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CCC MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

From: Samuel Hoffe [samuel.hoffe@gmail.com]

“It was great. Definitely very hardcore and challenging, arguably much more so than past CCC adventures. With that being said, I think everyone here learned a lot about themselves and gained a ton of confidence and resilience. The OBC instructors were phenomenal too, and as much as I might have wanted them to spoon feed me information, they just let the experience speak for itself and I’m so thankful that they did. I will remember my time here for the rest of my life.”

From: Shannon Anderson

“Over the last nine months I have had the opportunity to visit nine out of 10 Canadian provinces. I have climbed my first real mountain. I have touched the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans. I have handed out plants to teachers in Calgary. I have participated in youth service and leadership talks in Toronto. I have chaperoned a youth trip to Northern British Columbia. I have been able to see 25 km across prairie and the largest skies in the world. I have helped create over 11 million walleye and 100,000 splake trout. I have tracked northern pike with a hydrophone. I have taken density of oxygen readings. I have helped film educational videos to raise awareness of aquatic invasive species. I have visited a sharp-tailed grouse lek. I have watched bison roam on some of the last remaining native prairie in the world. I have met people and created invaluable friendships from all over Canada. I have had a lot of fun.”

From: Olivia Richardson orichardson9122 @Olivia Richardson Olivia.richardson214@gmail.com

I have been in Calgary at the Zoo working in the Education Outreach department! The zoo has taught me a lot about natural sciences and conservation! I've learned a lot about animals that I would normally not be in close contact or see ever back home! I've learned how to work collaboratively with a wide variety of experts. I am not normally an office kind of gal but have enjoyed the research aspect as winters are long! I have new passion for conservation and cannot wait to find more hopefully job prospects in this area!

The outdoor portion of the trip was definitely a physical challenge but I wanted to be challenged! It felt great to be out in the wilderness without having to worry about everyday life. To just be still and appreciate the sounds and the company was totally worth the cold. Crossing the frozen beautiful calm lake via snowshoes/dog sledding one minute; fast forward 20 and you're out on the ice with pick cracking a hole to gather water!! I would definitely go dog sledding again, I get excited every time I mention it. Kudos to the amazing instructors! For anyone who is unsure of what do post high school it's a great foundation, if you like outdoors, social science, environment and aren't afraid to take risks! I would 100% recommended the program!



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From: Michael Chen chen.michael@rogers.com]

My takeaway from the adventure journey was gaining an appreciation and awareness for Canadian wild animals. I did not realize the diversity of birds, wild cats and wildlife that we had in Canada. With this personal connection to nature and wildlife, I am more informed to promote the importance of practicing sustainable actions and getting involved in conservation. From planning youth programs for the Calgary zoo, I learned that conservation can be fun and accessible. (It isn't limited to field experts.) We can get more people involved in protecting wildlife and wild spaces by making it fun and enjoyable. For example, if we can turn a park clean-up or a bat monitoring program into fun games that meet the challenge levels for kids, teens and adults, we can get more people engaged in conservation and to be stewards of the environment. I would recommend the CCC program because it is a unique program that challenges young people to go beyond their personal comfort zone and to learn about conservation. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and you can make new friends from all across Canada. As a result of being part of the stage 1 and 2, I am more comfortable going to explore the local parks, rivers, and forests that we're lucky to have in Ontario and in Canada. I am truly changed for the better from this CCC experience.

From: Luke Ehler

For me the CCC program helped to affirm my interest in pursuing a future in conservation through environmental education. It's also given me the training and connections to feel confident in pursuing my passion. To help people care about nature by making them aware of how special it is, how it's being impacted by our actions, and what steps we can take individually and collectively to create a more harmonious relationship. I absolutely recommend this program to any young Canadians out there who have a passion for nature and aspire to make the world a better place. The CCC can assist you in these endeavors by providing you with a truly incredible opportunity for both personal and professional growth.

From: Chris Hinz Christopherhinz@gmail.com

My experience kayaking the Clayoquot Sound helped me see first-hand the positive impact and the importance of getting involved in conservation and protecting the beautiful and unique landscapes of Canada. My adventure has left me feeling a deeper connection to nature, wildlife and Canada. I would recommend joining the CCC because the program will connect you with amazing, life changing people, places and experiences all across Canada.