



“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-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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What is Camp fYrefly?

Camp fYrefly was founded in 2004 as a university-community project by Dr. André Grace and Dr. Kris 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, two-spirited, queer, and allied (LGBTQ&A) youth. Through workshops and informal peer socialization, Camp fYrefly builds and nurtures 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, homes and communities. This 4 day residential camp is designed for sexual minority and gender variant youth who are usually between the ages of 14 and 24.



**Camp fYrefly-Saskatchewan
will be held August 3-6, 2012
at Lumsden Beach Camp
near Regina.**

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 "queer" youth move from being "at risk" to a place where they can be resilient and positively address the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood. This year's camp will have an increased number of workshops focusing on Aboriginal/Two-Spirit and Trans-gender issues.

Our volunteer 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 programming emphasizes a by-youth-for-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.

This year's artist in residence is well-known Saskatchewan singer-song-writer Jeffrey Straker who will lead workshops that encourage creative expression and solidarity. The fYrefly names comes from the first letters of the words, "Fostering Youth resiliency, energy, fun, leadership, yeah!" This summer camp encourages youth to experience the outdoors in a completely safe environment.



"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