


"Meeting the people
at camp has given
me so much hope,
happiness and
strength. At camp,
you are normal, you
aren't the only kid
whose brother or
sister has cancer, you
aren't the weird bald
one, you're just like
everyone else"
— Amanda,
cancer patient



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Where
Kids will be Kids

Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta is a charitable organization providing programs and funding in three key areas:

 Camp & Community Outreach;  Pediatric Oncology Research;  Clinical Support.

Camp & Community Outreach

KCCFA Camp & Community Outreach programs provide free camping and recreational activities to young people and their families affected by cancer. We provide kids with a fun and supportive environment, where they are able to share experiences, support one another and be kids again, while parents are able to relax and re-energize.

KCCFA knows that a diagnosis of cancer impacts the whole family. Our internationally recognized programs and services are uniquely designed to meet the needs of the whole family at each stage in the cancer journey, from diagnosis, through treatment, to survivorship and, where necessary, bereavement. All KCCFA programs are open to siblings.

Our staff and volunteers are fully qualified and trained for the unique physical, medical and psychosocial needs of children and teens affected by cancer.

All KCCFA programs are located short distances from the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary and the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.

KCCFA appreciates the financial burden of caring for a child with cancer. The Foundation provides its programs and services at NO COST to families. We are grateful for the generous support of our donors, sponsors and community friends who make free programming possible.



For parents and families

Family Camp

Spring and Fall

Laugh. Relax. And reconnect. Each spring and fall, KCCFA offers family camps. These weekend camps provide a space for young people to come together and enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood, while parents find quiet time to relax and connect with other parents. Our staff design retreats to meet the needs of families at different stages of the cancer journey, alternating weekends between bereaving and on-treatment families. Activities may include fishing, campfires, hiking, swimming, massage, arts and crafts, music, good food and laughter!

Parent Night Program

Year-round

While caring for their sick child, parents often put their own health and wellbeing on hold. Parent Night provides a nurturing and supportive network for parents. Parent get-togethers help remind parents of the importance of having fun and making time for themselves. The program includes outings such as a night at the CPO or a sporting event.

Parent Support

Weekly

Each week, KCCFA hosts a pizza night at the Alberta Children's Hospital for families with children receiving in-patient cancer treatment. Parents of childhood cancer survivors host the meal and provide a warm and supportive environment where parents are able to share information and be there for one another.

Outreach Support Program

Year-round

KCCFA's Outreach Support Program provides individualized support to families in need. The program builds lasting relationships with individuals through informal coffee or lunch get-togethers and by participating in activities together. Qualified KCCFA staff help individuals identify their psychosocial needs and to seek appropriate resources and services to help them through their child's journey with cancer.

KCCFA Family Resource Centre

Weekdays 9 am to 4 pm

KCCFA's Family Resource Centre puts families in touch with current information to help them better understand and cope with pediatric cancer. A listing of books and journals is available on our website. We invite families to visit our resource centre to sign out books. Families may also view videos at the KCCFA office. The resource centre is open 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

National and International Exchange

SunQuest

Campers and camp professionals

KCCFA has long served as a model for organizations worldwide dedicated to supporting children and their families living with cancer. Since 1995, KCCFA has hosted visitors from across Canada, the United States and Europe at its camps. SunQuest provides a common ground, where professionals or campers may come together to share ideas to create innovative programs for kids with cancer.

To register or for more information on KCCFA Camp & Community Outreach activities, visit www.kidscancercare.ab.ca, email staff@kidscancercare.ab.ca or call 403.216.9210 or 1.888.554.2267 (Alberta).

Summer Fun!



Camp SunMaker

Ages 7 to 17 • July and August

Camp SunMaker offers kids a one-week residential camp adventure at Easter Seals Camp Horizon. From early morning dips in the pool, to evening campfires, to rafting and hiking, SunMaker is jam-packed with fun. At Camp SunMaker kids make friendships that last a lifetime.

Camp SunRise

Ages 3 to 7 • July and August

Camp SunRise is a week-long summer day camp at recreational facilities in Calgary and Edmonton. This unique experience for kids includes visits by special guests, field trips, arts and crafts, an overnight camping adventure and other camp activities. Camp SunRise offers young children the opportunity to connect with kids their own age and experience loads of summer fun!



Training Tomorrow's Camp Leaders

Ages 16 to 20 • July and August

We support experienced KCCFA campers in leadership development programs at Easter Seals Camp Horizon. These summer leadership training programs help teens build life skills, enhance self-awareness and learn to integrate healthy lifestyle choices into daily living.



For young ones

SunDance Program

Ages 3 to 12 • Monthly

KCCFA's SunDance program offers year-round, family-based activities for on- and off-treatment families in a supportive environment where they may share experiences and support one another. SunDance includes activities such as our annual Stampede Barbecue, Theatre Calgary's Cool Yule presentation of A Christmas Carol, family Halloween parties and much more.

Graceful Arts Program

Ages 3 to 12 • Monthly

The Graceful Arts program introduces children to the wonderful world of art and creative expression. Exposing on- and off-treatment families to a range of artistic forms—from arts and crafts to music, theatre and dance—Graceful Arts helps kids discover the pleasure and healing potential of creative expression. Field trips to local arts organizations such as the CPO, theatre groups and fun with music therapy are some of the program highlights.

For teens and young adults

Camp SunKeeper

Ages 13 to 18 • Spring and fall

SunKeeper's spring and fall weekend camps bring together teenagers to help them build the friendships, leadership and life skills they need to navigate the longterm physical and emotional effects of cancer. Peer support and recreational activities guarantee good times and loads of laughs!

Teen Program

Ages 13 to 18 • Monthly

Teen Night offers monthly social, recreational and leadership development activities for teens. It's a great way for teen campers to stay connected year-round. All that's needed is a sense of humour and fun.

Two Hands Youth Volunteer Program

Ages 14 to 18 • Monthly

The Two Hands Youth Volunteer Program helps youth appreciate the importance of giving back to their community. Teams of KCCFA youth volunteer at local organizations such as the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank and Inn from the Cold, gaining valuable work and life experiences.



Young Adult Alumni

Ages 18 and over • Year-round

Young Adult Alumni (YAA) provide a supportive network that keeps young adult survivors and siblings in touch with KCCFA programs and support services. These young adults take part in volunteer activities, help fundraise and increase awareness of the issues surrounding childhood cancer. They provide support to one another, to young adult cancer patients and mentor teens in need.

Young Adult Conference

Ages 16 to 20 • February

The annual Young Adult Conference (YAC) provides educational and life skills training for young adults aged 16 to 20 involved with KCCFA. Themes and topics promote personal growth, self-awareness and social interaction. YAC conferences include roundtable discussions, panels, workshops and social and recreational activities such as dances and swimming.



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Our Mission: The Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta is passionately dedicated to helping young people and their families affected by cancer survive and thrive in body, mind and spirit.