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ALBERTA 2025

EVENT GUIDE

International High School Environmental and
Natural Resources Academic Competition

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2025 CURRENT ISSUE TOPIC

Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change

Forests cover 31% of all land area in the world¹, making their mark on the landscape and the lives of people around the globe. In Alberta, approximately 60% of the Canadian province is covered by forests², and these wooded landscapes are an integral part of the identity and culture of those who live there. Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have made environmental stewardship a keystone to their ways of being and doing. Beyond their sheer beauty, forests continue to serve as a cornerstone for economic vitality, societal well-being, and ecological richness. Fostering resilient forests is not just about trees: it's about safeguarding a legacy that intertwines with our society, economy, and commitment to environmental stewardship.

As the world studies climate change, the significance of the forests becomes even more pronounced. Worldwide, forests are experiencing impacts from extreme weather events due to a changing climate, which will result in changes to individual species and the ecosystem as a whole. Climate models suggest Alberta's forests can expect to experience a variety of changes over the next 75 years³. To understand long-term impacts, we must understand the roots of forest systems to anticipate how forests may respond to changes and how we can help these ecosystems remain sustainable.

Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change is a call to action that calls on us to examine current forest practices, identify where vulnerabilities may lie, and identify necessary adaptations. In every rustle of the leaves and whisper of the wind, there lies an opportunity to create a harmonious partnership with the natural environment and original stewardship practices. To create viable solutions for future resilient forests, one will have to examine traditional ways and knowledge of stewardship, as well as scientific innovations and techniques.

Students will learn how climate models, such as Canada's four Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs)³, can help predict the impacts of a changing climate on forests; how this data can be used to facilitate conservation; how a changing climate will influence ecosystem shifts in Alberta; how these projected altered ecosystem are expected to impact Alberta's forest health; and how these shifts will present challenges to existing forest management and harvest systems. Teams will work together to create innovative solutions to complex problems facing the forest and the environment.

¹ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020

² AFPA - Alberta Forest Products Association /

³ Representative Concentration Pathways (canada.ca)

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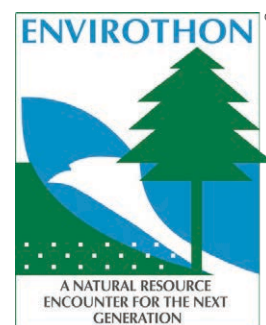
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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (NCF)



On behalf of the National Conservation Foundation (NCF), we are thrilled to welcome you to the 2025 NCF-Envirothon Annual Competition hosted in Calgary, Alberta! This year, we are thrilled to explore Alberta's extraordinary landscapes, engage with conservation issues, and dive into our 2025 Current Issue: "Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a CanopyCanada of Change."

Alberta is truly one of Canada's environmental gems, rich in both natural beauty and resources. Over 60% of Alberta's land mass is considered public land, often referred to as "Crown land". Alberta is home to five national parks: Banff, Jasper, Waterton Lakes, Elk Island, and Wood Buffalo, and approximately 60% of the province is covered by forests. The expansive boreal forest that spans across the northern part of the province helps regulate the climate and is home to countless species, including moose, wolves, and the elusive wolverine. These forests

also support the province's forest industries, including sustainable timber harvests, which contribute significantly to the economy. Additionally, Alberta's grasslands, wetlands, and waterways provide an array of essential services from carbon sequestration to biodiversity support, water filtration, and habitat for wildlife.

The province is the traditional lands of varied Indigenous Peoples; the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. Traditional knowledge and stewardship practices have shaped the land for millennia by these people through traditions and protocols. The Cree, Blackfoot, Îlethka Stoney Nakoda, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, Beaver, Dene, and the Métis hold knowledge through lived experiences with the land. We honor this knowledge and strive to learn together, as intended through Treaty promises.

As we focus on the theme of this year's competition, "Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change," Alberta's forests are at the heart of the discussion. You are invited to learn how Alberta is

adapting to shifts in temperature and precipitation and how innovative solutions, combined with traditional knowledge, can help safeguard these crucial ecosystems. You will also have the chance to explore the delicate balance between economic development and environmental stewardship, as Alberta seeks to protect its natural resources while supporting its economy.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Alberta Envirothon Association, the Alberta Host Committee, and all the volunteers and supporters who have worked tirelessly to bring this event to life. We are confident that your time in Alberta will inspire you and deepen your understanding of the vital role forests play in the environment and economy. The experiences you gain here will help shape your future as environmental leaders, and we look forward to sharing this incredible province with you.

Good luck, and we can't wait to see you in Calgary this July!



Challenging Professional Inspiring
Welcoming
Reconciliation Connection
Punctual Respect Gratitude
Collaborative Excellence Community
Balanced Positive Truth
Friendly
Efficient Supportive Fun Fair
Science Stewardship
Creativity Laughter Self-care
Organized
Educational





Photo: Lakeland College



WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE 2025 ALBERTA HOST COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Alberta Envirothon Association, I'd like to wish you the warmest welcome to Alberta. We are thrilled that you are joining us here for the 2025 NCF-Envirothon.

The land, water, and forests this competition is being held on have been stewarded by Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial and we thank them for sharing the land with us. We honor their many distinct languages, cultures, and knowledge.

The Alberta Host Committee has worked extremely hard to ensure your stay with us is as comfortable as possible and that we have some fun throughout the week. Our intentions are to host an incredible competition, share our beautiful backyard with all of you, provide experiences of Indigenous Land Stewardship through the First People of this land, and have you want to come back in the future.

This competition will have us spend a day together in Canada's oldest National Park (Banff) which is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From Alberta's wild rose to our iconic grizzly bears and breathtaking forests and scenery, we hope you can witness it all and enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

With gratitude,

Chantelle Bambrick

President
Alberta Envirothon Association

SPONSORS & PARTNERS

On behalf of the 2025 Alberta Host Committee, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support and contribution to the success of this year's competition.

Your commitment to environmental education and the future of our youth is truly admirable. With your help, we are able to host an outstanding competition that not only showcases students' environmental knowledge but also empowers them to become stewards of our natural resources.

Without your invaluable support, it would have been impossible to uphold the high standards that the NCF-Envirothon competition has become known for. We are incredibly proud to count you among our sponsors and partners, and we deeply appreciate your dedication to making this event a remarkable success.

We would like to acknowledge the support of our grant funding agency, the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA), and the generous sponsorship from four forestry companies:

- * Weyerhaeuser
- * West Fraser
- * Foothills Forest Products
- * Canfor

The NCF-Envirothon program is also supported by:

- * National Conservation Foundation (NCF)
- * USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- * Smithfield Foods Inc.
- * Canon U.S.A.
- * National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

The phrase "many hands make light work" has never been more true while coordinating this event! Huge thanks to representatives from the following organizations who sit on the Alberta Board of Directors and made this year's competition possible:

- * Future Energy Systems, University of Alberta
- * Lakeland College
- * Inside Education
- * Foothills Landscape Management Forum
- * County of Grande Prairie
- * Riparian Management Society-Cows and Fish
- * Alberta Lake Management Society
- * Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society
- * Alberta Environment and Protected Areas
- * Alberta Forestry and Parks

Finally, we'd like to extend special thanks to Gravity Pull Event Planning, our Cultural Advisors Alison Struth (Inoqom Education) and Vivian McDonald, Fox Bookkeeping Services, Mount Royal University and André Lemay for his graphic design expertise.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and belief in our mission. We look forward to continuing our partnership and achieving even greater success in the years to come.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

For schedule updates during the competition, check the Envirothon App

SATURDAY JULY 19 – EARLY CHECK-IN

3:00pm – 4:00pm | 6:30pm – 10:00pm

West Residence Building B

Room RB1025

SUNDAY JULY 20 – REGISTRATION & OPENING DAY

Time	Activity	Who	Location	Room
12:00pm – 5:00pm	Registration & Check-In	All	West Residence Building B	RB1025
1:00pm – 11:00pm	Hospitality Lounge (Adults only, Licensed 8:00pm– 11:00pm)	Guests, Volunteers, Advisors	Main LP Building	Lincoln Park Room
3:00pm – 6:00pm	Team Photos	Students, Advisors	EC Building	Ross Glen Hall Foyer
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Dinner	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
6:00pm – 6:30pm	Advisor Orientation Meeting	Advisors	TCPA (ED) Building	Atelier Room
6:15pm – 6:45pm	Flag Bearer Training	Team Captains	TCPA (ED) Building	Bella Concert Hall Mezzanine
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	All	TCPA (ED) Building	Bella Concert Hall
9:00pm – 10:30pm	Trading Session (Drop off items from 4–7pm)	Students, Advisors	EC Building	Ross Glen Hall
9:30pm – 10:30pm	Ice Cream Social	All	EC Building	Ross Glen Hall Foyer
11:00pm	Team Curfew			

MONDAY, JULY 21 – TRAINING DAY

Time	Activity	Who	Location	Room
6:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
6:45am – 7:15am	Daily Smudge & Sharing Circle (Optional)	All	Main LP Building	Outside the Table Food Hall
7:00am – 7:30am	Volunteer Check-in	Volunteers	Main LP Building	1128
7:30am – 7:50am	Daily Update	Advisors, Team Captain	Main LP Building	1115–Jenkins Theatre
7:45am – 8:15am	Load Students Buses (Buses Depart at 8:15am)	Students, Volunteers	TransCanada Amphitheatre	
8:30am – 4:00pm	Advisor & Guest Tours (Optional - Buses depart at 8:30am)	Guests, Advisors	Parking Lot A	
9:30am – 3:30pm	Field Training Stations	Students, Presenters, Volunteers	Field Site A	
11:00am – 11:50am	Boxed Lunch	Students, Volunteers	Field Site A	
1:00pm – 11:00pm	Hospitality Lounge (Adults only)	Guests, Volunteers, Advisors	Main LP Building	Lincoln Park Room
4:45pm	Students Return to Campus	Students, Volunteers	TransCanada Amphitheatre	
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
7:15pm – 7:30pm	Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address	Students, Advisors	EC Building	Ross Glen Hall
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Study Hall (First hour mandatory)	Students, Advisors	EC Building	Ross Glen Hall
11:00pm	Team Curfew			

TUESDAY, JULY 22 – TESTING DAY

Time	Activity	Who	Location	Room
6:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
6:45am - 7:15am	Daily Smudge & Sharing Circle (Optional)	All	Main LP Building	Outside the Table Food Hall
7:00am - 7:30am	Volunteer Check-in	Volunteers	Main LP Building	I128
7:30am - 7:50am	Daily Update	Advisors, Team Captain	Main LP Building	I115–Jenkins Theatre
7:45am - 8:15am	Load Students Buses (Buses depart at 8:15am)	Students, Volunteers	TransCanada Amphitheatre	
8:30am - 4:00pm	Advisor & Guest Tours (Optional - Buses depart at 8:30am)	Guests, Advisors	Parking Lot A	
9:15am - 3:20pm	Field Testing	Students, Volunteers	Field Site B	
12:15pm - 1:15pm	Boxed lunch	Students, Volunteers	Field Site B	
1:00pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality Lounge (Adults only)	Guests, Volunteers, Advisors	Main LP Building	Lincoln Park Room
4:15pm	Students Return to Campus	Students, Volunteers	TransCanada Amphitheatre	
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Dinner	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Field Test Marking	Board, Volunteers	Main LP Building	W312, W316, W322
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Vision behind 2025 logo shared through story, song & drumming (Mackenzie Brown, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation)	Students, Advisors, Guests	TransCanada Amphitheatre	
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Social Activities (Volleyball, Basketball, Dodgeball)	Students, Advisors	Stanley Gym	
11:00pm	Team Curfew			

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 – EDUCATION / FUN DAY IN BANFF

Time	Activity	Who	Location	Room
6:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
7:00am - 7:20am	Daily Update	Advisors, Team Captain	Main LP Building	I115–Jenkins Theatre
7:30am - 8:00am	Load Buses (Buses depart at 8:00am)	All	TransCanada Amphitheatre	
10:00am - 1:30pm	Banff Sunshine Meadows Sightseeing Gondola (Group Photo)	All	Sunshine Village	
11:00am - 1:00pm	Boxed Lunch	All	Sunshine Meadows	
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Banff Ave. (Shopping & Sightseeing)	All	Town of Banff	
4:45pm - 8:30pm	Mount View BBQ Social (Educational Demos, Music, Lawn Games, Snacks)	All	Mount View BBQ	
5:45pm	Dinner	All	Mount View BBQ	
10:00pm	Buses Return to Campus	All	TransCanada Amphitheatre	
11:00pm	Team Curfew			

THURSDAY, JULY 24 – ORAL PRESENTATION TRAINING & PREP DAY

Time	Activity	Who	Location	Room
7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
6:45am - 7:15am	Daily Smudge & Sharing Circle (Optional)	All	Main LP Building	Outside the Table Food Hall
7:30am - 8:00am	Daily Update	Advisors, Team Captain	Main LP Building	III5-Jenkins Theatre
8:30am - 5:00pm	Advisor & Guest Tour (Optional)	Guests, Advisors	Parking Lot A	
9:15am - 11:45am	Scenario/Oral Presentation Training	Students		Ross Glen Hall (all sections)
9:00am - 10:00am	Team Buddy Training	Team Buddies, CAT	Main LP Building	III5-Jenkins Theatre
11:30am - 12:30pm	Lunch	Students, Team Buddies, CAT	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch	Advisors, Guests, Host Committee, Volunteers	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
1:00pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality Lounge (Adults only, Licensed 8:00pm- 11:00pm)	Guests, Volunteers, Advisors	Main LP Building	Lincoln Park Room
12:15pm - 12:45pm	OP Materials Check-Out	Students, Team Buddies, CAT	EC Building, EB Building, LP Building	51 Classrooms
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Oral Presentation Volunteer Orientation	Judges, Timers, Team Guides, CAT, Host Committee	TCPA (ED) Building	III5-Jenkins Theatre
12:45pm - 6:45pm	Team Sequestration (Snacks provided)	Students, Team Buddies, CAT	Main LP Building	III5-Jenkins Theatre
6:45pm - 7:15pm	OP Materials Check-In	Students, Team Buddies, CAT	EC Building, EB Building, LP Building	51 Classrooms
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner (Students at 7pm)	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Oral Presentation Volunteer Orientation	Judges, Timers, Team Guides, CAT, Host Committee	Main LP Building	III5-Jenkins Theatre
8:00pm - 11:00pm	Social Activity/Free Time	Students, Advisors		
11:00pm	Team Curfew			

FRIDAY, JULY 25 – ORAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS DAY

Time	Activity	Who	Location	Room
6:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
6:45am - 7:15am	Daily Smudge & Sharing Circle (Optional)	All	Main LP Building	Outside the Table Food Hall
7:00am - 8:00am	Judges & Volunteer Check-in / Meeting	Judges	TCPA (ED) Building	Atelier Room (ED1120)
7:30am - 7:50am	Daily Update	Advisors, Team Captain	Main LP Building	1115-Jenkins Theatre
8:00am - 12:45pm	Oral Presentation Team Check-in	Students	EC Building EB Building	Ross Glen Hall Foyer East Wing Entrance Hallway
8:30am - 12:45pm	Preliminary Team Oral Presentations	Students, Judges	EC & EB Buildings	Various Classrooms
9:00am - 1:30pm	College and Career Fair	All	EC Building	Ross Glen Hall
11:00am - 1:30pm	Lunch	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
1:00pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality Lounge (Licensed 8:00pm- 11:00pm)	Guests, Volunteers, Advisors	Main LP Building	Lincoln Park Room
1:30pm - 4:45pm	Top 3 Oral Presentation Finals & Keynote Speaker	All	TCPA Building	Bella Concert Hall
5:00pm - 6:45pm	Catered Buffet Dinner	All	TransCanada Amphitheatre	BBQ Dinner
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Awards Celebration	All	TCPA Building	Bella Concert Hall
8:30pm - 11:00pm	Dance & Photo Booth	Students	EC Building	Ross Glen Hall
11:30pm	Team Curfew	All		

SATURDAY, JULY 26 – TRAVEL DAY

Time	Activity	Who	Location	Room
6:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast	All	Main LP Building	The Table Food Hall
7:00am - 11:00am	Room Check-out	All	West Residence Building B	RB1025

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY

Mount Royal University (MRU) offers the atmosphere of a small town and the resources of a big city so you can enjoy the best of both worlds. With state-of-the-art classrooms, amazing recreation facilities, a world-class concert hall, LEED-certified eco-buildings and spacious residences, MRU provides the spaces and resources for student success.

MRU's purpose is to provide personalized learning that fosters the success and satisfaction of our students. The school was founded as a college in 1910 and became a university in 2009, with over 90,000 alumni. In 1972 the college moved from downtown Calgary to its current campus, which was formerly an air force base. The campus and residences were expanded for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Currently 15,782 students are enrolled at MRU.

Mount Royal University is situated on an ancient and storied land steeped in ceremony and history that, until recently, was occupied exclusively by people indigenous to this place. With gratitude and reciprocity, Mount Royal acknowledges the relationships to the land and all beings, and the songs, stories and teachings of the Siksika Nation, the Piikani Nation, the Kainai Nation, the Îlethka Stoney Nakoda Nation (consisting of the Chiniki, Bearspaw and Goodstoney Nations), the people of the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Métis.

Learn more at [Mount Royal University Land Acknowledgement](#)

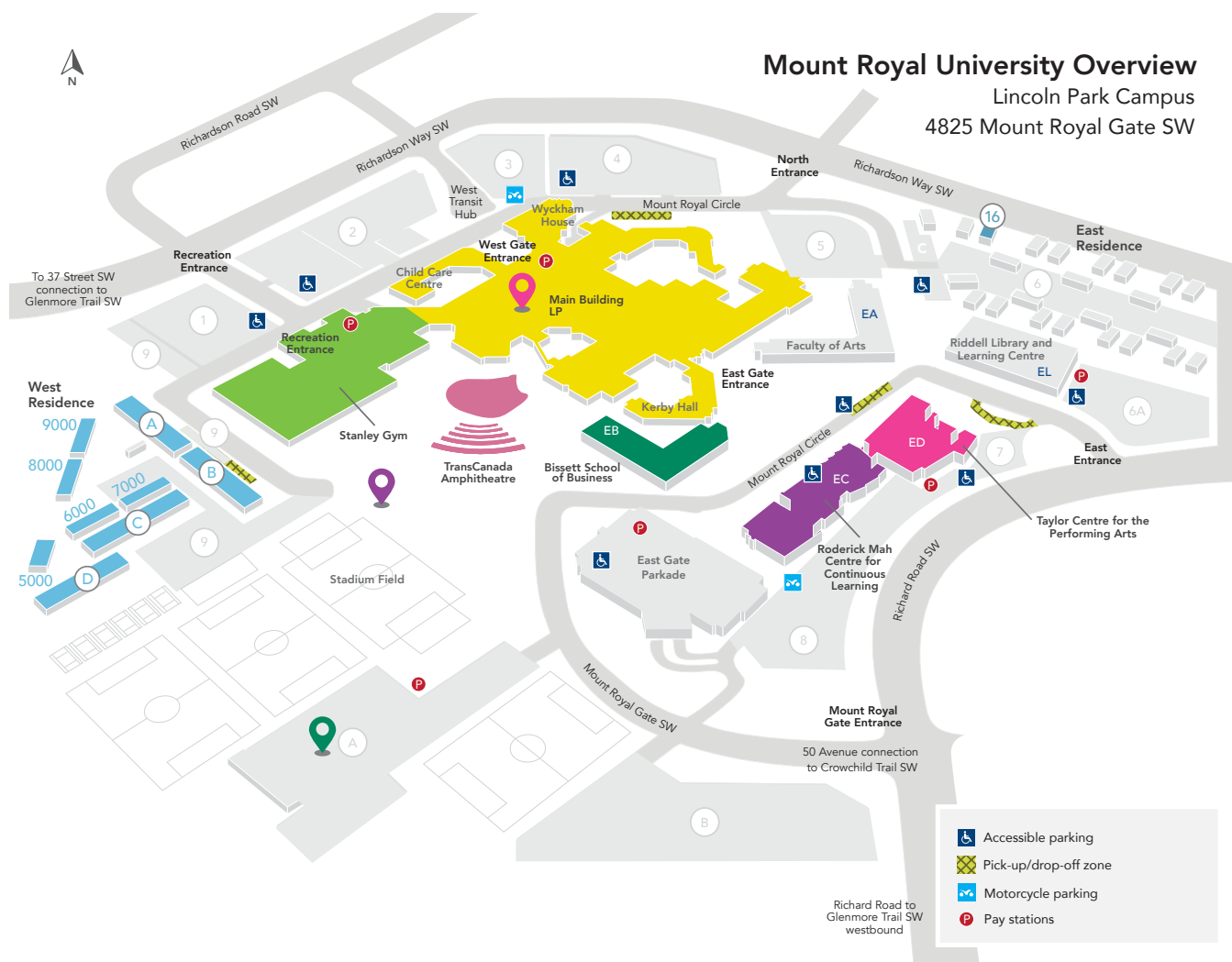


CAMPUS MAP

Find your way around the Mount Royal campus through the searchable classroom map:
mtroyal.ca/Applications/mru-classroom-map/

The buildings we will be using during the competition include:

- Main Building (Lincoln Park = LP)
- TransCanada Amphitheatre
- Roderick Mah Centre for Continuous Learning (= EC)
- Stanley Gym
- Taylor Centre for Performing Arts (= T CPA / ED)
- Envirothon Operations Centre–LP I128
- Bissett School of Business (= EB)
- Advisor & Guest Tour Bus pick up & drop off
- West Residence
- Student Bus pick up
- East Residence



CAMPUS DIRECTORY

- * All rooms have a letter and a room number. For example, the Iniskim Centre in T110 is located in the T-Wing on Level 1.
- * Rooms numbered 100–199 are on Level 1.
- * Rooms numbered 200–299 are on Level 2.
- * Rooms numbered 300–399 are on Level 3.
- * The East Gate Entrance is on Level 1.
- * The West Gate and Recreation entrances are on Level 2.

LEVEL 1



ROOMS

LP-II28 | Envirothon Operations Centre
EC1040-1060 | Ross Glen Hall
LP-III5 | Jenkins Theatre
West Residence Building B RB1025 | Registration
ED1120 | Atelier Room
UI130 | Stanley Gym (Recreation)
 Residence Office, West Residence, Building B
H100 | OneCard Services
H100 | Cougars Campus Store
H100 | Digital Print Centre
H100 | Parking Office
UI130 | Recreation Customer Service Centre
Z-Wing, Level 1 | Pharmacy, Wyckham House
T110 | Iniskim Centre

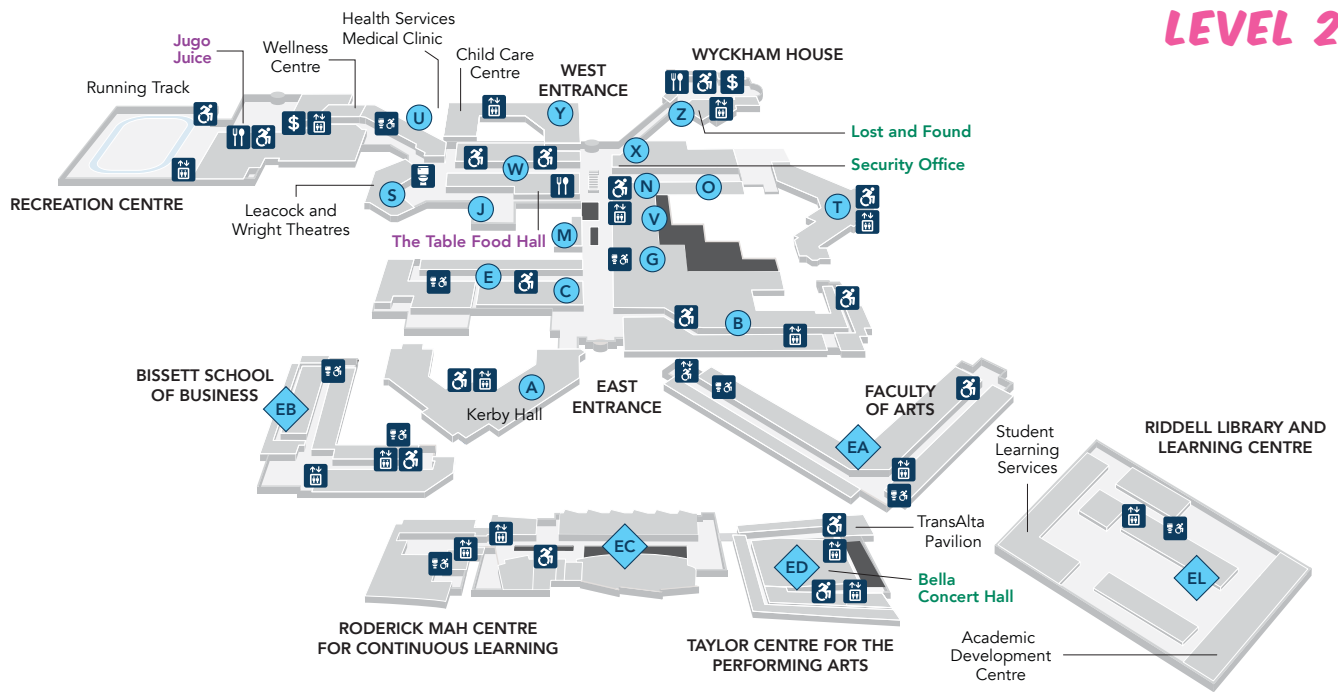
FOOD SERVICES

Meal cards can be used at:
EL, Level 1 | Barrow Coffee Roasters
East Gate, Level 1 | Proudly Serving Starbucks
J-Wing, Level 1 | Tim Hortons

LEGEND

	Elevator		Food service
	Accessibility lift		Bank machine
	Accessible washroom		
	Accessible, all-gender washroom		
	All-gender washroom		

LEVEL 2



ROOMS

ED1200 | Bella Concert Hall

X200 | Security Services

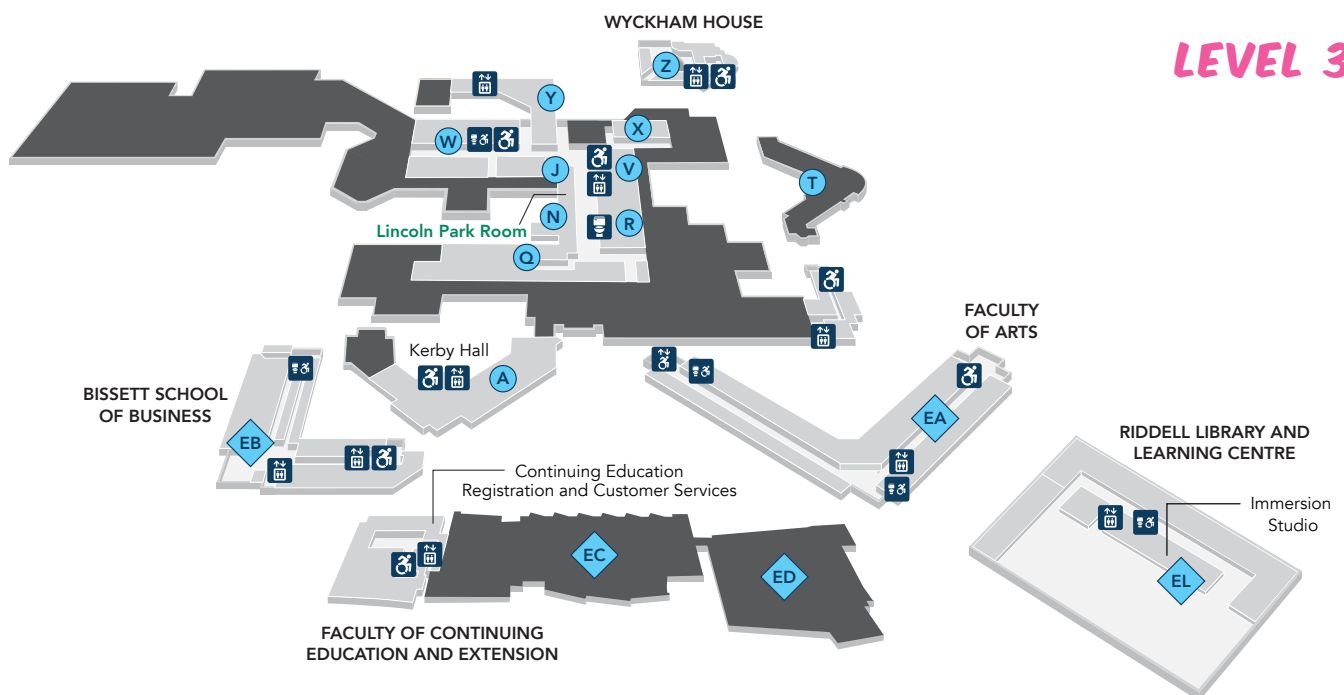
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FOOD SERVICES

EA, Level 1, U-Wing, Level 2 | Jugo Juice

J-Wing, Level 2 | The Table Food Hall

LEVEL 3



ROOMS

LP J301 | Lincoln Park Room

CAMPUS PARKING

Payment for parking at MRU is required at all times but a parking registration link will be provided to cover the cost for Envirothon attendees (teams, guests and volunteers). The link will be emailed out the week prior to the competition.

Envirothon attendees must register their licence plate each day when they arrive at MRU. Those staying on campus can register once for the duration of their stay. Once the parking registration is completed, guests should check they received a confirmation email to ensure they won't be ticketed.

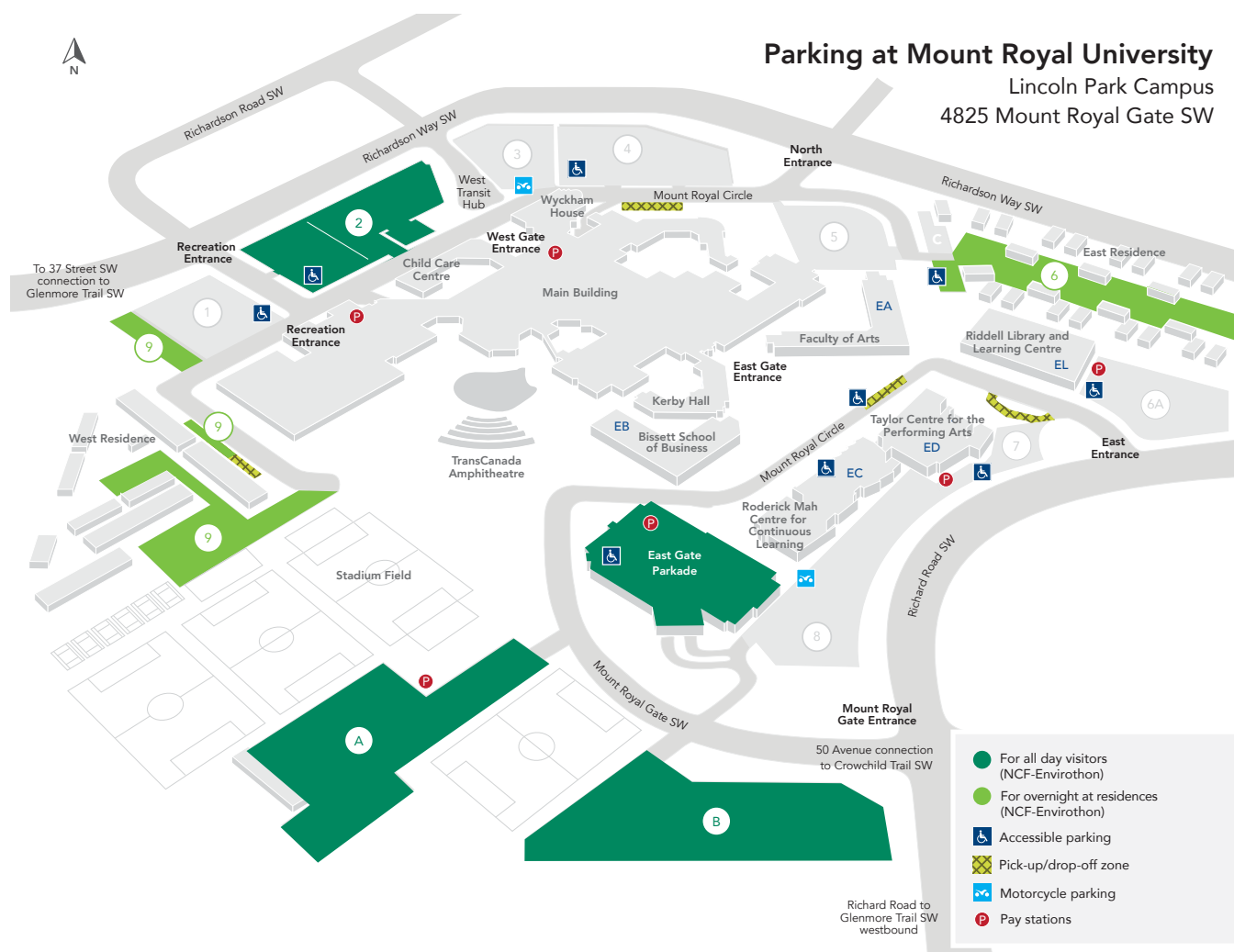
This parking registration allows attendees to park in any visitor lots, the recommended lots are East Gate Parkade, Lots 2, A, and B.

Do not park in a permit lot – you may be ticketed even if you've registered for parking.

Anyone staying overnight in the residences, parking lot 9 is closest to West Residence and can be accessed off Richardson Way SW (West Entrance). There is also temporary 15-minute parking available on the street in front of the West Residence Building B to allow you to check-in and unload luggage.

Volunteers and guests coming for the day are recommended to park in lot 2 or the East Gate Parkade. Lot 2 is closest to the West Gate Entrance into the Main Lincoln Park (LP) Building. The East Gate Parkade is close to the Bella Concert Hall and Ross Glen Hall. This lot is accessed off Richard Road SW (Mount Royal Gate Entrance). Lots A and B also have ample parking close to this area of campus.

For more information about parking and the interactive parking map, visit: mtroyal.ca/AboutMountRoyal/TransportationParking/Visitor-Rates-Parking-Map.htm



WHILE ON CAMPUS

CAMPUS CONTACTS

Residence Services

Contact Residence Services for questions or concerns related to the residences, once on-site (such as lost room keys, towel and linen replacement or maintenance issues):

Phone: **403-440-6275**

Email: residence@mtroyal.ca

West Residence Building B
200 Mount Royal Circle SW,
Calgary, AB T3E 7P7

Open Monday to Friday 8:30am –
8:00pm, Weekends 10:00am-8:00pm

A staff member is also on-call
after-hours to handle urgent
residence issues:

Phone: **403-440-8215**

Envirothon Operations Centre

Need more info? Our Envirothon
Operations Centre will be at Room
1-128, which is located on the first
floor in the Main LP Building,
underneath The Table Dining Hall.

Stop in here if you have questions
about:

- * Envirothon lost and found
- * Signing in and out from campus
- * Guest and advisor tours
- * Mount Royal University
information
- * Local places to see
and things to do
- * Event merchandise
- * Envirothon in general!

Security

Security related issues can be
directed to MRU Campus Security
or Emergency Services:

MRU Campus Security 24-hour
emergency line: **403-440-5900**

Non-emergency
contact: **403-440-6897**
Email: security@mtroyal.ca

Emergency Services: **911**

MRU's Lost and Found

MRU's Lost and Found is located
at MRU Security beside the West
Gate entrance. If you have found
an item after hours, of critical
importance (i.e. wallet, keys or
ID), you can drop it in security's
24-hour drop box with a note of
where you found the item.

Event Merchandise

Get your Alberta Envirothon merchandise as souvenirs!

- * Travel mugs are now also available for purchase online! Limited stock
remains for hoodies. Order now for pick-up at registration.
Pre-order and pay online at: albertaenvirothon.org/ncf-envirothon2025



CONDUCT ON CAMPUS

All students, teacher advisors, chaperones, guests and volunteers should familiarize themselves with the NCF-Envirothon Annual Competition Rules and Regulations available at: envirothon.org/the-competition/rules-regulations

A few important topics we'd like to make note of include:

Leaving Campus During the Week

- * **Advisors/Chaperones:** Unless you are on one of the daily Advisor/Guest Tours, if you plan to leave campus at any time during the event, please check in at the Envirothon Operations Centre and provide your contact information while you are off campus.
- * **Student Team Members:** No student team member (regardless of age) should leave campus at any time without their advisor/chaperone present.

Team Supervision

- * **Advisors/Chaperones,** it is your responsibility to properly supervise your team when they are in your care (any time the team is not participating in an official competition activity). This includes making sure they are in their rooms (and stay there) after curfew each night!

MRU Guest Information & Responsibilities

MRU respectfully asks all guests to adhere to the following rules & responsibilities as conditions of occupying a unit in the Mount Royal University Residence Complex. Further information is available in MRU's [Residence Handbook & Conduct Guide](#).

Quiet Hours

As a student residence facility courtesy quiet hours are in effect from 10:00 pm to 8:00 am.

Smoking

Smoking is PROHIBITED in all Residence Services facilities, and within 3 metres of all entrances and exits of the Residence complex. Should any smoking occur in a room for which you are responsible, any cleaning costs will be applied to your account.



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Illegal Drugs

Illegal drugs may not be used or possessed on University grounds.

Firearms, Fireworks, etc.

Firearms, weapons, ammunition, fireworks, explosive and highly flammable materials are prohibited from all Residences and Mount Royal University property.

Liability

Mount Royal University does not carry insurance on the personal property of residents/conference participants. Guests are therefore responsible for their own personal property and subsequent insurance.

Lost and Found

Unless otherwise directed in writing, Residence Services will donate unclaimed lost and found items to a local charity after 30 days. In the event that Residence Services receives an inquiry for an article before it is donated, guests will have the opportunity to claim the article in person or to supply a credit card for postage or courier costs.

Health and Safety

All guests agree to comply with all reasonable requests and regulations provided by Mount Royal University representatives regarding special health and safety considerations. All federal and provincial statutes, as well as Mount Royal University regulations concerning health, safety, and public order, which are applicable to the use and occupancy of public facilities, shall be observed.

Fire Procedures

Guests are expected to familiarize themselves with the location of fire exits, alarms, and extinguishers. Those who tamper with or falsely use the fire alarm system or tamper with any fire system equipment, including fire extinguishers and/or fire hoses, will be evicted from the Residence complex immediately, without refund, and will be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution by the appropriate authorities.

Defacement/Damaged Property

The guest/group assumes responsibility for any and all damages, other than normal wear and tear, incurred to Residence Services facilities including excessive trash, which are directly or proximately caused by the guest, group, or its participants during the time covered in the Agreement.

In addition, the guest/group, shall pay for loss or theft of Mount Royal University property occurring during the occupancy by the group, its officers, guests, patrons, or invitees. An inspection of the facilities for damages will be conducted after the guest/group vacates. The guest/group may request a pre- and post inspection of the facility by contacting Residence Services/Assignment Coordinator. A detailed list of damages will be provided to the guest/group upon request.



CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

ACCOMMODATIONS

MRU's West Residence will be your home away from home during the Envirothon competition!

Teams will be staying in one main West Residence apartment building.

- * 5-story apartment building with 1-, 2- and 4-bedroom units
- * Private bedrooms with desk, chair, closet, linens and towels.
- * Bathrooms shared between 2 bedrooms in each apartment.
- * Each floor will only have attendees of the same gender.
- * Advisors and chaperones will be on the same floors as students, but in separate apartments and will only share bathrooms with other advisors (of the same gender).
- * No kitchens or living rooms will be accessible by students.
- * Advisors and chaperones can add on access to a kitchen and living area for an additional fee of \$150 per person for the week. This includes:
 - > Fridge, freezer, oven, stovetop, microwave, kitchen table, chairs, couches and coffee table.
 - > Kitchenware kit: dishes, cutlery, cooking utensils, pot, pan, can opener, cutting board, dish cloths and dish soap.

Guests and volunteers will be staying in West Residence townhouse style residences.

- * 4-bedroom townhouses
- * Private bedrooms with desk, chair, closet, linens and towels
- * Bathrooms shared between 2 bedrooms in each townhouse.
- * Shared kitchen and living area includes:
 - > Fridge, freezer, oven, stovetop, microwave, kitchen table, chairs, couches and coffee table.
 - > Kitchenware kit: dishes, cutlery, cooking utensils, pot, pan, can opener, cutting board, dish cloths and dish soap.

Please note, the residences do not have air conditioning.

Visit mtroyal.ca for more information and virtual tours of the West Residence amenities.



Laundry

Laundry facilities are available in the basement of the West Residence Building B from 8am to 10pm. You can pay for laundry through [Coinomatic's CP Mobile App](#).

Bed linens and one towel are provided for guests. Although these are not changed out during the week, if towel or linen replacements are required, guests may bring them to the West Residence Front Desk in Building B.

Wifi

Free WiFi access is available across campus through the MRvisitor wireless network and in residence through ResNET Guest.

Check-in procedure:

- * Keys for residence rooms can be picked up in the West Residence Building B (Room RB1025) on Saturday July 19th from 3-4pm, 6:30-10pm or Sunday July 20th from 12-5pm.
- * Guests arriving outside check-in times can contact the number posted at Building B, message Alberta Envirothon through the app, or go to the Envirothon Operations Centre (LP I-128). These instructions will also be emailed out.

Check-out procedure:

- * You can return your room keys in Room RB1025 in the West Residence Building B from 7am-11am on Saturday July 26th. Any keys not returned will be charged \$25 for replacement.
- * All towels, linens, pillows can be left in the rooms.
- * Waste should be placed in waste bins in the rooms.

Reminder: No matter when your team leaves, it is the Team Advisor/Chaperone's responsibility to make sure your team follows all Check-Out Procedures before leaving campus. This includes visually inspecting all student rooms to make sure there is no trash or personal items left behind, and NO broken/damaged campus property.

Per NCF-Envirothon Competition Rules and Regulations:

"If a student is determined to be responsible for stealing, vandalism, or other activity that results in damage to property, the individual and their parent/legal guardian will be expected to pay any and all damages."

For any residence-related concerns such as lost room keys, towel and linen needs, maintenance issues, etc., contact the Residence Services Office in West Residence (403-440-6275).

ON-CAMPUS MEALS

- * Attendees will be provided a pre-filled MRU One Card that can be used to pay for meals at Mount Royal University.
- * Meal cards can be used at:
 - > The Table Dining Hall
 - > Tim Hortons
 - > Barrow Coffee Shop
 - > Jugo Juice
 - > Proudly Serving Starbucks
 - > Vending Machines
- * The Table Dining Hall is the main dining area and has something for everyone.
- * Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free and halal options are available. We can also accommodate other allergy restrictions, food intolerances or special diet requirements.
- * Attendees must communicate their allergy to cafeteria staff if they require a special accommodation.
- * PLEASE INDICATE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel rooms have been blocked off at the following hotel for guests who choose not to stay on-campus.

- * Grey Eagle Resort and Casino greyeagleresortandcasino.ca/hotel
 - > Guests must contact the hotel's Reservation Department directly at 1-844-719-8777 or 403-719- 8777
 - > Group name and dates of stay: Envirothon – Block ID: 91152 Block Code 250718GRAV
- * Reservations must be made prior to June 18, 2025 to qualify for the rate
- * Rates valid for July 18 – 26, 2025–subject to availability
- * \$229.00 (CAD), Standard 2 Bed Queen Room or Standard King Room, Single/Double Occupancy; \$25 charge per additional adult [max 4]; subject to additional tax/fee. 72-hrs individual cancellation
- * All reservations require a valid credit card for guarantee and charges

Other nearby hotels include:

- * The Inn on Officers' Garden theinncalgary.com
- * The Carriage House Hotel and Conference Centre carriagehouse.net

Additional fees:

- * **Lost meal card:** A \$25 fee is required to reprint and transfer the balance to a new meal card. Visit the Envirothon Operations Centre (LP I-128) for assistance with meal cards.
- * **Lost room key:** \$50 is the fee to replace a residence room key if lost during the week or not returned upon check-out. Visit Residence Services in Building B or phone 403-440-6275 to get a new residence room key.
 - > **Note:** These fees will be paid directly to Alberta Envirothon prior to check-out, by e-transfer or through the online payment system [HERE](#).

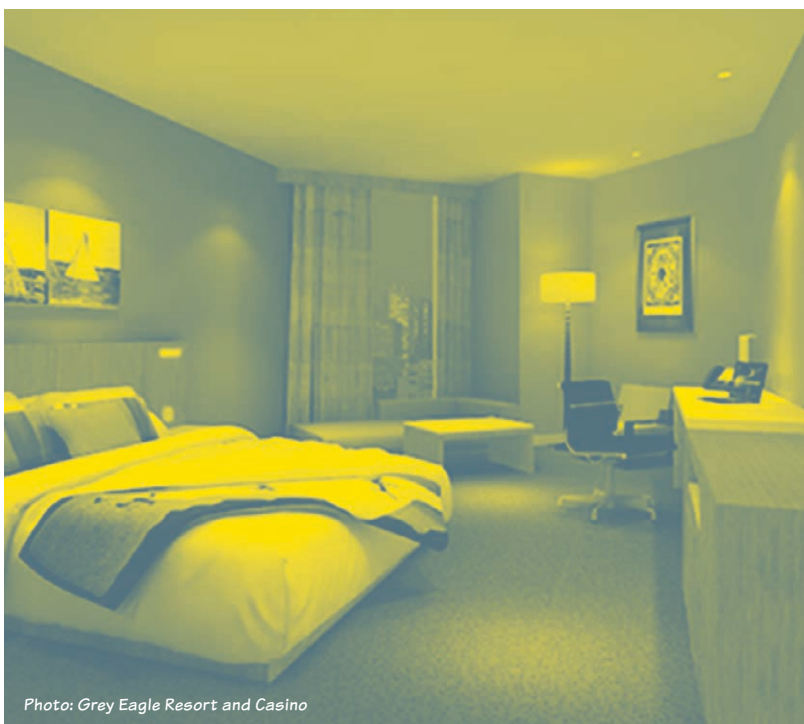


Photo: Grey Eagle Resort and Casino

REGISTRATION RATES

Register at envirothon.org/2025-alberta/registration

Contact administration@envirothon.org for questions related to registration.

REGISTRATION SELECTION	RATE	DETAILS	DUE DATE
Teams			
Team Registration	\$2300 USD / team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For up to five (5) student team members and 2 advisors and/or chaperones. * From noon on Sun. July 20 to the morning of Sat. July 26. * Fee covers housing, linens, meals and activities during the competition week. 	June 1, 2025 ¹
Team Early Arrival on July 19	\$400 USD / team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For teams arriving on campus on Sat. July 19. * Fee covers housing and linens only, no meals. (There are some quick service restaurants on and near campus). 	June 6, 2025 ²
Advisor/ Chaperone Kitchen & Living	\$150 / person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For team advisors or chaperones who would like access to a kitchen and living area connected to their single room. 	June 6, 2025 ²
Guests			
On-Campus Guest-Week	\$800 USD / person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For event guests staying in campus housing for the week. * From noon on Sun. July 20 to the morning of Sat. July 26. * Fee covers housing, linens, meals and activities during the competition week. 	June 6, 2025 ²
1-Day Guest Early Arrival	\$80 USD / person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For on-campus guests arriving on Sat. July 19. * Fee covers housing and linens only, no meals. 	June 6, 2025 ²
2-Day Operating Committee Early Arrival	\$150 USD / person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For operating committee members arriving on campus on Fri. July 18. * Fee covers housing, linens and meals. 	June 6, 2025 ²
Off-Campus Guest	\$400 USD / person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For event guests staying off campus for the full week of competition. * Fee covers food and activities for the week, but no housing. 	June 6, 2025 ²
Day Guest	\$100 / person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For guests participating per day (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday). * Fee covers transportation, food and activities each day. 	June 6, 2025 ²
Education / Fun Day Guest	\$150 / person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * For guests participating only on Wed. July 23. * Fee covers transportation, food and activities for the entire day and evening. 	June 6, 2025 ²

Notes:

- State, Provincial, and Partner Nation Envirothon programs: Per the NCF-Envirothon Annual Competition Rules and Regulations, the Team Registration fee is due by June 1. For competitions that occur on or after June 1, team member names and information are not needed to meet the June 1 payment deadline. This payment can and should be submitted even if your state/provincial Envirothon competition is after this date. Failure to submit your registration payment by the deadline can result in a \$150.00 USD late fee or your program's ineligibility to sponsor a team to attend.
- Students, Team Advisors/Chaperones, and Guests from states/provinces whose Envirothon competition is held on or after May 30th have an additional 7 days from the conclusion of their state/provincial Envirothon competition to complete all Required Registration Forms and submit payments for the indicated registration options.
 - Nova Scotia – June 7
 - Ohio – June 11
 - Maryland – June 19

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Teams and NCF Guests register at envirothon.org/2025-alberta/registration.

Alberta residents volunteering at NCF-Envirothon register with the Alberta Envirothon at <https://forms.gle/GpnHk3PqTPUBT4vd8>.

Any guests from outside Alberta who also wish to volunteer must first register at envirothon.org and then complete Alberta Envirothon's volunteer form.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

To register to attend the 2025 NCF-Alberta competition, please:

1. Complete the registration process outlined for each participation category (Representatives, Advisors/Chaperones, Students and Guests) by the posted deadline.
 - * Until all required forms and payments are submitted for each individual registering to attend, the registration will be flagged as pending. Failure to submit by the deadline may result in ineligibility to attend.
2. Complete payment for your registration selections by the posted deadline.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment for registration can be made by Cheque/U.S. Bank Draft, PayPal (credit/debit card or PayPal account) or Direct Deposit. Please note, for those based outside of the U.S., a U.S. Bank Draft is required if paying by cheque.

- * All refunds will be assessed a \$100 handling fee
- * No Refunds after July 3, 2025

If paying by Cheque/US. Bank Draft:

- * Make payable to: NCF-Envirothon
- * Subject line note: 2025 NCFE Alberta Registration
- * Mail to: NCF-Envirothon, Attention: Karla Maldonado-Mitchell, 509 Capitol Court, N.E., Washington, DC 20002
- * Please include a copy of your Registration Invoice when mailing payment.
- * Mail must be postmarked by the registration deadline.

REQUIRED FORMS

Envirothon Program Representatives

All state, provincial and partner nation Envirothon Program Representatives are responsible for completing the following two (2) REQUIRED Forms:

1. Registration Invoice and Payment
 - * REMINDER: Team Registration Fee (\$2,300 USD) is due by June 1, 2025.
 - * Team registration fees paid after June 1 will incur an additional \$150 USD fee.
 - * All other registration selections can be paid at the same time as the Team Registration fee or separately, but before June 6, 2025.
2. Team Certification and Program Stats Form
 - * Complete by June 6, 2025, to certify that the Team (including all team members, substitutes, and the team Advisors/Chaperone) meet eligibility requirements of NCF-Envirothon Competition Rules and Regulations.

Advisors/Chaperones

All Team Advisors and/or Chaperones are responsible for completing the following four (4) REQUIRED forms by the following deadlines:

1. Advisor/Chaperone Registration:
Due by June 6, 2025
2. Medical and Insurance Information + Release:
Due by June 6, 2025
3. Team Information (Designate the Team Advisor responsible to complete): Due by June 6, 2025
4. Team Travel Itinerary Form: Due by June 20, 2025

PLEASE NOTE:

- * Mixed gender teams MUST have a Male and Female Advisor/Chaperone that is age 21 or older.

Team Members (Students)

All Team Advisors and/or Chaperones are responsible for their student's completion of the following two (2) REQUIRED forms by the June 6, 2025 deadline:

1. Student Team Member Registration
2. Medical & Insurance Information and Release

PLEASE NOTE:

- * If you are under the age of 18, please have a parent or legal guardian present to complete these forms. Their information and signature will be required.

- * Team Substitution Candidates should ALSO complete both forms in order to be eligible to replace an original team member in the event of an emergency. The Team Substitution Candidate(s) will NOT be able to attend the competition unless a team substitution is needed.

Guests

All Guests are responsible for completing the following three (3) REQUIRED forms by the June 6, 2025 deadline:

1. Registration Invoice and Payment
2. Guest Registration
3. Medical & Insurance Information and Release

Guests, please read before proceeding:

- * No Guest under the age of 21 is permitted to attend.
- * Please use the 2025 Registration and Payment portal (#1 above) to pay for Guest registration options for an individual or to bundle with other registration fees (helpful for multiple people from the same organization attending).

NOTE:

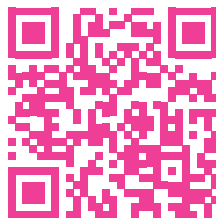
Envirothon Representatives, Guests, Team Advisors and Student Team Members from Nova Scotia, Ohio, and Maryland have an additional 7 days from the conclusion of their state/provincial Envirothon competition to complete all Required Registration Forms.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

All Students, Advisors, Chaperones and Guests attending the 2025 NCF-Envirothon Alberta Competition are required to have valid health insurance coverage and must provide proof of insurance.

- * For individuals not currently covered under any health insurance plan, a temporary limited policy can be obtained to cover the timeframe of the competition. A minimum of 7-14 days is recommended to cover all travel to and from the event location as well as the 6-days of the competition itself.
- * Scans of both sides of the insurance card must be uploaded when completing the Medical & Insurance Information and Release form.

ALBERTA VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers from Alberta do not need to register as a guest or pay through NCF-Envirothon. Alberta volunteers instead register with the Alberta Envirothon **HERE**. Accommodations and meals are covered during volunteer time.

Friday Awards Banquet: Tickets will be available for purchase for any non-registered guests or volunteers through Alberta Envirothon at: albertaenvirothon.org/ncf-envirothon2025

TRAVEL TIPS

TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

Complete your Team Travel Itinerary Form by:
June 20, 2025

What you Need: Passports and Travel Documents

- * All international travelers entering Canada **MUST** have a valid **PASSPORT!**
- * **Children – Traveling from the US:** US citizens under the age of 16 (or under 19, if traveling with school, religious group or other youth group), arriving by land or sea from contiguous territory, need only present a birth certificate or other proof of citizenship. The birth certificate can be original, photocopy or certified copy.
- * Citizens of the U.S. who are members of the NEXUS program may present their membership card as proof of identification and as a document that denotes citizenship, when arriving by air (when coming from the U.S.) or land.
- * Individuals from Asia, in addition to your passport, may need a travel authorization such as a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorizations (eTA) to enter Canada, depending on where you are from. **Find out if you need a Visa to travel to Canada.**
- * Canadian citizens flying within Canada can show either a valid passport or government issued photo ID.

Advisors/Chaperones – Traveling with your team (minors):

- * Carry a consent letter if you are not the parent or legal guardian of the minor. A consent letter must include the custodial parents' or legal guardians':
 - > Full name
 - > Address
 - > Telephone number

To avoid delays, have your consent letter notarized to support its authenticity. For more information on consent letters and to download a template, visit <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter>

GETTING TO MRU

Whether traveling by air or land into Canada, know what to expect at the border and be prepared by visiting the Canada Border Services Agency at cbsa-asfc.gc.ca.

ArriveCAN App

Using the ArriveCAN app is not required, however to save time at the border, you can use the ArriveCAN customs and immigration feature to complete your declaration within 72 hours in advance of your flight if you're flying into or connecting to a participating international airport such as the Calgary International Airport (YYC).

All visitors arriving from or transiting through the U.S. are also encouraged to visit U.S. Customs and Border Protection at cbp.gov for more information.

Travel by Air:

Mount Royal University (MRU) is located in Calgary, Alberta and the closest airport is the Calgary International Airport (YYC). MRU is only 23 km (14 miles) and less than a 30-minute drive from the airport.

Teams can book their own transportation to and from the airport through one of the many companies that operate out of the airport, listed at: yyc.com/en-us/transportation.

Airport Transportation Options:

- * Taxis
- * Uber or Lyft
- * Bus companies
- * Car rentals

Travel by Land:

Calgary, Alberta is located North of the state of Montana on Highway 2.

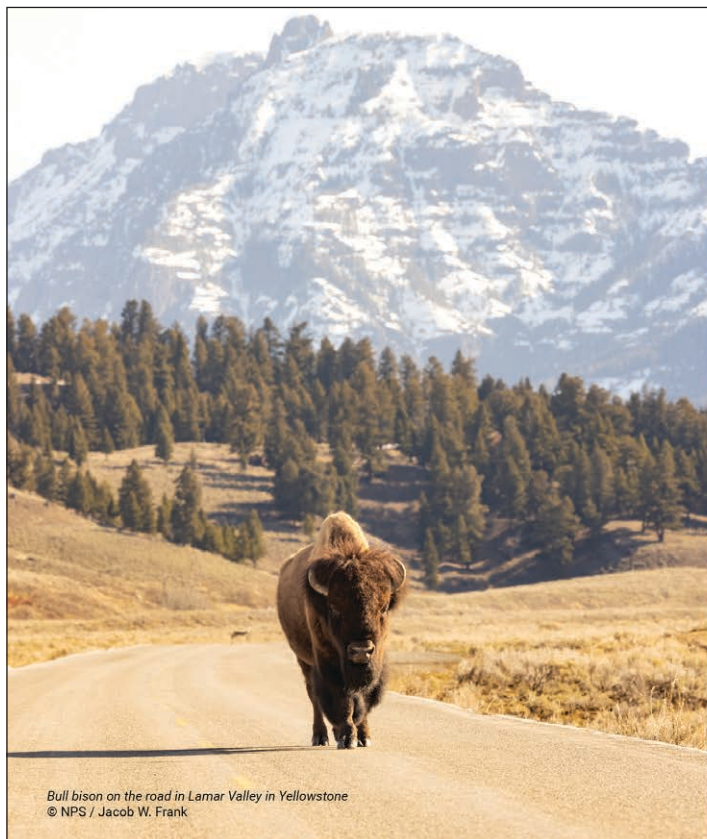
For information when crossing the border into Canada from the US, you can visit Canada Border Services Agency for land border wait times and more travel tips.

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If you do not have the proper documents, you may be delayed or refused entry into Canada.

It is CRITICAL that you consult with your local government authority on the forms, process, and timeline of receiving approved documentation that travel to Canada will require. Please don't wait until it is too late to start this process!

To learn more, visit: travel.gc.ca/

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Bull bison on the road in Lamar Valley in Yellowstone
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PACKING LIST

STUDENT TEAM MEMBERS:

- ★ State/ Provincial/ Partner Nation Envirothon T-shirt (REQUIRED to wear on training day)
- ★ Awards Ceremony Attire – Business Casual (no shorts/t-shirts please)
- ★ Lightweight Hiking Boots – Closed-toed shoes REQUIRED for Training and Testing sites
- ★ Lightweight Pants for Training/Testing sites (if desired – also helps with mosquitoes & ticks)
- ★ Casual Clothes
- ★ Jacket/Sweater
- ★ Rain Gear
- ★ Sunglasses
- ★ Backpack
- ★ Insect Repellent
- ★ Sunblock
- ★ Reusable Water Bottle
- ★ Toiletries
- ★ Prescribed and Over-the-counter Medications, as required
- ★ Health Card and other Medical Information
- ★ Extra Towel or Washcloth (optional)
- ★ Phone Charger
- ★ Camera
- ★ Alarm Clock
- ★ Portable fan (optional, no air conditioning will be available in the residences)
- ★ Items for Trading Session

! DO NOT BRING: Knives, firearms, fireworks, valuable jewelry, cigarettes or other tobacco products, matches, lighters, drones, other dangerous items. If flying, you cannot bring scissors or nail clippers in your carry-on.

COMPETITION ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION, AND DRESS CODE

SUNDAY JULY 20 - REGISTRATION, OPENING CEREMONY AND TRADING SESSION DAY

WHAT TO WEAR

Students can wear travel attire but teams may also choose to wear their own Envirothon t-shirts for the group photos taken during registration or during opening ceremonies.

During the opening ceremonies flag bearers are required to wear their own State/Provincial/Partner Nation Envirothon t-shirt brought from home.

Trading Session

Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, we will hold our traditional Trading Session where teams will have the chance to trade fun, unique items with other teams. These may be items with their local Envirothon program logo (e.g. Envirothon t-shirts, flags, frisbees, hats, pen, pencils, pins, posters, bandanas, etc.) or other unique items that are a hallmark of where you're from!

Due to the duties, fees and/or taxes charged on items being shipped from one country to another, and the uncertainty of packages clearing Canadian customs, we recommend teams bring all trading items in a carry-on or checked luggage, in accordance with airline and customs regulations.

Alternatively, you could arrange to ship your packages to a [UPS](#) or [FedEx](#) store and then pick them up once you arrive in Calgary. UPS or Fedex may act as the customs agent to help ensure packages arrive on time.



MONDAY JULY 21 - TRAINING DAY

WHAT TO WEAR

Students will be required to wear their own State/Provincial/Partner Nation Envirothon t-shirt brought from home on the training day. Outdoor attire (hats, sunglasses) should be worn along with closed-toed-shoes.

Students can wear casual clothing this evening for the study session.

Students will be provided with outdoor blankets for sitting on and a clear drawstring backpack to bring rain gear, extra layers and personal hygiene items if they wish. Students are encouraged to bring their water bottle. No phones or watches of any kind are permitted at the training stations.

Teams will attend Training Stations covering the 5 Areas of Study. There will be three (3) training sessions in total, each 90 minutes in length. Each student will attend only 3 of the 5 training sessions offered throughout the day.

In 2025, ALL students will attend the Current Issue station as a plenary session. After the Current Issue students will rotate through two additional stations. Each rotation will cover the exact same content and team members cannot repeat a station.

Training Station Choice

During the registration process, advisors are required to designate one of the four remaining training stations as each student's primary choice (from Aquatics, Wildlife, Forestry or Soils and Land Use). Two students will select the same station to start at. Students will have labels on their name tag badges that will identify which station they will attend as their starting station.

The 2025 NCF-Envirothon Alberta Host Committee will do their best to accommodate student's primary choice. If a primary choice is not indicated during registration, the 2025 NCF-Envirothon Alberta Host Committee will assign your team members to each training session, and there WILL NOT be an option to change the training assignments.

The students at each starting station will then move to the second training station collectively as a group based on the flow of the day. They will not be able to choose their 2nd station. Collectively, students from one team will have attended each training station.

Training Station Question Period

At each station, team members are encouraged to take notes and write down questions in the notebooks provided to them. During the last 10-15 minutes of each station training session, questions will be asked and answered as a collective group at the conclusion of the training station session—this will ensure that all students present at that station will be able to hear the question and the response from the station host presenters.

Notebook Use

All student notebooks will be handed out when Teams arrive at the training site and collected before the students board the buses to return to campus, along with any handouts provided during the training session. Notebooks and handouts will be made available for the team Study Session on Monday evening and collected at the end of the Study Session. Any notes taken or handouts provided from this training day are also encouraged to be used during the Oral Presentation Prep and will be included with the materials provided during Oral Presentation Sequestration period.



TUESDAY JULY 22 - TESTING DAY

WHAT TO WEAR

Students will be provided with a GREEN 2025 NCF-Envirothon Alberta t-shirt to be worn during testing. Outdoor attire should be worn along with closed-toed shoes.

Students will be provided a clear drawstring backpack to bring a hat, sunglasses, water bottle, rain gear, extra layers or personal hygiene items, if needed. No notes, study materials, phones or watches of any kind are permitted at the testing stations. Bring only the things you will need.

The testing format for the 2025 NCF-Envirothon Alberta will be station testing. This means that every testing stop will have questions associated with that core subject (Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatics, Soils and Land Use and Current Issue). Each core topic may also have additional questions related to the Current Issue.

After testing concludes, supper and activities will be held at Mount Royal University. Casual attire is recommended.

Sustainability at Canfor

At Canfor, sustainability is embedded throughout our operations from the forest to the finished product. We're continuously looking for new ways to apply sustainability innovation and low-carbon solutions.

Sustainability is integrated into decision-making, operations and the manufacturing of our products and is in alignment with globally recognized forest certifications and sustainability standards, including those outlined by the Global Reporting Initiative, the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board.

We work closely with Indigenous and local communities, partners and stakeholders so that our efforts benefit all. Together, we are building a better future with renewable materials. Visit canfor.com/sustainability to learn more.



WEDNESDAY JULY 23 - EDUCATION/FUN DAY

WHAT TO WEAR

Students, advisors and guests will all be provided and REQUIRED to wear the PURPLE 2025 NCF-Envirothon Alberta Education Day t-shirt during the Education/Fun Day activities. In the Canadian Rockies the weather can change quickly and it is advised that all dress in layers and wear sunscreen. Comfortable closed-toe shoes are recommended for those who would like to take the chairlift and hike.

This day is MANDATORY for all students and advisors and it will be great! We will be traveling to Banff National Park, Canada's first national park! The day's itinerary includes a stop at Sunshine Meadows, where the group can take the gondola and chairlift up the mountain to take in the views, experience the beauty and serenity of the area.

There will then be free time in the Banff townsite to visit the shops, boutiques, museums, or enjoy a traditional Canadian treat like a BeaverTail! To round out the day, dinner will be held at Mount View Barbecue, a private venue nestled in the mountains that includes live music and entertainment with sweeping mountain views, for a once in a lifetime experience.

Photo: Chantelle Bambrick



Banff Sunshine Meadows Chairlift

Photo: Chantelle Bambrick



Banff Sunshine Meadows View

Photo: Mount View BBQ



Town of Banff



Mount View Barbeque

THURSDAY JULY 24 - ORAL PRESENTATION TRAINING AND SEQUESTRATION DAY

WHAT TO WEAR

Casual clothes can be worn during oral presentation training and sequestration.

Team Snacks – An assortment of snacks and beverages, including a variety of options to meet dietary needs, will be provided for each team by the Host Committee and delivered to the designated location in advance of the preparation/sequestration time. In accordance with university regulations, outside food and drinks are prohibited in university classrooms. Therefore, Team Advisors are not allowed

to bring any snacks or beverages for their teams during the preparation and sequestration time. The Host Committee will guarantee that all teams have sufficient snacks and beverages throughout the day.

Advisors will not be permitted to be around their teams during lunch or sequestration, but they will be expected to pick up their teams at the end of sequestration.

Refer to Oral Presentation Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures at envirothon.org/2025-alberta/study-resources for more specific information about the oral presentation training and sequestration day.

FRIDAY JULY 25 - ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARD CEREMONY DAY

WHAT TO WEAR

Students will be given a BLUE NCF-Envirothon Oral Presentation t-shirt that they are REQUIRED to wear during their oral presentations. Please bring appropriate business casual pants or skirts to wear with the t-shirts.

The Awards Banquet and Ceremony that night will be business casual (i.e. Pants/Shirt/Tie, Dresses/Pant Suits, Shoes)–No shorts/t-shirts please!

Refer to Oral Presentation Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures at envirothon.org/2025-alberta/study-resources for more specific information about the oral presentations.

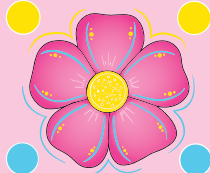
SATURDAY JULY 26 - TRAVEL DAY

WHAT TO WEAR

Students can wear travel attire on their travels home.

Safe travels to everyone!





Alberta 2025 NCF-Envirothon Logo

The logo for this year's 2025 Alberta NCF-Envirothon has been created by a talented local artist, Mackenzie Brown. We are thrilled that she will be attending Envirothon to share her vision and inspiration behind the logo and explain the symbolism and cultural significance of its features. You can follow her on Instagram [@kamamak_art](https://www.instagram.com/kamamak_art) to see other examples of her work.

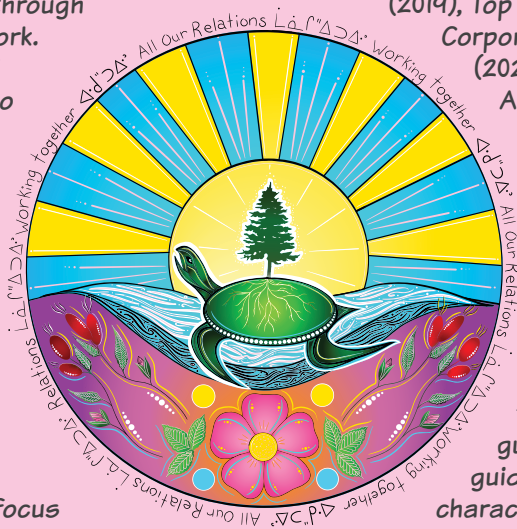
Mackenzie Brown is a First Nations Cree woman from the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, currently residing in Mohkinstsis (Calgary). A dynamic and award winning performer, drummer, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and advocate, Mackenzie has dedicated her life to creating meaningful connections through her art, culture, and community work. She is the co-founding member of Warrior Women, a performance duo with her mother that drums and teaches internationally, sharing their knowledge with schools, festivals, organizations, and communities across the globe.

In addition to her work as a performer, Mackenzie is a prolific multidisciplinary artist, known for her vibrant acrylic paintings, beadwork, leatherwork, and large-scale murals. Her art reflects her Cree heritage, with a focus on the relationship between the land, animals, and Indigenous identity in a contemporary context. Mackenzie's work has been featured in several prestigious galleries, including the Arts Commons Calgary, ATB Arts Branch, CSpace, Pump House Gallery, Edson Gallery Museum, and Gray Gallery at Grant MacEwan University. Her murals can be found in cities across Alberta and Canada, including Edmonton, Calgary, Guelph and Jasper National Park.

She was a featured artist at MASA, Africa's largest performing arts festival, where she represented Indigenous art in collaboration with the Ministry of Global Affairs Canada. She has also worked with high-profile clients such as Starbucks, Co-operators Insurance, New Horizon Coop Grocery, Sysco, and Parks Canada.

Over the years, Mackenzie has received numerous accolades for her contributions to the arts and Indigenous communities, including the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Award in 2017, Esquao Award for Children's Future (2019), Indigenous Woman of the Year from the Alberta Assembly of First Nations (2019), Top 30 under 30 from the Alberta Corporation for Global Cooperation (2020), and the Distinguished Alumni Award from MacEwan University (2022). Most recently, in 2024, she was honored with the Calgary Mayor's Arts Award for Indigenous Artists and named to Avenue Magazine's Top 40 Under 40 list.

Mackenzie's artistic practice is deeply rooted in her cultural teachings and the spiritual guidance of âtayôhkan (spirit guides). Her paintings, often characterized by movement and vibrant colors, evoke a sense of connection to Mother Earth and the spirit of the land. She draws inspiration from the landscapes around her, reflecting her beliefs in the healing power of art and its ability to bring forgotten stories and languages back to life. Through her work, Mackenzie aims to evoke emotion, remembrance, and a deeper understanding of the relationship between all living beings and the land.



EVENT COMMUNICATION

Questions?

Visit envirothon.org
or email:
info@envirothon.org

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2025 Envirothon App

Before, during and after the competition, we will be using a new mobile 2025 Envirothon app to allow teams and guests to view the agenda, announcements, speaker profiles, and more from your phone or electronic device.

The app is expected to go live in June and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play App Stores. Check out envirothon.org/2025-alberta/ for updates on it.

2

Socials

Share your Envirothon journey with us! From your state or provincial competition victory, the travel adventures you have to Alberta and of course the many memories you make during the competition.

Tag us! @ncfenvirothon @abenvirothon

#ncfenvirothon #2025ncfenvirothon
#2025Alberta #2025ncfenvirothonalberta
#envirothonab #rootsandresiliency
#fosteringforeststewardship
#canopyofchange



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Photos and Livestream Videos

Photos of the competition will be shared on the [NCF-Envirothon flickr account](#)

Your friends and family can watch the Top 3 Team Oral Presentations and Awards Ceremony live on our NCF-Envirothon YouTube channel! youtube.com/@ncfenvirothon

Be sure to Subscribe so you don't miss a minute of the action!

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Daily Newsletter

NCF-Envirothon Eyes and Ears – Each day, follow our newsletter that contains information and reminders on the day's activities and events, weather, what to wear, and previous day's highlights. It will be available on the envirothon.org website, socials and 2025 Envirothon app.

GUEST AND ADVISOR TOURS

Guests and advisors will have the opportunity to do some exploring around Calgary while students are busy at training, testing and oral presentation sequestration.

Please note, these tours are optional excursions organized by the Alberta Host Committee for an additional fee, which covers transportation, entry fees, boxed lunch, snacks and beverages.

Registration is still open to fill the last few remaining seats on each bus.

Visit envirothon.org/2025-alberta/ for further details and register at: gravitypull.swoogo.com/NCF-Envirothon-Alberta-2025



LAKE LOUISE AND CANMORE

Monday July 21, 2025

8:30am–4:00pm

\$125 CAD

Experience the Best of the Rockies: Lake Louise & Canmore Tour

Discover the breathtaking beauty of the Canadian Rockies on this unforgettable day tour. Travel in comfort aboard a charter bus while a knowledgeable guide provides engaging commentary along the way.

This full-day experience includes:

- ✦ Round-trip transportation on a luxury charter bus.
- ✦ Guided tour with insights into the region's history, wildlife, and landscapes.
- ✦ Visit one of the most iconic lakes in Banff National Park – the stunning turquoise waters of Lake Louise.
- ✦ A stop in the charming town of Canmore where you'll have free time to browse unique shops, boutiques, and restaurants.
- ✦ A boxed lunch is included in registration.

Perfect for those who want to explore without the stress of driving or parking, this tour offers a seamless and enriching way to experience the Rockies.

Limited spots available – reserve your seat today!



ROYAL TYRRELL MUSEUM

Tuesday July 22, 2025

8:30am–4:00pm

\$110 CAD

Discover the Dinosaurs: Royal Tyrrell Museum & Badlands Day Trip

Explore Alberta's prehistoric past on a self-guided adventure to the Royal Tyrrell Museum and the stunning Canadian Badlands. Travel in comfort aboard a charter bus, taking in the unique landscapes along the way.

This full-day experience includes:

- ✦ Round-trip transportation on a comfortable charter bus.
- ✦ Admission to the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller, home to one of the world's most impressive dinosaur fossil collections and interactive exhibits.
- ✦ Free time to explore the museum at your own pace.
- ✦ A boxed lunch to enjoy during the trip.

Perfect for history buffs, science enthusiasts, and anyone looking for a unique and hassle-free day trip.

Photo: Chantelle Bambrick



HEAD SMASHED-IN BUFFALO JUMP

Thursday July 24, 2025

8:30am–5:00pm

\$105 CAD

Step Into History: Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Guided Tour

Experience one of Canada's most remarkable cultural and historical sites with a guided tour of Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that tells the story of the Plains Indigenous peoples and their traditional buffalo hunting practices.

Travel in comfort aboard a charter bus as you take in the stunning landscapes of southern Alberta. Upon arrival, knowledgeable guides will lead you through the site, sharing the rich history, archaeology, and significance of this ancient buffalo jump.

This full-day experience includes:

- ✦ Round-trip transportation on a comfortable charter bus.
- ✦ Guided tour of Head Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site, led by experts who bring the history and culture of the site to life.
- ✦ Time to explore the interpretive centre, exhibits, and breathtaking views of the cliff top viewpoint at your own pace.
- ✦ A boxed lunch to enjoy during the trip.

This tour is perfect for history lovers, culture enthusiasts, and anyone looking to connect with Alberta's Indigenous heritage in a meaningful way.

EXPLORE ALBERTA – CANADA'S WILD SIDE



“ We're a little different than the rest of Canada. Alberta is home to North America's largest mountain range. It's where dinosaurs once roamed and where dense forests make way to open prairies. You can swim in jewel-coloured lakes, walk across glaciers and climb frozen waterfalls. If you have a Wild Side, you'll feel right at home wherever you go. ”

Credit: travelalberta.com/places-to-go/albertas-regions

Get inspired for your trip to Alberta! Check out travelalberta.com for trip ideas, things to do and places to go!



Outdoor safety

We recommend reviewing some tips for staying safe when visiting Alberta's parks and outdoors, from knowing the wildfire risk, proper etiquette when viewing wildlife, etc.

- * travelalberta.com/know-before-you-go/health-safety
- * albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/advisories-public-safety/outdoor-safety/



Did you Know?

Alberta has the most comfortable weather in Canada and is the sunniest province, with 312 days of sun per year!

- * The average July temperature in Calgary is a high of 23 C° (74 °F) and a low of 10 C° (50 °F)
- * The average rainfall in July is around 69.9 ml (2.8 inches)

Check out some other interesting facts about Alberta here: canadacrossroads.com/interesting-facts-about-alberta-canada/

ALL ABOUT ALBERTA!

Alberta's Provincial symbols:

Find out more about Alberta's provincial symbols here: alberta.ca/alberta-emblems



Provincial flower:
Wild rose
(*Rosa acicularis*)



Bird:
Great Horned Owl
(*Bubo virginianus*)



Stone:
Petrified wood



Mammal:
Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
(*Ovis canadensis*)



Tree:
Lodgepole pine
(*Pinus contorta*
variety *latifolia*)



Grass:
Rough Fescue
(*Festuca scabrella*)



Fish:
Bull trout
(*Salvelinus confluentus*)

THINGS TO SEE & DO AROUND CALGARY

Have some time to explore on your own? We have some suggestions!

Canmore



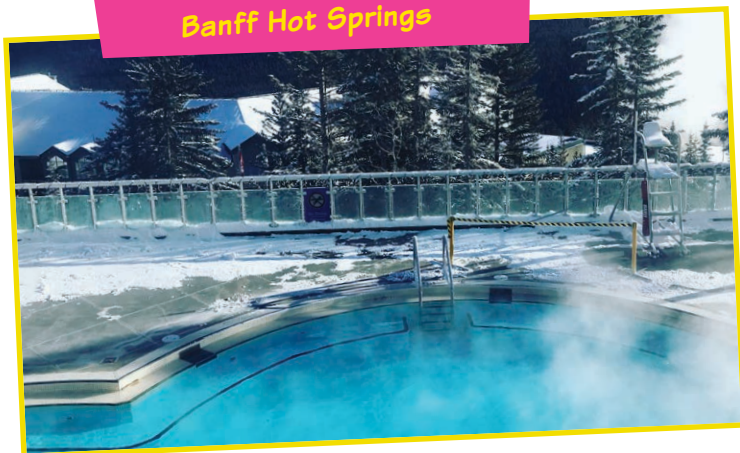
Calgary Olympic Park & Winsport



Kananaskis



Banff Hot Springs



Banff Gondola



Calgary Tower



Calgary

- * Tourism Calgary: [visitcalgary.com](https://www.visitcalgary.com)

Museums

- * Telus Spark Science Centre [sparkscience.ca](https://www.sparkscience.ca)
- * Bow Valley Habitat Station & Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery [bowhabitat.alberta.ca](https://www.bowhabitat.alberta.ca)
- * Inglewood Bird Sanctuary calgary.ca/parks/inglewood-bird-sanctuary.html
- * National Music Centre www.studiobell.ca
- * Glenbow Museum glenbow.org
- * Heritage Park heritagepark.ca

Attractions

- * Calgary Zoo calgaryzoo.com
- * Calgary Tower calgarytower.com
- * Calgary Olympic Park & Winsport winsport.ca
- * Calgary Public Library calgarylibrary.ca
- * Calaway Park calawaypark.com
- * Spruce Meadows sprucemeadows.com

Tours

- * Indigenous Art Walk zucminguiding.com/calgary-indigenous-art-walks
- * Walking Food Tour foodbiketour.com
- * Calgary Street Art & Craft Beer Tours toonietours.ca/calgary-tours/calgary-street-art-craft-beer-tour

Shopping Centers

- * CrossIron Mills Mall & Shopping Center crossironmills.com
- * CF Chinook Centre shops.cadillacfairview.com/property/cf-chinook-centre

Nearby Towns

Kananaskis

- * Kananaskis Nordic Spa knordicspa.com
- * Kananaskis Country Golf Course kananaskisgolf.com
- * Hiking roadtripalberta.com/hikes-in-kananaskis

Canmore

- * Canmore Nordic Centre albertaparks.ca/parks/kananaskis/canmore-nordic-centre-pp/activities/summer-activities
- * Hiking getoutsideadventures.ca
- * Biking/Hiking whitemountainadventures.com

Cowboy Trail

- * Scenic route along Highway 22 thecowboytrail.com

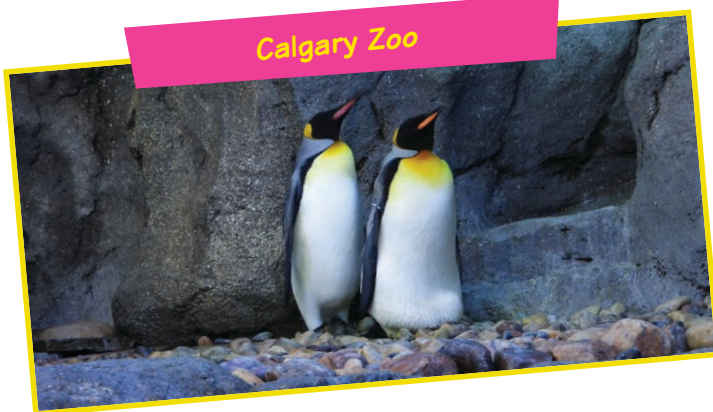
Parks

Provincial Parks:

- * Fish Creek albertaparks.ca/parks/kananaskis/fish-creek-pp
- * Glenbow Ranch albertaparks.ca/parks/kananaskis/glenbow-ranch-pp
- * Big Hill Springs albertaparks.ca/parks/kananaskis/big-hill-springs-pp

National Parks:

- * Waterton Lakes National Park parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/waterton
- * Banff National Park parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/banff
 - > Banff Hot Springs hotsprings.ca/banff
 - > Lake Minnewanka banfflakelouise.com/experiences/lake-minnewanka
 - > Banff Gondola banffjaspercollection.com/attractions/banff-gondola
 - > Fairmont Banff Springs fairmont.com/banff-springs
 - > Hike Johnston Canyon banfflakelouise.com/experiences/johnston-canyon



Calgary Zoo



Bow Habitat Station

Photo: Bow Habitat Station



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West Fraser



Dear Students,

On behalf of the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA), I am delighted to welcome you to this year's NCF-Envirothon. We are thrilled to have you join us for this exciting event, where you will have the opportunity to showcase your knowledge and passion for environmental science and natural resource management.

The NCF-Envirothon is a unique platform that brings together students from across the country to engage in hands-on learning and collaborative problem-solving. Your participation in this competition not only highlights your dedication to environmental stewardship but also prepares you to become future leaders in sustainability.

Throughout the event, you will be challenged to apply your skills in various areas, including forestry, wildlife, soils, aquatic ecology, and current environmental issues. We encourage you to embrace these challenges, learn from each other, and make the most of this incredible experience.

We are proud to support such a meaningful initiative and look forward to seeing the innovative solutions and ideas that you will bring to the table. Remember, this is not just a competition but an opportunity to grow, connect, and have fun.

Best of luck to all participants, and may this experience inspire you to continue your journey in environmental conservation.

Warm regards,

Todd Nash
General Manager

Forest Resource Improvement Association
of Alberta (FRIAA)

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