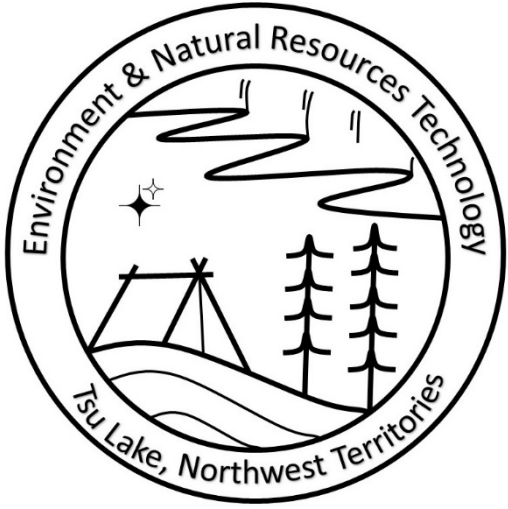




Youth ENRTP Field Course

August 20 – 28, 2026 • Tsu Lake fly-in camp

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Are you entering Grade 11 or 12?

Are you interested in science and the outdoors?

Are you currently in biology and want to experience what ENRTP can offer?



YOUTH ENRTP FIELD COURSE

When: August 20-28, 2026

Location: Tsu Lake fly-in camp (60 km N of Fort Smith, NT)

What is the Youth ENRTP Field Course?

The Youth Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program (ENRTP) NRTP Field Course is an immersive, 8-day educational program for NWT high school students entering Grade 11 and 12, and are interested in science and the outdoors. The program is delivered by Aurora College educators and elders, who collaborate to provide a unique, on-the-land learning experience.

Participants are enrolled in ENSC 1105 Introduction to Environmental Sciences, where students will learn about Indigenous knowledge, human activities and impacts on natural resources, along with other science-based disciplines such as geology, wildlife biology, and aquatic ecology through engaging land-based sessions.

Who can participate?

Up to ten high school students are accepted for this field course. Homeschooled students are also accepted.

Why participate?

The Youth ENRTP Field Course is an opportunity for students to see what the Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program can offer towards obtaining a career in this field, as well as other facilities at Aurora College in Fort Smith. Upon successful completion, students will receive college credit (3 credits) that is transferable to most colleges / universities. In addition, this locally developed course would also allow students to receive high school credits.

Who are the program staff?

Program staff includes instructors from the Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program, outreach educators at Aurora Research Institute, local elders, research scientists, and graduate student researchers. Other people on site include a field camp technician, a cook, and Aurora College student success staff.

What will students do at the Youth ENRTP Field Course?

The Youth ENRTP Field Course immerses participants in an interactive learning environment. Participants will learn to make connections between different ways of knowing by:

- Getting hands-on experience with field techniques in wildlife research, botanical sampling, environmental monitoring, aquatic studies and geology
- Learning traditional skills and knowledge from an elder
- Learning about on-site research projects studying the boreal forest ecosystem

There is also plenty of opportunity for recreational activities including hiking, photography, swimming, fishing, and storytelling with colleagues and peers!

When is the Youth ENRTP Field Course?

The Youth ENRTP Field Course runs for 8 days. Participants leave Fort Smith for Tsu Lake Lake by float plane on August 20, and return to Fort Smith on August 28.

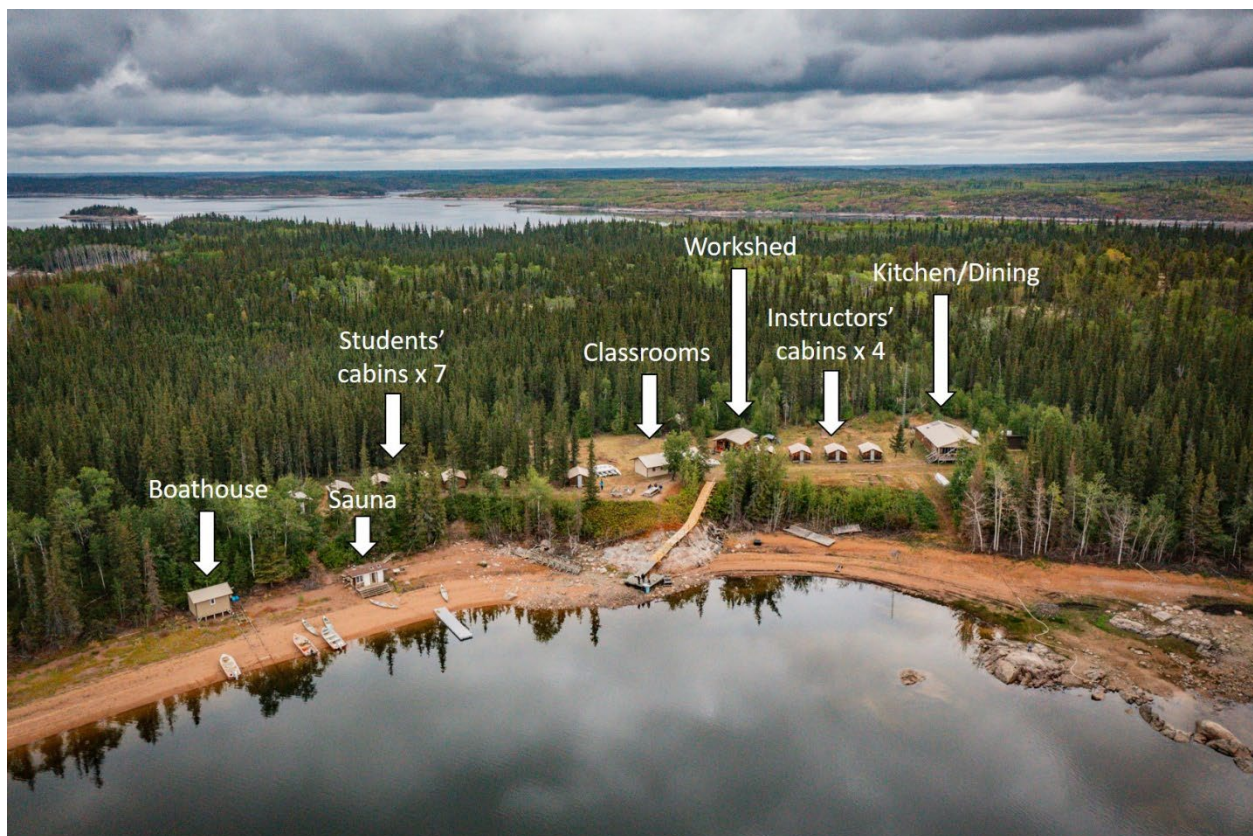
Participants from communities outside of Fort Smith may be asked to arrive early on the morning of the first day, or one day in advance in order to attend a morning orientation meeting for all participants. Housing may be available for out of town students that arrive early and/or leave a day later. Participants arriving in Fort Smith by plane will be escorted to and from the airport by an Aurora College staff member.

Where is the Youth ENRTP Field Course being held?

The Youth ENRTP Field Course is held at the ENRTP camp located on Tsu Lake (60°34'N, 111°58'W), 60 km north of Fort Smith. This camp was established in the 1980s by Aurora College and is accessible only by float plane.

The weather during the field course can be variable, including hot days, strong winds, rainstorms, and potentially biting insects! It is usually quite comfortable with warm, sunny days and cool evenings.

Facilities include tent frame cabins for sleeping, kitchen facilities for cooking and dining, shower facilities, sauna, and two classrooms for lectures and laboratory work. A dock and a beach provide access to the lake. ENRTP practices leave no trace in this remote wilderness.



A satellite telephone is available for emergency communications, and an inReach is available for regular check-ins. Program staff are trained in wilderness first aid and emergency response.

What should I bring?

Participants will receive an equipment and clothing list to help you make sure you're comfortable and prepared, as well as a guidebook upon confirmation of acceptance to the program which will include further details on how to prepare for the Youth ENRTP Field Course.

What does the Youth ENRTP Field Course cost?

Aurora College believes in the value of this Youth ENRTP Field Course. Air transportation from Fort Smith to Tsu Lake, and all meals and accommodation at Tsu Lake are covered by Aurora College.

Costs to participants would include all the necessary equipment and clothing to be out on Tsu Lake for 8 days, and transportation to and from Fort Smith via plane or automobile.

How can I apply?

Space is limited to 10 students, so completed applications are reviewed on a rolling-basis based on the following:

- Continuing Education Application for Training form (attached here)
- Letter of interest explaining background and how this opportunity fits in your educational and career goals (1 page maximum)
- Copy of high school transcripts showing participants have a science background

Please submit your completed application package by July 1, 2026 to Aurora College – Thebacha Campus via email (ApplyFortSmith@auroracollege.ca) or to Linh Nguyen (LNguyen@auroracollege.ca) with the subject line **Youth ENRTP Field Course**.

If you have more questions about the Youth ENRTP Field Course, please contact Linh Nguyen by email at LNguyen@auroracollege.ca or by phone at (867) 872-7576.



CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR TRAINING

Read these terms and conditions before completing this form. Applicants will not be considered to have registered for a course until completed application form(s) and full payment have been received.

1. Complete a separate application for EACH course you are registering for.
2. Application forms must be received by **Aurora College** at least 14 days (2 weeks) prior to the start of the course you are applying for.
3. Payment via cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard will be accepted with the application. Cheques are to be made payable to **Aurora College**. Completion of "Invoice Employer" section is considered payment and conditions regarding the withdrawal policy apply as if actual payment has been received by **Aurora College**.
4. Cancellation of registration must be received by **Aurora College** in writing no less than 15 calendar days prior to the start date of the course. A \$50.00 cancellation fee will apply to all withdrawals received 15 calendar days prior to the start of the course. No refunds will be issued after 15 calendar days prior to the start of the course. Those who have authorized invoicing have agreed contractually to issue payment upon receipt of an Invoice.

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Section 1 - Course Information:

Course Title: _____ Course Number: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____ Cost: _____

Community: _____

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Invoice (see below for authorization)

Section 2 - Applicant Information:

Applicant's Name: _____

Previous Family Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone (w): _____ Phone (h): _____ Phone (cell): _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Ethnicity: ☐ Dene ☐ Inuvialuit ☐ Gwich'in ☐ Metis ☐ Other

Social Insurance Number: _____ Oil/Gas Related? _____

Section 3 - Release of Information:

I allow Aurora College to:

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| 1. Use my name/photo for promotional purposes. | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| 2. Provide my name to potential employers at their request. | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| 3. Provide my mailing address/phone number to potential employers at their request. | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

INVOICE EMPLOYER SECTION (COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING)

Coding: _____

Company Name/Department: _____

Employer Mailing Address: _____

Attention: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____