

A Public School opportunity for Canadian Youth...

The Leadership Ecology Adventure Program (LEAP) provides kids with a hands-on summer outdoor immersion. LEAP participants experience a sampling of outdoor activities while developing their leadership skills and gaining knowledge of both environmental issues and local ecology. LEAP is a dynamic and experiential program that focuses on both the hard and soft skills associated with living well and being in the outdoors. During the 8 day residential program, students will have countless opportunities to positively interact with each other while creating memories to last a lifetime. Who ever thought school could be so cool!

Why LEAP?

Through the LEAP participants will garner a variety of skills while deepening their understanding and appreciation of the surrounding natural world. During the program students will benefit from experiencing a variety of outdoor activities which may include rock climbing, hiking, kayaking, canoeing and more!

LEAP is Free! (for BC residents)

LEAP is taught by a team of inspired teachers

LEAP is worth 4 Secondary School Credits in Leadership 11 or 12

LEAP is about experiencing new ideas in new places

LEAP is about developing a deeper understanding of the BC geography

LEAP is about exploring a diversity of flora and fauna

LEAP is about learning wilderness and life skills

LEAP is about developing your problem solving capacity

LEAP is about social responsibility & leading through example

LEAP is about learning through challenge and adventure

LEAP is about sustainability for long-term planetary health

LEAP opens the door to bigger LEAPs!

Bigger LEAPs open the door to EVEN BIGGER LEAPs!

Who can apply to take the LEAP?

Students age 14-17 can apply for LEAP! LEAP is a Powell River School District sponsored program. While it is based in British Columbia, students of all nationalities can apply.

When is LEAP?

LEAP A: July 3-10

LEAP B: July 15-22

Alumni: August 15-21

Endorsements:

"The Sustainability and Ecological Education Programs in School District 47 help to fill a huge void in modern society: the void between what's taught in the classroom and the day-to-day miracles happening outside. I can think of no better way to close this gap than to get kids into wild areas where Nature does the teaching, affecting students in ways that stick with them for the rest of their lives."

- Karsten Heuer, Explorer, Wildlife Biologist, Author of Being Caribou

"The intrinsic worth of the LEAP program is self evident; it is ecologically oriented, experiential, sustainable and progressive, making education fun and relevant when it is so often the opposite for many students. But what is so often missed is that programs such as this one show public education in general how it must continue to dynamically respond to changing social conditions. As such, this program serves the broader needs of public education." - Christopher

- Beeman, PHd, Queens University

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