

**CPC Jurisdictional Survey on Learn-to Camp |
Enquête juridictionnelle : Quéstions sur Initiation au camping**

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Parks Canada is interested in learning more about whether provincial and territorial parks systems may have an interest or could participate in the achievement of goals set by the federal government in the following two areas. British Columbia's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy has also expressed an interest in learning more about these initiatives.

- Help 400,000 kids per year learn basic camping skills through Learn to Camp programming; and
- Help children and their families who live in poverty or underprivileged circumstances to visit and enjoy outdoor settings in their communities or in national or provincial parks.

Would Canadian Parks Council members be able to respond to some or all of the following questions:

1. Does your park system currently offer a Learn-to Camp (or similar) program and would you be interested in expanding it?
2. If your park system does not have a Learn-to Camp (or similar program), would you be interested in creating one?
3. Does your park system currently have outreach programs (or similar) that target families who live in poverty or who are underprivileged and invite them to experience parks?
4. Would your park system be interested in collaborating to enable more experiences in parks for families who live in poverty or who are underprivileged?

Parcs Canada cherche plus d'information sur l'intérêt des réseaux de parcs provinciaux et territoriaux à participer à la réalisation des objectifs fixés par le gouvernement fédéral dans les deux domaines suivants. Le ministre de l'Environnement et du changement climatique de la Colombie-Britannique a également exprimé son intérêt à en savoir plus sur ces initiatives.

- Aider 400 000 enfants par an apprendre des compétences de base en camping grâce au programme d'Initiation au camping; et
- Aider les enfants et leurs familles qui vivent dans la pauvreté ou dans des conditions défavorisées à visiter et à profiter des espaces extérieurs dans leurs communautés ou dans les parcs nationaux ou provinciaux.

Les membres du Conseil canadien des parcs pourraient-ils répondre à certaines ou à toutes les questions suivantes :

1. Votre système de parcs propose-t-il actuellement un programme d'Initiation au camping (ou similaire) et seriez-vous intéressé à l'étendre?
2. Si votre système de parcs n'a pas de programme d'Initiation au camping (ou programme similaire), seriez-vous intéressé à en créer un?
3. Votre réseau de parcs dispose-t-il actuellement de programmes de sensibilisation (ou similaires) qui ciblent les familles pauvres ou défavorisées et les invitent à découvrir les parcs?
4. Votre système de parcs serait-il intéressé à collaborer pour offrir plus d'expériences dans les parcs pour les familles qui vivent dans la pauvreté ou qui sont défavorisées?

<i>Park Agency</i>	Does your park system currently offer a Learn-to Camp (or similar) program and would you be interested in expanding it?	If your park system does not have a Learn-to Camp (or similar) program, would you be interested in creating one?	Does your park system currently have outreach programs (or similar) that target families who live in poverty or who are underprivileged and invite them to experience parks?	Would your park system be interested in collaborating to enable more experiences in parks for families who live in poverty or who are underprivileged?
<i>NL</i>	No	We are interested in the Learn to Camp program but unfortunately we have no resources to implement it. We would be supportive though if a partner organization was engaged to lead and operationalize it. We can provide free camping. Not sure if this type of model is something that would be considered.	No	Similar to question 2: We are interested in collaborating but unfortunately we have no resources to implement a program. We would be supportive though if a partner organization was engaged to lead and operationalize it. We can provide free camping. Not sure if this type of model is something that would be considered.
<i>SK</i>	Yes, Saskatchewan has similar programming. We replaced our overnight Learn to Camp program with two different programs, an unsupervised Camp-Easy program and a guided day use program called Survival Series which teaches learn to camp type skills in a day use setting.	Yes. We didn't have significant interest in our previous Learn to Camp program but continue to design programming to attract visitors and teach the same or similar skills	Yes. We have a relationship with the Open Door Society (ODS) and run in class presentation about Learning to Camp. The ODS will bring a group to the park once a year to do an in park session	Yes.
<i>NS</i>	Yes, Nova Scotia Parks currently offers a Learn to Camp program (once annually since 2013) in partnership with Scouts Canada. We would be interested in expanding provided that we could work with	N/A – interested in expansion.	No, for three years (2016-18 inclusive) we piloted Grade Fours Outdoors, mailing out camping vouchers to every student in grade four across the province. NS Grade Fours Outdoors did not specifically target underserved populations.	Yes, NS Parks is interested in collaborating to enable more experiences in parks for those who are underserved or currently unable to access our parks due to barriers such as financial constraints,

partner organizations on delivery due to limited capacity of staff.			transportation, equipment, knowledge/skills etc.
<p>Yes. We offer an award-winning Learn-to-Camp product at Ontario Parks that teaches approximately 3200 people to camp each year through an immersive overnight experience. Our program aims to develop the next generation of campers. We would be interested in determining ways that Ontario Parks can expand our program – shoulder season extension, different tiers of program delivery, etc. Additionally, we’re also interested in working with our federal, provincial and territorial colleagues to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare program objectives, outcomes and measures of success. Our program is due for an in-depth analysis and we’d like to collaborate, utilize best practices and determine overall efficacy before we expand. • Learn about various program delivery methods and program expansion concepts • Discuss the feasibility of conducting research on learn-to-camp program outcomes together – or reviewing research if other CPC members have already conducted it. <p>We would also like to learn more about the federal program including timelines, objectives, funding, deliverables and life-span in order to</p>	N/A – interested in expansion.	We provide free day access to everyone on Healthy Parks Healthy People (HPHP) day annually in July. We are also working to expand our Ontario Parks Classroom program which will reach kids from a wide-variety of socio-economic backgrounds. We seek funding from partners and donors to support both of these programs.	Perhaps. We’d like to investigate internal and strategic partnering opportunities across the country that can be supported in an ongoing way to help expand reach to these populations.

	apply this opportunity to our growth plans.			
AB	Yes – a Learn-to Program in Alberta exists and at this point we may be interested to expand pending what resources could support expansion and in light of the COVID-10 crisis and evolution of events associated with it.	N/A – interested in expansion.	There are some examples – particularly in K-country	Yes – again contingent on resource availability and what results in the weeks/months ahead with the COVID-19 crisis.
NB	No	We have tried to implement a Learn to Camp program in the past, however budget restrictions did not allow us to. We have staff to implement programming, however budget or a partnership would be required to provide equipment	No	Yes, Parks NB is interested in decreasing barriers such as costs, equipment and transportation for families who live in poverty or who are underprivileged.
MB	No, we do not currently have a program.	We have created some initial Learn-to online resources for camping, but likely would not have much interest in delivering a personal Learn to Camp program at this time due to limited resources.	No, at this time we do not offer much in terms of outreach programs. Only in-park interpretive programming.	Always open to collaboration for new ideas and initiatives!
BC	No but we work in partnership with Parks Canada to offer our Vancouver-area parks as LTC venues. We would be interested in expanding this if it came with resources.	We are looking at a partnership with Live It to livestream backcountry camping content into classrooms, a virtual version Learn to Camp!	BC Parks offers the Social Service Camping Fee Exemption (SSCFE) – in front country campgrounds. Free campsites are available to many families/caregivers of children, youth and adults living with disabilities. With its limited resources, the SSCFE program focuses on families with children on the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development’s <i>At Home</i> program, and very low-income adults receiving <i>Persons with Disabilities</i> benefits from the BC Ministry of Social Development	Yes, likely in collaboration with our official charitable partner, the BC Parks Foundation and other partners such as Power to Be Adventure Therapy Society and Canucks Autism Network. Would be interested in expanding within our limited capacity.

			and Poverty Reduction or Indigenous Services Canada.	
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