



Youth STRIDES Application Form

**July 16- July 23, 2011
Camp Barnard
Sooke, BC**

Youth Strides is a weeklong free summer camp for newcomer youth. Throughout the week, youth will participate in workshops and activities that range in different topics and themes. We will explore issues like leadership, friendship, culture, discrimination and the environment. Youth will learn skills including conflict resolution, stress management, goal setting, self-awareness and appreciation. Most importantly, we'll build our communities by meeting new people, and learning what resources are available to us. It will be powerful, profound and unforgettable. Youth Strides will provide youth with hands-on skills and experience, with plenty of time for friendship, conversation, fun and laughter while meeting people from around the world.

If Youth Strides sounds like a camp for you, ***please fill out the application form below and submit it to Danny or Megan at VIRCS office, 3rd floor 637 Bay St, or by e-mail at danny@vircs.bc.ca as soon as possible.***

All applications will be accepted and interviews will be conducted for selection process. Late application will not be considered and space is limited. ***If you have any questions please call us at 250-361-9433 ext 203 for Megan or 245 for Danny.***

Application Process	
Application Due Date	May 31 st
Applicant Interviews	June 6 th - 10th, 2011
Applicant Notification	June 13 st – 24 th , 2011
Information Night for Parents	June 30 th , 2011
Youth Strides Camp	July 16 th – 23 rd , 2011

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:

Name:		
Address:		
Phone Number:		Cell Phone Number:
Age:	Gender: M/F	Nationality:
Date of Arrival in Canada:		Status:
Email:		

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 us: 250-361-9433 ext 203 for Megan or 245 for Danny.

1. How did you hear about Youth Strides?

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

2. Explain the main reason why you want to attend Youth Strides?



3. Why do you think a camp like Youth Strides is important?

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

5. List 1-3 of your personal qualities you are proud of?

6. What is 1 personal goal that you would like to work on at the Youth Strides camp? (Example: to feel comfortable speaking in front of a group)

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

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



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: _____

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

I understand that by filling out this application that I may or may not be selected after the interview to attend the Youth STRIDES Summer Camp 2011.

YES

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 camper 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. We do not encourage sexual contact. While we recognize that there may be sexual attractions, we encourage campers to express themselves and share through creative activities. There will be mixed ages at camp and we strive to be mindful of the safety and comfort for all age groups.
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, meals, and evening activities.
10. All medication (prescription or non-prescription) must be kept with leaders.

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian's 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. 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. I have read the policies written on each page of this registration form, including the "Camper Contract", and agree to abide by them.

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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