



# YOUNG MEN'S ADVENTURE WEEKEND

**JULY 7 - 10, 2011**

***Vision: Creating healthy communities by building strong, spirited young men who become great husbands, fathers and leaders.***

### **The Purpose of the Young Men's Adventure Weekend:**

- To assist, develop and foster the individual spirit of Young Men;
- To encourage Young Men to become responsible and accountable for themselves;
- To become team players by supporting and working with each other;
- Preparation for adult life

It is a unique and sometimes life-changing wilderness experience for all Young Men. Historically, Young Men have always been challenged to bring out their best

### **Who can participate?**

YMAW is open to all Young Men between the ages of 12 and 17. This event is promoted largely by word of mouth and seeks applicants within the community.

### **The Weekend**

#### **Friday:**

- The Young Men and their gear are transported by bus (approx. 2 hours outside Vancouver, BC) then hike into a wilderness campsite. They are divided into teams with adult elders, who monitor the activities throughout the weekend. The Elders foster the Young Men, they do not "tell" them what to do.
- The first task of the Young Men is to build their own campsite. Meals and snacks are provided. That night the Young Men gather around a campfire to review activities and get to know each other.

At YMAW, there is flexibility in the program that allows any Young Man to talk about any issue in their lives in a safe atmosphere.

#### **Saturday:**

An early start with a hearty breakfast, then a day-long Quest, which involves:

- teamwork, problem solving,
- leadership,
- competition,
- individual accountability, ingenuity
- integrity & honor,
- opportunities for Young Men to rise to challenges.

It is truly remarkable to see what lessons the Young Men learn from these activities and what they express about their experience.

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## WEEKEND OVERVIEW

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### Sunday:

- They look to their Future
- Encouragement is given to the Young Men to take home what they have learned in the weekend, and apply in their daily lives.
- Lastly, there is a very thorough cleaning of the site by the Young Men and the production team, we leave the place better than we found it
- Final Circle up – awards, acknowledgments

### The Outcome:

The transformation and camaraderie the Young Men experience in this weekend is priceless. We receive phone calls and letter from our graduates and their families, expressing the effects this event has on their lives...that is why we give our time to create this weekend.

### Your Role:

Be a part of this weekend. Help change the lives of our Young Men and the Future.

Contact the YMAW Team to make a donation, to volunteer your time or to contribute supplies or to send your son, nephew or grandson.

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