

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



Youth Academy

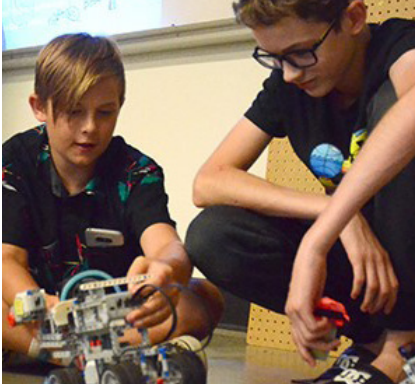
Welcome to Youth Academy!

Youth Academy provides hands-on, interactive opportunities for youth ages 9 to 13 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





⚙️ 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. Generally, a camper should be the appropriate age by Dec 31 of the year of the camp. If exceptions need to be made, contact Youth Academy directly.

⚙️ HOW TO REGISTER

Please register using **your child's information (name and date of birth)**. Each camper requires their own unique NIC ID#.

ALL communications about the camp will be sent by email. When registering, use a primary email address and ensure the spelling is correct. For assistance, contact youthacademy@nic.bc.ca

⚙️ REFUND POLICY

Full refunds are provided for cancellations requested at least 7 days prior to the start of camp. Within one week of the camp start date there are no refunds. If you require cancellation, please contact Youth Academy directly.

⚙️ COVID-19

Youth Academy follows the most up-to-date orders from the Provincial Health Office. Please follow Provincial health guidance if your camper has symptoms of COVID19, or tests positive for COVID19. Campers should have resolved symptoms before attending camp after a positive test. If campers present as ill at camp, they may be required to go home.

⚙️ WELCOME EMAILS

Two weeks prior to camp start, you will receive an information package via email to the email address provided at registration. The welcome email provides important reminders about your first day.

⚙️ FORMS

Registered participants will be emailed a set of documents required for participation. This includes Emergency/Medical, Informed Consent and Permission to Publish forms. The forms are also available on our website under "Quick Links"

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

⚙️ WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ NUT FREE lunch and snacks
- ✓ Refillable waterbottle
- ✓ Hand sanitizer
- ✓ Closed toe footwear
- ✓ Weather appropriate clothing (Some camps will utilize outside learning spaces and breaks will be outside whenever possible)
- ✓ Forms for the first day.

NOTE: Personal devices such as cellphones, earbuds/earphones, and other electronics should be left at home. **Please see the Personal Device and Electronics Policy outlined.**

⚙️ DAILY SCHEDULE

CHECK IN: 8:45 - 9:00 am

MORNING 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

⚙️ SIGN IN/DROP OFF

Sign in takes place between 8:45am-9:00am daily. Prior to 8:45 we are unable to sign campers in.

Sign In takes place outdoors. Look for NIC signage provided on location. **Please do not enter NIC buildings looking for the classroom on your receipt. Room numbers change often.**

A supporting adult must sign campers in on the first day of camp. The remainder of the week campers may self-sign in.

⚙️ SIGN OUT/PICKUP

Pickup time daily is 3pm at the same designated outdoor spot as the daily sign in. Campers must be signed out by a supporting adult.

NOTE: If you would like your camper to sign themselves out at the end of the day, use the area provided on the camp forms to indicate permission.

⚙️ CODE OF CONDUCT & ONLINE ACCOUNTABILITY

As stated in the informed consent forms, all camp staff and participants are members of the NIC campus community while on campus and are therefore responsible to uphold NIC Policy #3-06: Community Code of Academic, Personal and Professional Conduct.

All campers are accountable to use the Internet and its many applications safely and responsibly.

- ✓ The Code of Conduct #3-06 includes accountability to responsible online behavior.
- ✓ All campers utilizing computers will be provided with an Internet safety talk
- ✓ While online activities are supervised and safety is enforced, we cannot supervise each camper every second of each day.
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⚙️ PERSONAL DEVICE & ELECTRONICS POLICY

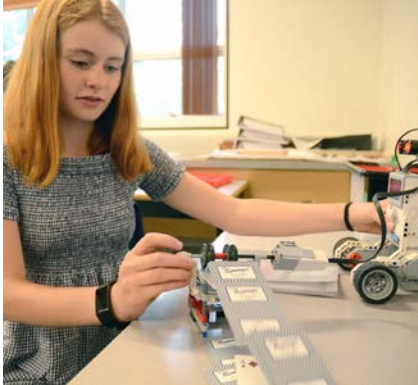
Cellphone, earbuds/earphones and other electronic device use will not be permitted during camp.

If necessary, cellphones may be used at break times with permission and supervision from a camp leader, for the sole purpose of communicating with a supporting adult.

If cellphones or other devices become an issue during camp the camp leader will call the supporting adult or the emergency contact to come and pick the item up.

Please discuss this policy and the consequences with your child.





⚙️ VOLUNTEERING

Do you have a teenager age 15+ 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
- For youth volunteers who achieve 18+ hours of volunteering with Youth Academy, a reference letter is available upon request.

Contact youthacademy@nic.bc.ca to receive an application.

Application deadline: May 1

⚙️ 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

⚙️ CONTACT INFORMATION

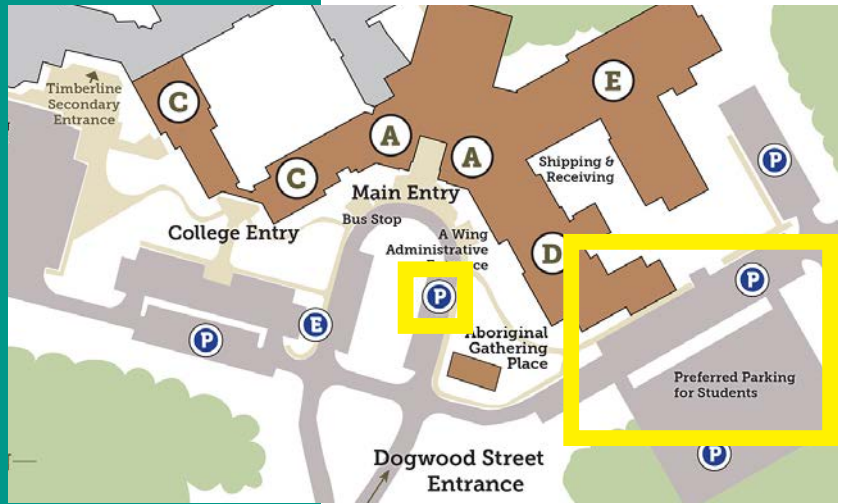
Contact Youth Academy directly for general inquiries and/or support during your child's camp experience.

Office hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am -4:30pm
250-203-2241 (Call or text)
youthacademy@nic.bc.ca

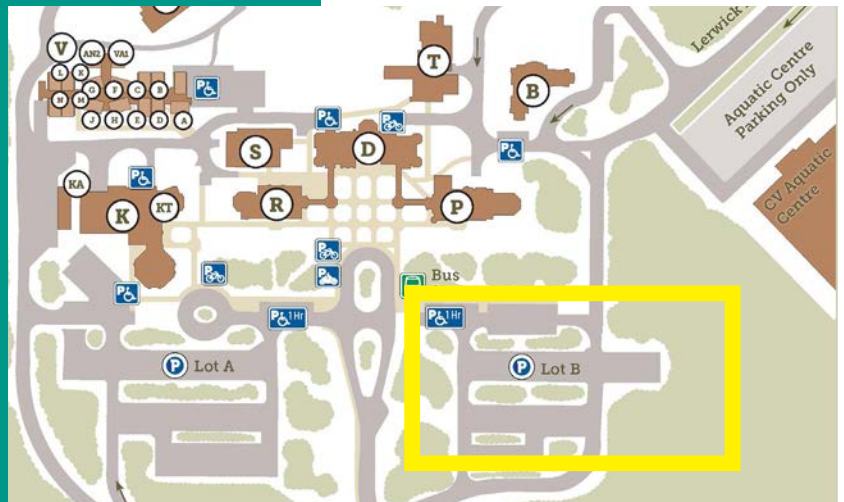
PARKING

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.

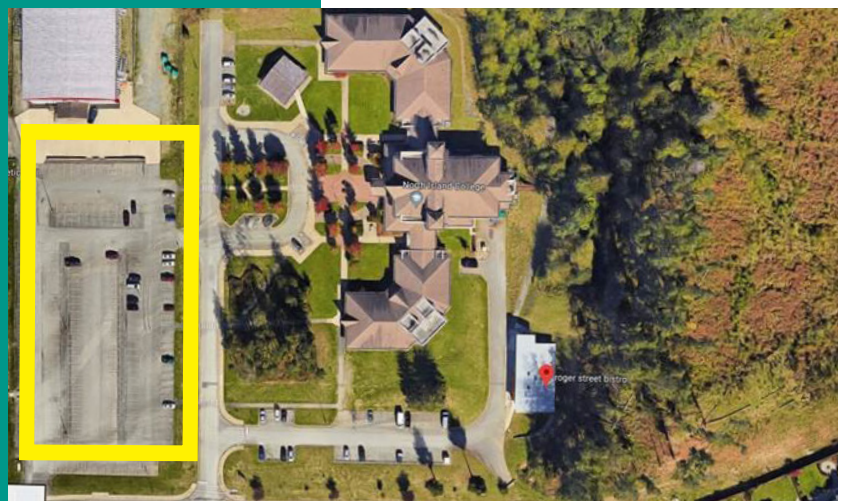
For camps taking place off campus please observe parking signage and park only in appropriate areas.



CAMPBELL RIVER: Student parking by D Wing and Main Entry



COMOX VALLEY: Parking Lot B



PORT ALBERNI: Parking outside Athletic Hall