

"The firefly is one of the only animals that produces its own energy, which I think is a poignant symbol for the camp," says Kris Wells, the camp's co-director and co-founder.

"We want to move youth from feeling at risk to feeling resilient in their communities, so that their own light can glow in dark times."



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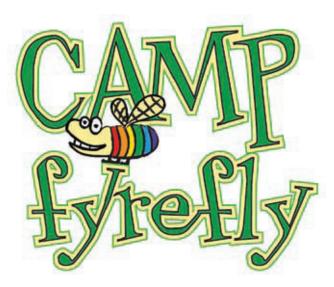
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Saskatchewan July 30 - August 2, 2010

What is Camp fYrefly?

Camp fYrefly was founded in 2004 as a university-community educational project by Dr. André P. Grace and Mr. Kristopher Wells, who are educators in the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta.



Camp fYrefly is an educational, life skills, personal, and social learning retreat for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, twospirited, queer, and allied (LGBTTQ&A) youth. Through structured workshops, learning activities, and informal peer socialization spaces, Camp fYrefly focuses on building and nurturing leadership skills, social understanding, and self-esteem in an effort to help sexual minority and gender variant youth learn how to make significant contributions to their own lives and to their schools, home/ group-home environments, and communities. The camp is designed for sexual minority and gender variant youth between the ages of 14 and 24.

Camp fYrefly Saskatchewan

In association with the Faculty of Education, University of Regina and College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, Camp fYrefly-Saskatchewan is dedicated to the guiding principle of helping sexual minority and gender variant youth move from being "at-risk" to a place where they can be resilient and positively address the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood. Community stakeholders along with Camp fYrefly founders have joined together in this province-wide initiative to discuss the needs of

sexual minority and gender variant youth and develop the resources required to implement a Saskatchewanbased camp.

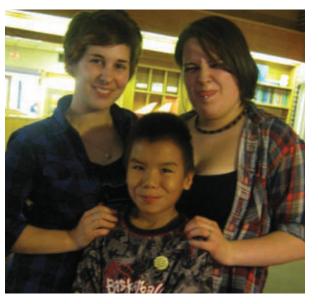




Camp fYrefly-Saskatchewan will be held July 30 - Aug. 2, 2010 at Lumsden Beach Camp near Regina.

"I am getting closer to feeling confident in myself. It's things like Camp fYrefly that make everything easier and teaches me to be more self-accepting."

- Camp fYrefly Youth Participant



Our resource team includes adult educators, schoolteachers, artists, musicians, business professionals, psychologists, dramatists, dancers, writers, law enforcement officers, clergy, politicians, community volunteers, and queer cultural workers. Camp philosophy and programming also emphasizes a by-youthfor-youth approach in which older youth and adult facilitators mentor and help to support younger youth. In the spirit of advancing youth leadership, a youth advisory committee guides the development and delivery of our wide-ranging camp leadership-and-learning program.