

2024 JFR Information

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What

The Junior Forest Ranger program is a paid summer job that exposes high school students to a wide variety of careers in the natural resource sector. This includes everything under forestry, wildfire, environment and parks, conservation, stewardship and fish and wildlife.

The work projects you may take part in include trail building, electrofishing, stream assessments, helicopter rides, getting out to an actual wildfire or mock wildfire, ATV certification, Hunters education, mountain pine beetle work, flora and fauna identification, assisting with grizzly bear research or building bird boxes, and every crew takes part in various opportunities of Indigenous learning. These are just some of the projects you may take part in during the summer, as it depends on the area you are stationed.

The projects that are planned are organized by the Crew Leaders before the summer begins. These projects are based on the three pillars of the JFR program which are all formed by the partnerships we have developed over the last 50+ years. These are the three pillars which make up the JFR program:

1. Stewardship: How we take care of the natural environment and resources. Dealing with our relation to the land and to the animals which grow upon it.
2. Leadership: Bringing out the best in yourself and your team. The way in which you will work to help your team complete projects.
3. Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Knowledge and values passed down from generations of observations and experiences. Learn about Indigenous culture values and how they relate to natural resource management.

Who

Crew members are 16-18 years old as of July 1st. Successful applicants are placed on a crew of up to eight crew members and two crew leaders for a total of seven weeks. We will hire up to 54 crew members for this summer.

Prerequisites for Crew Members:

- 16-18 years old as of July 1st
- A full time high school student
- In good physical condition
- Prepared to live and work in the outdoors
- Willing to take on new challenges and have fun!

Where

Every year, there are 9 planned crews in the ten different forest areas across the province. These forest areas include: High Level, Peace River, Grande Prairie, Hinton, Lac La Biche, Fort McMurray, Rocky Mountain House, Slave Lake, Whitecourt, and Calgary.

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Every JFR crew stays at or near a wildfire base in cabins or trailers. Some of the nights will be spent in tents if you are completing a project farther away from base.

When

The deadline to apply is always April 1st and the applications will be available at the beginning of February on our website (www.albertajfr.ca). Everyone who submits a full application by the deadline has the opportunity for a virtual interview.

The program will begin the first week of July with training taking place in each of the areas. The program lasts until the end of August with Bull of the Woods.

Why

The JFR program offers an amazing career building opportunity for students, to help prepare them for their future. The summer offers a rewarding, challenging and fun experience. Crew Members will meet new people from across Alberta and be able to see new parts of the province. Crew Members gain valuable job experience in natural resource management, have the chance to meet professionals in the field, and learn about what careers they may be interested in.

Work Experience

The Junior Forest Rangers program is only able to award high school credits (up to 10) with the support of the local school authority or Careers the Next Generation. Where possible, we work together with the student, the school and Careers to put this credit in place for interested students. This process must begin before the end of the school year. Students must complete HCS3000 course prior to the summer.

Other

- Paid summer employment (\$15.00/hr)
- Free accommodations and meals for the summer
- Evenings and weekends are usually spent hanging around camp, having a camp fire, playing sports or games, going fishing, swimming, hiking or canoeing, and heading into town.
- Every crew member is given a water bottle, tshirts, gloves, safety glasses, morakniv, other JFR swag, and loaned coveralls and hard hat.
- Crew members have to provide their own personal gear and steel toe boots. Recommended equipment list can be found [here](#) on our website.

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