

# "Be part of a life-changing experience"

- DEVELOP NEW SKILLS & CONFIDENCE
- LEARN TO PROBLEM SOLVE & THINK CRITICALLY
- BOOST YOUR TEAM BUILDING SKILLS
- LEARN ABOUT MONEY & SAVINGS
- ACQUIRE CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES
- MEET LOCAL BUSINESS PEOPLE
- GAIN HANDS-ON PAID WORK EXPERIENCE
- EARN A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO ADD TO YOUR PORTFOLIO
- EXPERIMENT & HAVE FUN



"In the beginning, I wasn't sure I wanted to learn about farming, but it was a positive experience. It made me feel good, and it really opened my eyes to things I might want to do career-wise. I was able to gain experience working on a local farm, where I learned farm safety skills. The farmer has since hired me to do odd jobs, which is great."

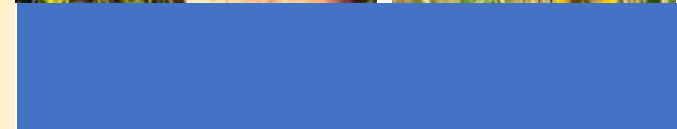
YLA Camp participant



Getting You There™



*For more information on the program visit your local Community Services office or call 1-877-424-1177 and ask for your local Employment Support and Income Assistance office.*



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| 2018 | <h2>Youth Leadership in Agriculture &amp; Resource Industries</h2> |
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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

— Mark Twain



July 3 – August 31



## About the Program

In the summer of 2017, the province launched a project that matched youth in care and dependents of Employment Supports and Income Assistance clients, ages 15 to 19, with employers in the agricultural sector. The goals were to help youth build valuable work experience and help fill the need for workers in the province's agricultural sector. The Youth Leadership in Agriculture Program, a joint effort between the NS Department of Community Services and the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council, was delivered simultaneously in two areas: Truro & Kentville.

Training and work experience outcomes were excellent and the program is expanding in Summer 2018 to two additional areas: Cape Breton and Bridgewater.



**LEARN, GROW  
AND DEVELOP  
YOUR SKILLS  
THIS SUMMER!**

## 2018 Camp Structure

The Youth Leadership in Agriculture & Resource Industries Program will run between **July 3 – August 31** in the areas of: **Truro, Kentville, Bridgewater and North Sydney.**

### July 3 – July 6: Training week/In class

During training week candidates will have the opportunity to develop their work skills, build confidence, and explore different careers by participating in various presentations and workshops.

### July 9 – July 13: Orientation week

Participants will visit local farms and community businesses to learn more about the industry and to prepare for the upcoming work experience.

### July 16 – Aug 31: Paid work experience

Based on skills and interest, each participant will be placed in a seven-week work experience. Weekly schedule, task assignment and any other terms and conditions will be determined by the employer.

Once the work experience has been successfully completed, participants will be presented with a *Certificate of Achievement* they can add to their portfolio.

Interested program candidates will go through an interview process to determine eligibility, fit and interest for the program.



BW & his employer at Hawthorn Hill farm



LH, TC & KC at Scotian Gold Country Store



TK at Basinview Farm

Patricia Bishop with DM & SR at TapRoot Farm



RP & LH at Truro Farmers Market



YLA Program 2017 - Truro Youth Participants



KB at Larry Weatherby Farm

**"I'd definitely recommend this project to other youth. There are many struggles for teens looking to find jobs and working while they're enrolled in school. This project removed those struggles, and made it easy for us to get work."**

For Robert Bedard of Scotian Gold in Coldbrook, Kings Co., it was a win-win opportunity he couldn't pass up: the chance to train students to work in the agricultural field and have them as dedicated employees for five weeks, all with help from the province to pay their salaries.

***"We were so pleased to offer young students an opportunity to gain work experience, build their confidence, and develop new skills," said Mr. Bedard. "Supporting our youth and our community is part of our co-operative values."***