

Youth Action

Youth Action is an experience I will never forget. During the camp I learned all the different leadership skills to become a leader. Also, I made new friends and was able to step outside my comfort zone to try and learn new things I wouldn't normally try. Youth Action provided many awesome team building activities which built up confidence and leadership. Everything about the camp was a lifetime experience and built memories that will be with me forever. Thank you for the opportunity I wouldn't hesitate to go again.

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From July 10th to July 14th I attended Youth Action, along with three other members from the South Malahat district, Amy Irving, Jessica Elvedahl, and Marissa Campbell. This year Youth Action was held in Kamloops at the Thompson River University. To get there we took a bus along with other people from the island and from Delta, Cloverdale, and Abbotsford. Once we arrived we checked in and had the get to know you games. After dinner we continued with more get to know you games and small group time. The next three days consisted of leadership activities where each person in the small group had to lead an activity, there was back home planning where we discussed how to apply Youth Action to ourselves, school, local 4-H groups, and communities, and talked about how there are many different types of leaders, and many different styles of leadership. During the camp I was able to meet tons of new people from across B.C. and make a friendship with them. My facilitator, Sabrina Meyer, with her bubbly personality and her willingness to do and try anything only added to the camp experience. Also, our chaperone Steven Waters was the coolest and most amazing guy to hang out with and to have as our group chaperone. Steven Waters really did make the bus rides and ferry rides completely different. All in all Youth Action is one of the experiences that you will keep thinking about as time goes on and remembering all of the fun that you had while you were there. So, I feel very thankful that was able to have this great experience, and would completely recommend this to anyone coming up in their 4-H years.

Marissa Campbell's Youth Action Report

On Sunday, July 10, 2011 four members from the South Malahat District and their billets from up island districts, boarded the ferry with Steven Waters to travel to Youth Action in Kamloops. We got on a bus at the other side and started our long journey and picked up other delegates in Cloverdale and Abbotsford along the way.

We arrived at the Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops around dinner time and settled into our rooms and then went for dinner. After dinner we were introduced to our small groups and played get to know you games. There were members from all over the province. Some places I hadn't even heard of, like Telkwa BC!

Throughout our time at Youth Action we discovered we are all leaders in training. We learned about different leadership skills, and styles. We learned this through team work sessions and interactive games. After these sessions we had discussions on what things we could do differently or better.

During recreation and free times we went swimming, hung out with new friends, played games and had meaningful discussions. My new favorite game is "Truck, Truck, MOOSE", Which is a full contact version of "Duck Duck Goose." We also had a dance that was lots of fun. I just wished the DJ played a little more "pumped up" music and didn't just stay with country. Steven lost his ruler a couple of time too!

It seemed that our time there went very quickly. The time to leave was very emotional when we had to say good bye to our new special friends. Luckily PNE is not too far away. We boarded our bus and the ride home seemed way shorter than what it was going to Kamloops. We caught the 6:00pm ferry home and were greeted by our families at the terminal. I was so tired but excited to tell my family and club members about my time away.

I would definitely recommend applying for these types of 4-H experiences. My experiences at Youth Action, and the friends I made will definitely not be forgotten. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.



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