

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



Youth Academy

# Welcome to Youth Academy!

Youth Academy provides hands-on, interactive opportunities for youth ages 9 to 14 to explore their passions and learn new skills in a variety of interest areas. No prior experience is required for participation in our camps – all experience levels are welcome!

Youth Academy is committed to providing a fun, positive environment for youth to get a taste of the post-secondary experience using NIC's exciting learning resources and facilities.

[www.nic.bc.ca/youth-academy](http://www.nic.bc.ca/youth-academy)





## ⚙️ AGE GROUPS

Youth Academy develops curriculum to accommodate each age group's learning level. Be sure to register your child in the appropriate age category/peer group. If exceptions need to be made, contact Youth Academy directly.

## ⚙️ HOW TO REGISTER

Please register using your child's information at [www.nic.bc.ca/youth-academy](http://www.nic.bc.ca/youth-academy). Each camper requires their own unique NIC ID#. For assistance, contact [youthacademy@nic.bc.ca](mailto:youthacademy@nic.bc.ca)

## ⚙️ REFUND POLICY

Full refunds will be given in the request is made at least two weeks prior to the camp start date. Within one week there are no refunds. If you require cancellation, please contact Youth Academy directly.

## ⚙️ COVID-19

All Youth Academy activities will be structured around the most up-to-date health and safety restrictions and guidelines ordered by the Provincial Health Office. For more information on how NIC is providing a safe, healthy environment for its campus community, please visit: [www.nic.bc.ca/covid-19](http://www.nic.bc.ca/covid-19)

For the most up-to-date Health and Safety recommendations from BC's Provincial Health Office please view [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca)

## ⚙️ INFORMATION PACKAGES

Two to four weeks before camp start, you will receive an information package including:

- Forms
- Daily packing checklist
- Check-in/check-out and first day need-to-knows
- Emergency contact information

## ⚙️ FORMS

Registered participants will be emailed a set of documents required for participation. This includes Emergency/Medical, Informed Consent and Permission to Publish forms. All important information regarding your Youth Academy camp/program will be shared via email. Please ensure that the email address provided at registration is correct.

**SUBMITTING FORMS:** Please follow the instructions provided in your information package or on the website. Please do not mail forms.

## ⚙️ WHAT TO BRING

Specific items required for your camp/program will be included in your information package. Below is a sample list of items to bring for day campers:

Please have your child bring a **nut free** lunch, snacks and refillable water-bottle to camp each day. Youth Academy is a nut free environment. Please be sure to make note of allergies or special diet on the appropriate forms for your child. Campers should dress in weather appropriate clothing, closed toe footwear and be prepared for indoor & outdoor activity each day.

## ⚙️ WHAT DOES A DAY AT CAMP LOOK LIKE?

**CHECK IN:** 8:45 - 9:00 am

**MORNING INTRODUCTIONS AND MESSAGES:** 9:00 - 9:15am

**MORNING ACTIVITY 1:**  
9:15 - 10:15am

**BREAK:** 10:15 - 10:30 am  
**MORNING ACTIVITY 2:**  
10:30 - 11:30 am

**LUNCH BREAK/ACTIVITIES:**  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITY 1:**  
12:30 - 1:30pm

**BREAK:** 1:30 - 1:45 pm

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITY 2:**  
1:45 - 2:45pm

**CLEAN UP & DAILY WRAP UP:**  
2:45 - 3:00 pm

**PICKUP:** 3:00 pm

## ⚙️ ALL-GIRLS PROGRAMMING

All-girls programming provides an opportunity for females to explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in a unique and safe environment, led by female role models who break down barriers and stereotypes for women in STEM. Women continue to be vastly underrepresented in the field of STEM, and through participation in all girls programming, young females can become inspired to fulfill future leadership roles in STEM. This programming is indicated with "All Girls" next to the camp title. Youth Academy has an inclusive view of the word "girl". All-girl programs welcome non-binary, two-spirit, trans, gender queer and any other youth that identify with this programming. If you have a boy who is interested in similar programming options, we encourage you to explore the available options here: [www.nic.bc.ca/youth-academy](http://www.nic.bc.ca/youth-academy)

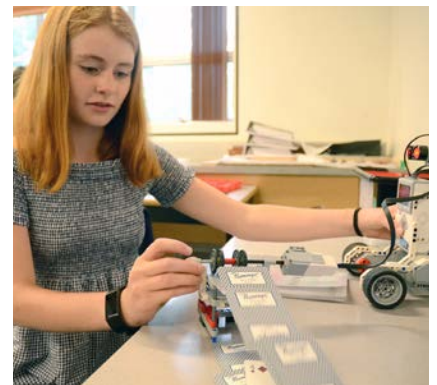
## ⚙️ VOLUNTEERING

Do you have a teenager age 16+ who may enjoy volunteering? Youth entering grades 11 and 12 in September can earn required volunteer hours towards graduation. There are many benefits to volunteering with Youth Academy such as:

- Learning and practicing how to provide customer service
- Time management and preparation skills
- Practicing effective inter-personal communication
- Learning leadership and group facilitation skills
- Improving digital literacy skills
- Hands-on and interactive engagement in a broad range of educational interest areas
- A free t-shirt
- Hot lunch on Fridays
- For youth volunteers who achieve 18+ hours of volunteering with Youth Academy, a reference letter is available upon request.

Contact [youthacademy@nic.bc.ca](mailto:youthacademy@nic.bc.ca) to receive an application.

Application deadline: May 1, 2022



## ⚙️ CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Youth Academy directly for general inquiries and/or support during your child's camp experience.

Office hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -4:30pm

250-334-5000 ext 4310

[youthacademy@nic.bc.ca](mailto:youthacademy@nic.bc.ca)

## **⚙️ PARKING, SIGN-IN/DROP-OFF, PICK-UP**

### **PARKING**

Parking is free at NIC. NIC has designated parking for students or employees. Please observe signage and avoid idling in bus lanes, fire lanes or parking in staff parking.

For camps taking place off campus please observe parking signage and park only in appropriate areas.

### **SIGN-IN/DROP OFF**

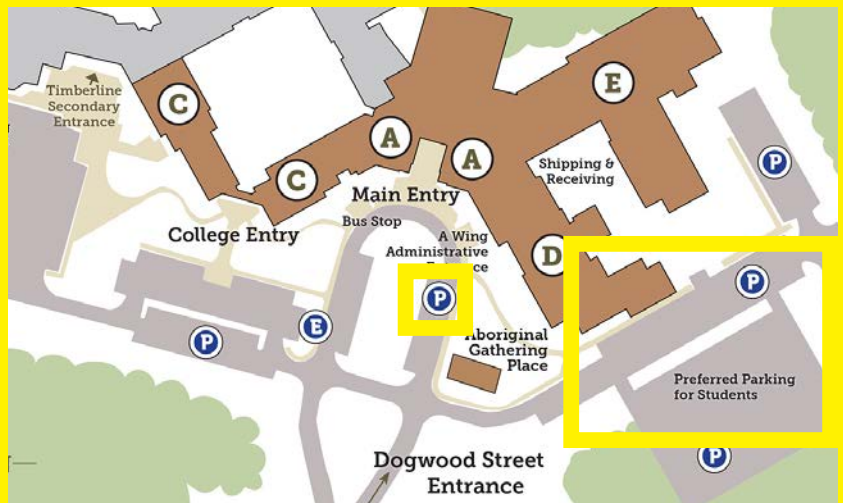
A parent/guardian or supporting adult will be required to sign in participants daily. There will be a staff member prepared to assist you at the campus sign-in/out area, which will be designated in your information package. Please meet staff at designated areas and avoid entering the college unaccompanied..

Please send only one supporting adult per participant to the sign in area.

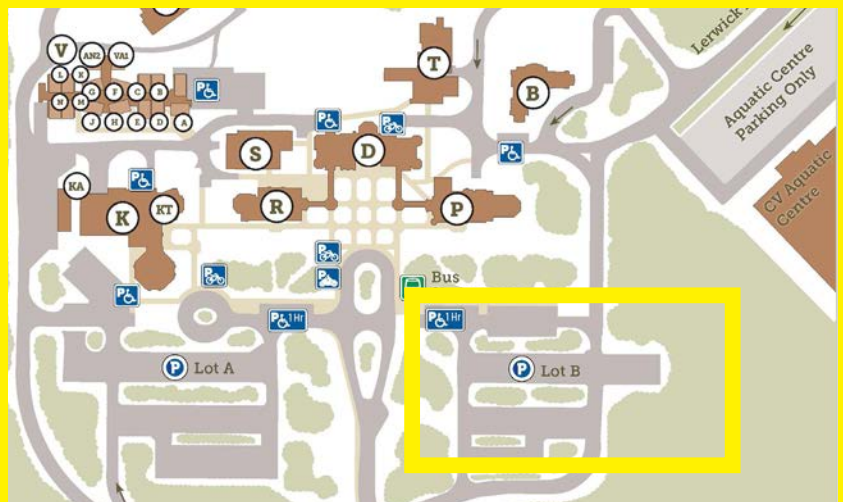
**If a participant will be arriving without a parent for the remainder of the week it should be indicated on the appropriate camp forms.**

### **SIGN-OUT/PICKUP**

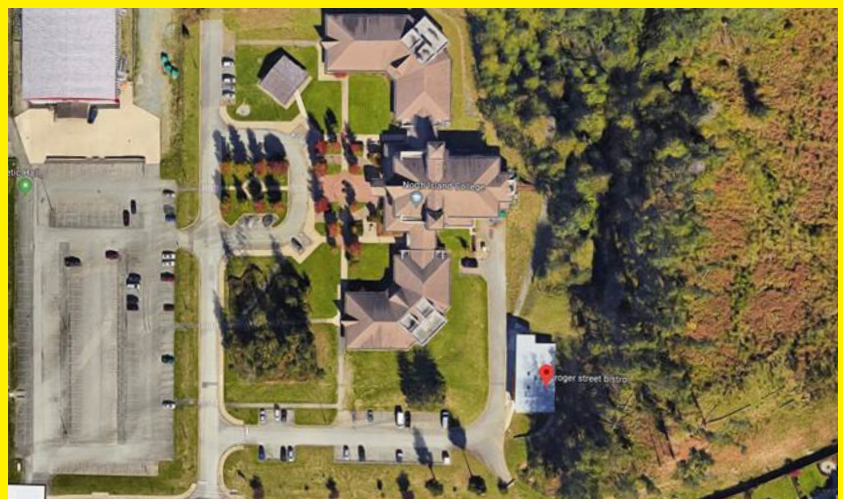
Unless noted on their forms, participants must be signed out with a supporting adult. Pickup will take place at the same location as drop off.



**CAMPBELL RIVER:** Student parking by D Wing and Main Entry



**COMOX VALLEY:** Parking Lot B



**PORT ALBERNI:** Parking outside Athletic Hall