, Responsibilities and Potential Risks on the reverse of this form, and by signing below, acknowledge the potential risks of the program.</p> <p>I have also listed below any medical constraints which may affect the full participation of my child in the Conservation Action Team program.</p>	
Signature of parent	Date YYYY/MM/DD
Parent email	Daytime phone number(s)
<p>Medical constraints Are there any medical (mental/physical/emotional) reasons that your child might not be able to take part in all activities? List below. (Note: these will not necessarily prevent your child from participating in our CAT camps.) A medical form must be completed if your child is selected for the program.</p>	

Description: activities, responsibilities and potential risks

The **Conservation Action Team (CAT)** provides youth going into Grades 7-10 with an opportunity to learn about the Yukon's environment while experiencing outdoor adventure and participating in conservation-related projects.

Group leaders are responsible for the safety and educational elements of the program. CAT leaders have considerable outdoor experience and have training in first aid and emergency response. These programs do involve travel through wilderness areas, remote from urban amenities and medical services. In case of serious accident, evacuation to a hospital may be delayed due to isolated conditions.

The CAT program uses land and water environments containing a number of potential hazards. Extremes of temperature and weather may be experienced. Mountain and forest travel may subject participants to possible rock falls, steep slopes and cliffs, and rough and broken terrain. The use of canoes, kayaks and small motor boats increase the chance of immersion and hypothermia. Students must use approved safety equipment and follow procedures outlined by instructors.

The program also incorporates activities related to the various uses of the environment, including hunting, trapping, fishing, mining, tourism, forestry, and agriculture. The traditional harvest and economic activities of Yukon First Nations people will be covered. Experiences related to these topics may include visits to fish camps, farms and mining operations.

Proper clothing and equipment are necessary to ensure safety and comfort. The department is providing some high quality outdoorwear and equipment to minimize risk. Students are responsible for proper use and maintenance of supplied equipment.

Conservation work may be one element of the Conservation Action Team program. Should this work entail the use of potentially hazardous tools, the Team participant will be trained in their use as needed.

Student cooperation is necessary for a safe and enjoyable program. Failure to comply with leaders' instructions may result in injury to the student or others. Team members who exhibit negative or uncooperative behaviour that may endanger themselves or others may be sent home at the parent/guardian's expense.

Possession and/or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco are strictly forbidden. Participants are required to disclose all physical and psychological ailments and medications prior to the commencement of program activities.



CONSERVATION ACTION TEAM
NOMINATION OF APPLICANT

Note to applicant: This form must be filled out by an adult in your community who knows you and can tell us if you are suited to participation in the Conservation Action Team program. The person can be a teacher, First Nations official, a scout/guide leader, etc. This person must not be related to you. Make sure they have information about the program, and a copy of your statement of interest from page 3.

Dear nominator:

The Conservation Action Team (CAT) is an outdoor summer program for students going into Grades 7-10 (or equivalent level in home education). Team members will travel to different parts of the Yukon by motorized vehicles on land and water, by canoe and on foot. Activities will combine adventure (wilderness skills, canoe and backpacking trips), environmental education (reflecting a wide range of environmental values, from subsistence to mining), and conservation work.

The **Junior** program (Grades 7 and 8) is eight days in length and the **Senior** program (Grades 9 and 10) covers nine to twelve days. Participants must be able to meet the challenges of a physically demanding wilderness experience. They must also be prepared to be away from home and urban amenities for the duration of the camp. It is extremely important that the applicant is self motivated and *wants* to be in this program; negative attitudes and uncooperative behaviour can lessen the enjoyment and learning for others and may even present safety issues. Consider these things while filling out this form.

For the purposes of confidentiality, return the completed form in a separate sealed envelope. The applicant will include this with their completed forms.

Thanks for taking the time in support of this child and the fostering of stewardship! Call 867-667-3041 or 1-800-661-0408 ext. 3041 if you have questions. You can obtain more information at our web site: Yukon.ca/CAT



CONSERVATION ACTION TEAM
NOMINATION OF APPLICANT

Applicant's name: _____

Nominator information	
Name	Title
Affiliation	
Address	
Phone	Email
Evaluation of applicant	
How long have you known the applicant?	
In what capacity have you known this person?	
Rank the applicant in the following areas by checking the appropriate spot:	
Ability to cooperate with others	Low _____ Average _____ High _____
Leadership/stewardship	Low _____ Average _____ High _____
Comfort in new situations	Low _____ Average _____ High _____
Interest in outdoor activity	Low _____ Average _____ High _____
Interest in wildlife and environment	Low _____ Average _____ High _____
Overall suitability for this program	Low _____ Average _____ High _____
Additional comments (how would this person benefit from this experience?)	

Check Yukon.ca/CAT for this year's application due date.

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