

The Willow Grove

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Willow Home Ed

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Principal's Message

Willow Home Ed continues to grow strong as our numbers increase across the province. We will continue to offer the high level of service that you are accustomed to with our traditional home education program. Additionally, we are excited to announce our new school which is called “**ursa**”. This new school will allow us to provide our families with more options, namely **Shared Responsibility Programming as well as an Online Virtual Learning**.

Shared Responsibility Programming means that some of your child's courses would be delivered to them at the school, by a certified teacher. The remainder of their courses would be taught at home. Through our Online Virtual Learning your child would be able to take courses taught by a certified teacher online. As well you would have the option to sign up for extra help with an online tutor to assist your child with any difficulties.

We are currently working very hard to prepare this new programming to start in September 2019. This means that it is time to accept registrations. If you think you may be interested in Shared Responsibility Programming or Online Virtual Learning next year, please give me a call and I will share more information with you.

Joe Smith
Principal Willow Home Ed

“It's home education, your child's way.”



UPCOMING DATES

ADLC

June 24 all work needs to be submitted into ADLC by this date to ensure marking is completed by June 30.

For those students using the summer extension, please contact Joe well in advance to plan a date to write your exams at the school.

CALGARY

June 20 11am end of year party at Bowness Park, weather permitting.

June 28 Graduation 2019 Celebration!

June 28 Resource claim cheques mailed out

2019-2020 school year

August 26 Willow Home Ed office opens

Sept 3 First day of school for ursa students

Sept 7 Inspired Conference at the Calgary Central Library

Sept 21-23 Kananaskis/Banff Field trip



As we plan for next year, and reflect on the activities, outings and field trips organized by Willow Home Ed over the past year, we welcome your suggestions for what you'd like to see/do next year. Please pass your ideas on to your HEM



Edmonton's June 7th Year End Picnic got rained out but they had a great time at the museum with many families showing up to explore the regular exhibits and the new Viking exhibit. Here they are playing a Viking game and enjoying the exhibits.



KANANASKIS/BANFF NATIONAL PARK FIELDTRIP

September 21-23 2018

Join us this September on a three day (two night) field trip to Kananaskis/Banff National Park. We are offering this excursion to Willow Home Education students registered in Grades 7 through 12 for the 2019-2020 School Year. Students will be supervised by Willow Home Ed Principal Joe Smith and our Home Education Managers. Our itinerary includes hiking Troll Falls, touring the Seebe WWII Internment Camp, campfires, swimming at the Banff Upper Hot Springs, the opportunity to make friends with other home educated students their own age, and much more.



- What is included:** Transportation, park fees, accommodation for 2 nights at Hosteling International's Ribbon Creek Hostel (including bedding), all food (with the exception of the first day's lunch and Monday's lunch in Banff), hikes and other activities, and admission to the Banff's Upper Hot Springs Pool.
- Cost:** Three Day Trip: \$200. The total cost of the trip can be deducted from your 2019-2020 resource claim.
- Transportation:** Students will be transported by school bus. We will pick up students at 2 locations in Calgary (SW & NW) and Cochrane.
- Credits:** Time spent on hikes and other physical activities can be applied to Physical Education credits.

Email josmith@willowhome.ca today for an information and registration package.

We can only accommodate 30 students on this trip. These spaces will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis upon Willow Home Ed's receipt of completed registration forms. Register early to avoid disappointment. Our registration deadline is August 23, 2019. While we anticipate all spaces will be taken, Willow Home Ed reserves the right to cancel if interest is not sufficient.

BUDDING BOTANISTS



BEFRIEND A HELPFUL TREE...

The Cities of Calgary and Edmonton have interactive websites that allow you to identify the trees in your city by their location, species and size. It tells you how much each tree is worth: how it helps the environment based upon how much storm water it filters, the carbon dioxide it removes from the air and stores, and its air quality improvements. Use it in a project determining how a neighborhood tree is helping the environment, or to identify a local tree that you are documenting through the four seasons!

Calgary: <https://maps.calgary.ca/TreeSchedule/>

Edmonton: https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/gardens_lawns_trees/yegtreemap.aspx

IDENTIFY THE NATIVE FLORA...

For those of you tree spotting outside of Alberta's largest cities, there are plant guides that you can use to identify our native trees and shrubs. We have more plant variety than you might expect!

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/5654dd7f-9c73-496d-9163-99fc6601be6f/resource/19e14457-a6ac-4fb7-abe9-4d5aa6508110/download/2011-commonnativetreesshrubsalberta-guide.pdf>

FIGURE OUT WHAT PLANTS NOT TO EAT...

A surprising number of plants found around Alberta gardens are poisonous. The toxicity of some plants will come as no surprise, such as the aptly named Death Camas, but the names of some poisonous plants may shock you...Daffodils? Potato? Tomato?! Wow!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Aidan is a cellist in the Intermediate Edmonton Youth Orchestra.



Formed in 1952, the **Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association** supports two nationally renowned symphony orchestras. Through these two orchestras, the EYO's music program - one of the finest in Canada - provides the highest possible standard of orchestral training and experience to students from age 11 to 24. Aidan has performed in various orchestras going on five years now. In his spare time, he studies 3D Animation/Design and programming.

Summer has been training as an aerial artist for four years, earning a place in the Advanced Pre-Performance teen class, at the age of 12.



This year she'll be making her debut performance in Firefly Theatre's annual showcase and fundraiser "**Let There Be Height: An Aerial Cabaret**". This unique performance event features Edmonton's professional and upcoming circus artists along with physical theatre, comedy and dance.

WATCH FOR KAYKIMA NEXT YEAR

Kaykima Outdoor Camps wrapped up our final workshop on Tuesday June 11 (summer foraging). These workshops have been an excellent opportunity for Willow Home Ed students to learn new skills and knowledge while building relationships with other students.

We have already planned next year's workshops so the fun can continue!

Our first workshop of the 2019-2020 school year will be special one. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 can join us for wooden spoon making on Monday September 16, 11am-2:30 at Bragg Creek Provincial Park. Bring a picnic lunch! Younger students will make burn spoons using coal to make the bowl of their spoon, while older students will create their spoons using hook knives. For this longer workshop where students go home with their special creation, the cost is \$30/student.

All other workshops will be \$20/person, 12-2pm:

Monday October 7: Making Spruce Salve

Monday November 18: Orienteering Games

Monday December 2: The 5 Cs of Survival

Monday January 13: Fire Starting

Monday February 3: Winter Shelters

Monday March 2: Winter First Aid (this session may be swapped with February, depending on snow conditions)

Monday April 6: Glue and Natural Adhesives

Monday May 4: Axes

Monday June 15: Summer Shelters

If you would like to register for next year's classes, please email our HEM Carmen at cbeck@willowhome.ca