



LEADING THE WAY

GET HAPPY SUMMER DAY CAMP

COMMUNITY
APPLICATION 2025



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PROGRAM APPLICATION



The Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council (MASRC) are pleased to announce that we will be piloting the Get Happy Summer Day program in 2025! The Get Happy Summer Day Camp program was developed in Nunavut ten years ago, and since then, more than 1,000 youth leaders and 17,500 children ages 5 – 12 years have participated. In 2025, MASRC will host the Get Happy Summer Day Camp program as a pilot.

Youth leaders plus one supervisor/recreation coordinator will attend a four day training forum that will provide training as leaders and develop skills they can use to create positive change in their communities through physical activity, creative arts and sport, and through the implementation of a four - six (4 - 6) week summer day camps for children ages 5 – 12 years. Youth leaders will participate in a variety of interactive workshops and activities that will prepare them to implement their Get HAPPY Summer Day Camp programs, a project aimed at improving the lives of children and youth in their communities.

Participants will also receive training and certification through Canadian Training which is a national standard program. Training will also be hosted with the Jays Care Foundation Rookie League program...supporting a fun baseball program in day camps!

At the conclusion of the training week, participants will be fully prepared, confident, excited and skilled to return to their home communities to deliver quality summer day camps. This includes daily activity plans, equipment and arts/crafts/snack check lists, registration forms and promo material.

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this project is to provide support and training to communities in Manitoba for the successful implementation of a summer day camp program for children ages 5 – 12 years. This includes providing training and resources to summer staff, as well as equipment, craft supplies, and resource materials.

The project objectives include:

- ✓ Provide basic training and certification in First Aid to summer staff;
- ✓ Provide training to support communities hosting a quality summer day camp program;
- ✓ Provide training to implement a Jays Care Rookie League program into day camps.
- ✓ Provide student summer employment (including training week)
- ✓ Provide quality summer programs for children
- ✓ Develop effective partnerships with those currently providing services in the community related to youth.
- ✓ Provide resources necessary for the implementation of day camps.
- ✓ Provide equipment and supplies needed to deliver successful programs.

LEADING THE WAY INFORMATION

WHAT IS LEADING THE WAY (LTW)?

- LTW Get Happy Summer Day Camps will provide training and resources for youth 15-22 years of age.
- LTW will provide all equipment, craft supplies, resources and training needed to deliver successful programs.

HOW DO COMMUNITIES BECOME INVOLVED IN LTW – GET HAPPY SUMMER DAY CAMP?

- Application and support letter for the Get Happy Summer Day Camp program must be received by **January 31st, 2025**.
- Confirmation space for day camp use for a period of 4 – 6 weeks must be included in the letter
- Supervisors must dedicate time for bi-weekly conference calls.
- **All** summer day camp staff will need to have a Criminal Record Check / Vulnerable Sector Check (CRC/VSC) **prior to training**
All youth leaders and the recreation coordinator will be required to attend the June training session.

WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH LTW GET HAPPY SUMMER DAY CAMP?

MASRC WILL...

- ✓ Cover 100% of all training costs including: travel, accommodations, food, certification (for up to 5 youth leaders and the recreation coordinator)
- ✓ Will book all flights/travel.
- ✓ Purchase art and craft supplies for each community
- ✓ Provide support to each community for snacks and drinks
- ✓ Provide participant t-shirts for each community
- ✓ Provide staff clothing
- ✓ Provide first aid kits
- ✓ Provide all resources to participating communities
- ✓ Purchase day camp equipment

COMMUNITIES WILL...

- ✓ Must have a Recreation Coordinator
- ✓ Apply for summer student wage assistance
- ✓ Participate in all meetings leading up to the training
- ✓ Recruit and hire summer day camp staff (5 youth leaders)
- ✓ Allocate a suitable space to host the day camp program (community hall, arena, etc)
- ✓ Host a minimum 4 week day camp program
- ✓ Participate in evaluation at end of summer program
- ✓ Pay staff wages during training week
- ✓ Be current members of MASRC

It is important to note...communities participating in the Get Happy Summer Day Camp program are required to complete training evaluations and end of season program evaluations. Supervisors are also required to participate in all conference call meetings.

100% participation in training is required!

Communities MUST be in good standing with MASRC...any Communities owing money or reports will not be considered for participation until paid in full. Communities MUST be MASRC members for the April 2025 – March 2026 year.

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COMMUNITY APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

COMMUNITY: _____

MAIN CONTACT: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CRITERIA: PLEASE CHECK AND SUPPLY LETTERS OR PROOF FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- WILL YOUR COMMUNITY HAVE A DESIGNATED SUPERVISOR FOR THE GET HAPPY SUMMER DAY CAMP
- IS A SUPPORT LETTER FROM YOUR COUNCIL ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION
(PLEASE PROVIDE. A template is attached to this document)
- WILL COMMUNITY HAVE RECREATION COORDINATOR AND UP TO FIVE YOUTH WORKERS ATTEND THE SDC GET HAPPY SUMMER DAY CAMP TRAINING SESSION

_____	_____	_____
Name of Chief/Mayor	Signature	Dated
_____	_____	_____
Name of Recreation Coordinator	Signature	Dated

Support Letter Template:

Dear Get Happy Summer Day Camp,

The council of ***Insert Community*** is happy to provide support to ***Recreation Director*** in their application to the Get Happy Summer Day Camp.

We understand that we must apply for 4-5 Summer student wage assistance grants as a requirement for this program.

Space is allocated for this program in ***Insert facility*** and we have identified 4-5 program leaders.

The community of ***community name*** is willing to commit ***# of weeks*** to this program over the summer months to support the children of the community.

The Recreation Director/program leader, ***Name***, is a member in good standing with the Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council (MASRC).

Thank you for your consideration of our application,

Signature (Chief or designate)

Signature (Council Recreation Leader)

Signature (Program Leader)
