



Youth STRIDES Application Form

**July 17- July 24, 2010
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 Negin at (250) 361-9433 x. 203 or by e-mail at enable@vircs.bc.ca as soon as possible.

Application Process	
Application Due Date	June 5th, 2010
Applicant Interviews	June 12 th -19th, 2010
Applicant Notification	June 21 st -25th, 2010
Information Night	July 2 nd , 2010
Youth Strides Camp	July 17 – 24, 2010

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 you need help filling out the questionnaire please contact:
Negin Naraghi at (250) 361-9433 Ext. 203, or email enable@vircs.bc.ca

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: _____



I understand that by filling out this application that I may or may not be selected for an interview to attend this project. 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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