

Camp Torch brings Olympic dreams to life

The only camp in the world with these activities, adventures and non-stop fun

Ever wonder where Olympic luger Jeff Christie got his start? Try the track right here at Canada Olympic Park.

And thanks to programs such as COP's popular Camp Torch, your child could conceivably be the next Jeff Christie. Really.

"Jeff Christie first started luging in our summer camps a number of years ago," notes Natalie Gerstmar, summer camp director for WinSport Canada. "And now, he's one of our favourite medal hopefuls for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games."

A long-running summer program, Camp Torch, named for the Olympic cauldron at COP, offers day camps for children and youth aged four to 15 years old to participate in a wide variety of outdoor adventure activities, ranging from mountain biking, hiking trips, archery, canoeing and mastering COP's Ropes Courses.

Camps, which run the gamut from Tykes Camp (ages four to six) to Leadership in Training (ages 14-15) run throughout July and August.

"Our Olympic Camp (ages eight to 13) also offers good exposure to some very unique Olympic sports such as luge, biathlon and ski jumping," explains Gerstmar. "And it's something that's only offered here at Canada Olympic Park."

Planning to check out the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver-Whistler?

Some of the top-calibre Canadian athletes competing on that world-class stage got their start right here at COP, taking part in Camp Torch, says Gerstmar.

Working directly with the head coaches and recruiters for the provincial luge, biathlon and ski-jumping teams offers the opportunity for those coaches to recruit star athletes with the potential to achieve Olympic greatness.

"A lot of athletes get exposed to these sports through our summer camp programs," Gerstmar says of the Olympic Camp. "It's a great partnership. We can provide them with future athletes and help their programs. In return, they come with great coaches who provide us with awesome experiences that the kids will never forget."

Whether your child is soaring off the ski jump or simply taking part in some fun arts and crafts activities, there's something for everyone.

"These camps attract kids who enjoy being active outdoors, participating in team sports, individual sports, and challenging themselves," says Gerstmar. "Camp Torch never stops. It's go, go, go all the time with plenty of activities in a nice, safe venue accredited by the Alberta Camping Association. We're excited about another active summer."

For more information on Camp Torch programs, visit www.winsportcanada.ca or call 403.247.5452.



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