

2024 OUTDOOR YOUTH SEMINAR

August 16 to 18, 2024



INFORMATION PACKAGE



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To increase awareness of outdoor recreational opportunities, the *Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association* (AHEIA) is holding their **22nd Annual Outdoor Youth Seminar** for young outdoor enthusiasts (ages 7 and up) and their parent(s) or guardian(s). All youngsters must be accompanied by at least one adult. The Seminar is a two-day event filled with fun and learning activities. Numerous experts will be sharing information and instruction in various outdoor pursuits. Parents are encouraged to sign up and participate in events either along with their children or in the sessions they are interested in. All participants must register for their 4 favorite sessions and will be placed into them as availability permits.

The seminar will be held at the *Alford Lake Conservation Education Centre for Excellence* (see included map). **Participants MUST arrive between 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, August 16, 2024.** The activities start Saturday, August 17 and end on August 18 around 1:00 PM, once the camp has been cleaned up.

We reserve the right to refuse participation to those who arrive late for the camp. In such cases participants will forfeit their camp fees.

NO EXCEPTIONS

This gives you a three- hour window to get to camp on time, so please plan accordingly.

Participants are responsible for their own meals on Friday, August 16. For your convenience, our caterer will be offering basic meals at reasonable prices between 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Attendees are not allowed to use the camp kitchen. Absolutely no food is allowed in the cabins or tents.

You must register online at aheia.com/events by August 9, 2024. Your registration will only be processed once you have provided us with payment information and have been accepted into the Seminar. Following payment, your receipt will be scanned or mailed to you. Once processed, a confirmation letter providing more in-depth information and a list of items required for the camp will be mailed to you.

The cost for the 2024 Outdoor Youth Seminar is **\$155.00 per person plus GST.** This includes Saturday breakfast, lunch and supper as well as Sunday breakfast. Also included is an AHEIA event t-shirt. All attendees or individuals staying at camp pay the same fee. **Cancellations prior to July 22 are subject to a \$50.00 cancellation fee per person, after this date no refunds are available.**

In order for your registration to be complete, you must contact the AHEIA Edmonton office after registering online, to arrange payment. (780) 466-6682.

Cabins are available on a pre-booking basis. Numerous tent spaces and limited RV spaces are also available on a first-come, first-served booking basis.

The *Alford Lake Conservation Centre for Excellence* is a drug and alcohol free area. Anyone consuming and/or under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs or breaking camp rules will be required to leave our facility immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Len Gransch, AHEIA Youth Program Coordinator:

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

You will have the opportunity to participate in 4 of the following sessions (as availability permits).

ARCHERY BASICS

This session is for those who are just starting out or know the basics and wish to learn all the fundamentals of using a bow and arrow. Learn about choosing your equipment, whether it is a recurve, long bow or compound bow. You will also be able to shoot on our 3D archery course., like archery golf.



CENTERFIRE RIFLE SHOOTING

Participants will be using .223 Remington caliber rifles for this session. Students will learn range safety plus more during this session. You will be shooting from a bench, prone position from ground mats, as well as utilizing shooting sticks from varying positions. This will help to improve your rifle marksmanship.

BLACK POWDER SHOOTING

Step back in time. You will learn a little about the history of muzzle loading firearms, and their use. Enjoy hands-on experience shooting various types of these firearms.



CROSSBOW BASICS

The crossbow has been around for centuries, and during recent years, has become more popular than ever. Participants will learn the mechanics of the crossbow as well as how to shoot, cock and un-cock the crossbow. Participants will also partake in fun target shooting events utilizing the skills you have learned.



BLOOD TRAILING

You have made the stalk on your trophy deer, lined up the sights and squeezed the trigger. The deer disappears from sight. You wait the recommended 30 minutes before looking for the deer and when you approach the site there is no deer but only blood. What do you do next?

RIMFIRE SHOOTING

This session is a great session for those who are just getting started with recreational shooting. Rimfire rifles are generally much lighter, easy to handle, and produce virtually no recoil. Participants will hone their skills as they shoot from different positions including from a bench with a rest and utilizing shooting sticks. Loads of fun!





INTRODUCTION TO TRAPPING

Today's trapper is a conservationist, wildlife manager and much more. Learn the basics about this age-old trade and learn some tricks and ideas for snaring and catching small animals for survival by a representative of the **Alberta Trappers Association**. Participants will learn about equipment, techniques and how to put out a 'set'.

SHOTGUN—BEGINNER

Participants will learn firearms safety and basic shotgun skills during this trap shooting session. This fun course will enable you to break more clay targets. **This session is a prerequisite for Shotgun Intermediate.**



SHOTGUN—INTERMEDIATE

This session is for those who have previously taken the beginners shotgun course and wish to hone their skills. You will learn advanced methods of how to shatter those pesky clay targets. Participants will also be able to try their hand at some **fun games** such as 'Annie Oakley' and 'Crazy Quails'.

SURVIVAL WALK

This session continues to be one of our most popular sessions. Have you ever wondered what you would do if you were lost in the bush? The survival walk is a hands-on excursion that ventures into the bush. Learn about edible plants, shelters, survival fires and much more. Learn to build a signal fire.



GPS

Help I am lost! Not anymore. Sign up for this session and you will learn how to use a GPS. Head off into the bush in search for hidden treasures and gain knowledge on this life saving and fun skill.



SOAP STONE CARVING

Participants will have the opportunity, to create a basic soap stone animal sculpture. You will learn how to shape, sand and polish your carving. Participants will walk away with a carved piece all their own. You may get dusty!

CANOEING BASICS

If you've never canoed before, or it's been a while, then this is the course for you! Learn the basics of open water canoeing including terminology, paddle strokes, entering, and the safe way to handle a canoe. While enjoying your time on the lake, you will learn the fundamentals as well as safe canoeing.



WHITETAIL TECHNIQUES

Participants will learn various field techniques designed to give the hunter more ammunition they can utilize when hunting this wily animal. Some subjects covered will be the use of scent, rattling, calling, set ups, and more. **Participants will be making their own antler rattling bags.**



FISHING BASICS

This session takes you from the hook to the frying pan. Are you confused about what to use and how to use it? Participants will learn all the basics on equipment and techniques during this session. Learn fish anatomy and catch and release methods. We guarantee that the skills you'll learn will help you catch more fish.



CAMPFIRE COOKING

Join us for this hands on session. Learn some culinary basics on how to prepare meals and snacks the old fashioned way over a camp fire. Ideal for everyone regardless if you are a hunter or fisherman, or not.



PHOTOGRAPHY

We will teach an introductory level of “Elements of Composition”, followed by a “hands on” photo walk around the grounds of Alford Lake. You will require a cell phone with pictures taking capabilities or any point & shoot, mirrorless or DSLR (digital single-lens reflex) camera.

Class size will be limited to 4 to 6 young and old photographers.

You can also join photographers on a Saturday night Photo Walk around Alford Lake. Bring a camera or cell phone.



Don Durand taken June 23, 2023 Caribou in Alaska, 2 km west of the Canada/US border at Top of the World Highway, Yukon.

SPECIAL SATURDAY EVENING SESSIONS

Saturday August 17 – Evening Special Sessions 8:00 to 9:30 PM – to be announced that day

Participants will be able to sign up for one of these **Special Sessions** on Friday, August 16 shortly after the orientation. The options will be posted at that time. These **Special Sessions** will take place after supper on Saturday evening. Space is limited and will be on a first come first served basis. **We are also currently working on some other new and fun sessions for the Seminar.**

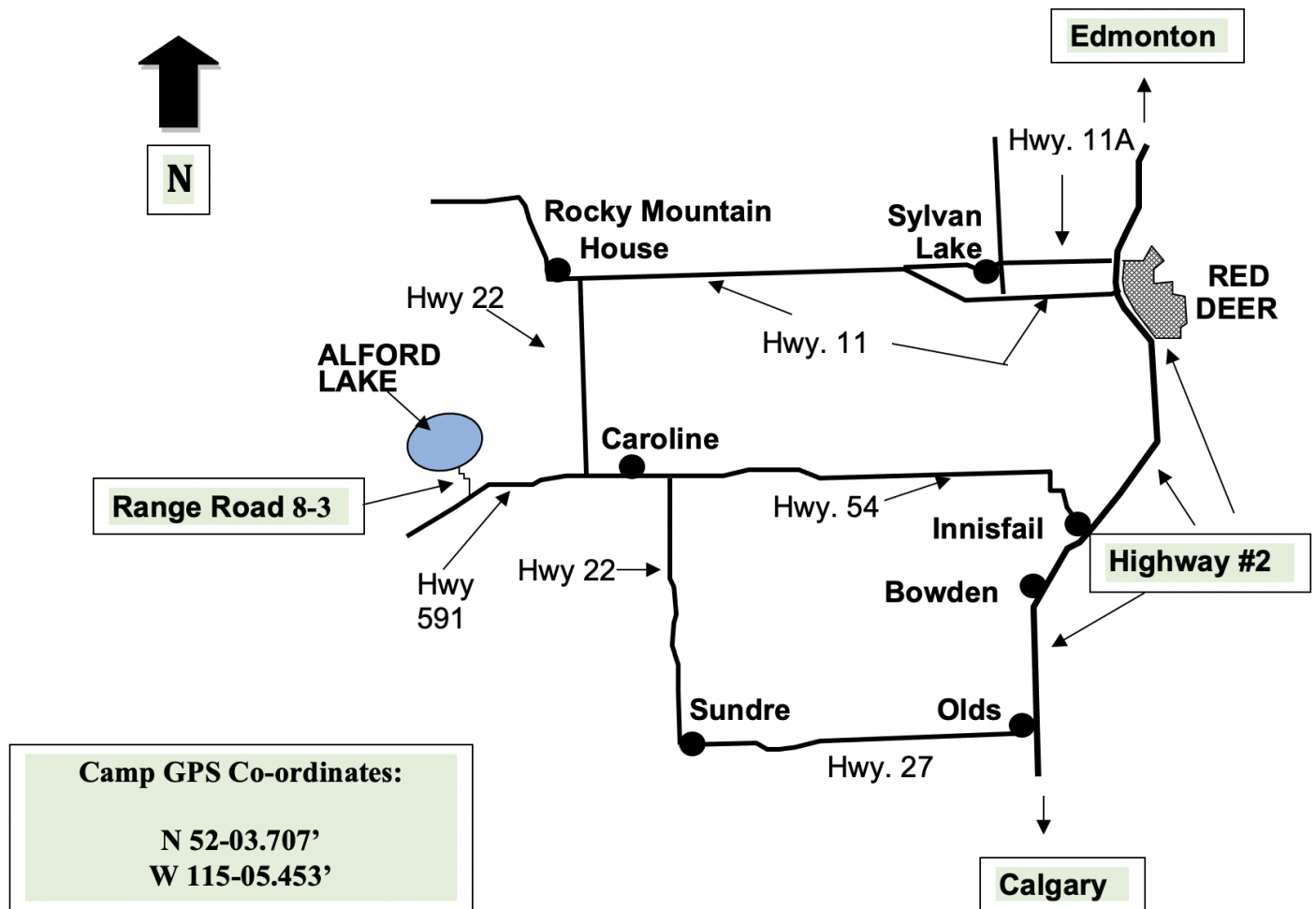
SCHEDULE

DAY	*TIME*	*ACTIVITY*
<u>FRIDAY</u> August 16	4:00 to 7:00 PM 8:00 PM <u>SHARP</u> 11:00 PM	Registration (you <u>MUST</u> register prior to 7:00 PM). No meals are provided. Orientation. <u>Quiet time and lights out please!</u>
<u>SATURDAY</u> August 17	8:00 AM 8:50 AM <u>9:15 to 11:15 PM</u> 11:45 PM <u>1:00 to 3:00 PM</u> 3:30 PM <u>4:00 to 6:00 PM</u> 6:30 PM <u>8:00 to 9:30 PM</u> 11:00 PM	Breakfast. Opening remarks and picture taking. <u>SESSION ONE</u> Lunch. <u>SESSION TWO</u> Afternoon break. <u>SESSION THREE</u> Supper. Special Sessions – (optional). <u>Quiet time and lights out please!</u>
<u>SUNDAY</u> August 18	8:00 AM <u>9:15 to 11:15 AM</u> 12:00 PM 1:00 PM	Breakfast. <u>SESSION FOUR</u> Closing remarks and Prize draws. Depart after camp clean up by <u>All</u> participants and volunteers.

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MAP

Alford Lake Conservation Education Centre for Excellence is located approximately one hour drive West of Innisfail on Highways 54 and 591 (about 24 km West of Caroline) and then approximately 1.6 km North of Highway 591 on Range Road 8-3 North.



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