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Important Dates

August - September 2023

Aug 22	Returning student registrations emailed to parents
Aug 23	Login in to PS to view your child's homeroom teacher
Aug 31 - Sept 1	Staff Planning Days
Aug 31	Drop in Kindergarten Meet the Teacher
Sept 4	Labour Day Holiday
Sept 5	Staggered Start Gr. 1 - 12 - See page 2 for schedule
Sept 6	Staggered Start Gr. 1 - 12 - See page 2 for schedule
Sept 7	First full day for all students
Sept 15	Returning student registration forms due
Sept 15	Welcome back breakfast for students and staff
Sept 20	Individual fall and class photos
Sept 21	Terry Fox Run
Sept 25	Parent Advisory Council
Sept 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Bentley School Staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday!!

The school will be closed for summer holidays beginning July 1, 2023 and will reopen August 31, 2023

2023-2024 Start Up Reminders

Registration/Demographic Forms for Returning Students

Every family (new and returning) will receive an email in regards to a returning student profile update for the 2023-2024 school year. We require parents to follow the instructions on the email and submit the information asap. Once this online process is completed, the information is then updated into your child's demographic within PowerSchool. It is important that schools have correct and current phone numbers, contacts, addresses, etc. If you did not receive an email asking you to update your child's student profile, please check your spam/junk folder. The returning student registration information forms must be completed online by **September 15, 2023**. Parents are required to log into their PowerSchool Parent Portal, click on the School Engage tab and complete the online student demographic form. If you are having issues submitting the form or have any questions, please contact Bentley School at 403-748-3770. These forms are mandatory for parents to complete every year.

Staggered Entry

Bentley School will start the 2023-2024 with two staggered start times. Students will attend one full day of classes on their assigned day. This enables students time to get settled, introduce routines, get to know their teacher, put away their supplies, etc. Please refer to the staggered entry schedule:

Kindergarten: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. No busing for Kindergarten	
Tues, Sept 5	Surname: A - L Tue/Thur Class
Wed, Sept 6	Surname: A - L Mon/Wed Class
Thur, Sept 7	Surname: M - Z Tue/Thur Class
Friday, Sept 8	Surname: M - Z Mon/Wed Class

Grade 1 - 8:	
Tues, Sept 5	Surname: A - L
Wed, Sept 6	Surname: M - Z
Thur, Sept 7	All students

Grade 9 - 12:	
Tues, Sept 5	Grade 9 & 10
Wed, Sept 6	Grade 11 & 12
Thur, Sept 7	All students

Homerooms

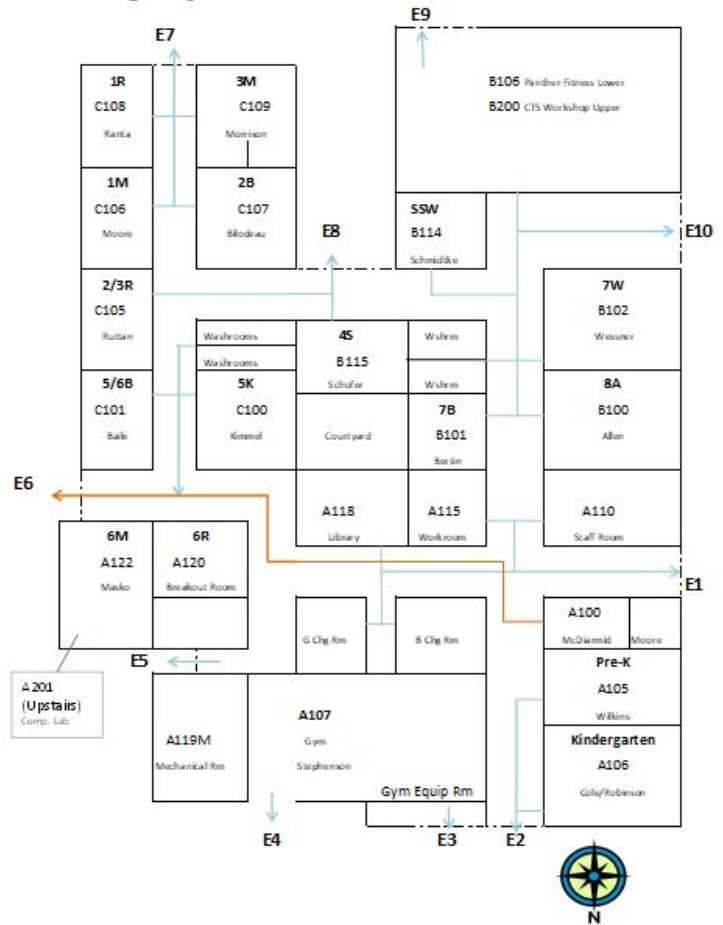
You will be able to find out your child's homeroom teacher and their room assignment by Aug 23. Login to your PowerSchool account, click the Grades and Attendance tab and look for the homeroom block on their schedule or click on the Bell Schedule to view your child's time table.

Classroom Map & Student Pick up and Drop Off

Teachers will be greeting students at their assigned drop off locations.

Pre-K	E1
Kindergarten	E2
Gr. 1 & 2	E7
Gr. 3 & 4	E8
Gr. 5 & 6	E6
Gr. 7 & 8	E10
Gr. 9 - 12	High School

Bentley School-Elementary Building Emergency Exit Routes



Kindergarten Information Package

Kindergarten information packages have been emailed out to all parents. All parents have been notified which class their child has been assigned too. If you are unsure of your child's schedule, please call the school office at 403-748-3770. You can also find the information on our website at:

<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/parents/welcome-to-kindergarten>. A meet the teacher night is scheduled for Thursday, August 31 for both classes.

Bright Futures Play Academy Information

BFPA information has been emailed out to all parents. Please ensure that fees are paid by September 1, 2023.

Chromebooks:

Jr and sr high students require a chromebook. We have very limited supply of chromebooks available for student use. For more details on [chromebook purchasing options for parents](#), please visit this document or refer to the [Wolf Tech Always Learning](#) for things you need to be aware of when purchasing a chromebook.

Timetables 2023-2024

Junior and senior high school timetables are available on the school website at: <https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/students/exam-schedule>.

Planning to volunteer next year?

At Bentley School, we love our volunteers! We need help with track meets, picture days, popcorn days and in the classrooms. All volunteers are required to complete: [Volunteer Application Form](#) - Must be completed yearly

[Criminal Record Declaration Form](#) - Valid for 3 years

[Vulnerable Sector Check Application](#) - Valid for 3 years and is only required if the volunteer will be working Closely with children in situations where he/she will be alone with individual children and groups of children, without direct supervision and oversight from staff; and In a natural position of trust and authority given the relationship between children and school volunteers.

Friends of Bentley Nursery School: Casino Volunteers Needed

The FOBNS is hosting their casino on September 8 & 9, 2023. In the past we have spent majority of the money on things like iPad and chromebook carts, as well as furniture items for the school. There are many more furniture items on the list that we are hoping to purchase for the school with the money raised from the casino. We aren't able to purchase these items without this fundraiser so we would appreciate the support of parents if you are able to volunteer for a shift.

It's easier than ever to sign up this time following the link!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/aca93000>

Thank you in advance!

- Carmen, Kathleen, Darci & Michelle

Additional Staff Changes for 2023-2024

A number of additional staff changes have taken place this month. Mrs. Ruttan will now be teaching the Gr. 2/3 class. We are excited to announce that Mrs. Baile has accepted the Gr. 5/6 position for next year and Miss Masko will be covering the Gr. 6 maternity leave for Miss Howe. We are excited to welcome back Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Vanak as EAs next year and welcome new hires Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Peers and Mrs. Froese. Welcome to Bentley School!

Staff List 2023 - 2024

Principal	Lane Moore
Vice Principal	Stephen Lush
Bright Futures	Jamie Wilkins
Kindergarten	Darci Cole (Tue/Thur) Vanessa Robinson (Mon/Wed)
Gr. 1M	Kathleen Moore
Gr. 1R	Courtney Ranta
Gr. 2	Leesha Bilodeau
Gr. 2/3	Kelsey Ruttan
Gr. 3	Lindsay Morrison
Gr. 4	Erin Schofer
Gr. 5	Sheri Kimmel
Gr. 5/6	Shyla Baile
Gr. 6	Jessica Masko
Jr. High Science (Gr. 7B Homeroom)	Travis Wessner
Jr. High English (Gr. 8 Homeroom)	Nikki Allen
Jr. High Math (Gr. 7A Homeroom)	Jannah Bertin
Sr. High Science/Phys Ed (Gr. 9B Homeroom)	Hayley Lush
Sr. High Math/Physics (Gr. 9A Homeroom)	Bruce Peers
Sr. High Science (Gr 10 Homeroom)	Taylor Button
Sr. High English (Gr. 11 Homeroom)	Suzanne Annable
Sr. High Social (Gr. 12 Homeroom)	Jason Hazlett
K - Gr. 8 Phys Ed	Pam Stephenson
Mat Leave	Jill Howe

Admin Assistants

Marsha Lush
Tammy McDiarmid

Librarian:

Tammy McDiarmid

Social Worker:

Kadyn Schmidtke

EA Support:

Starla Braithwaite
Darla Park
Corrine Kamps
Leslie Anderson
Susan Owens
Lynne Bromwich
Laura McKain
Lora Nash
Carmen Hrynyk
Sherry Haarstad
Vanessa Zinger
Haley Kirsch
Tannis Crawford
Kristeena Meinema
Ashley Fraser
Sam Vanak
Sharleen Klein
Carmen Peers
Faye Froese
Jenn Liner

Custodians:

Fay Nykolaishyn
Theo Nykolaishyn
Pam Davey

School Fees

Fees due September 30, 2023

We accept cash, cheques (Payable to Wolf Creek Public Schools), online and a debit machine is located at the high school office.

Pay your school fees online

Step 1: <https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca>

Step 2: Click on PowerSchool & Online Payment

Step 3: Sign in using your PowerSchool username & password

Base Fees:

Kindergarten: \$90 (includes \$50 school fee, \$40 technology fee)

Gr 1-6: \$40 (includes \$40 technology fee)

Gr 7-8: \$160 (includes \$80 jr high options, \$30 yearbook, \$40 technology fee, \$10 leadership fee)

Gr 9-11: \$80 (includes \$30 yearbook, \$40 technology fee, \$10 leadership) + optional fees

Gr 12: \$80 (includes \$30 yearbook, \$40 technology, \$10 leadership) + optional fees + grad fee TBA

Optional Fees for Gr. 9 - 12:

(these fees will be added to base fee if your child is taking one of these courses)

PE 10-3/20-3/30-3: **\$40**

PE: 10-5/20-5/30-5: **\$40**

Art: **\$20**

Foods: **\$40**

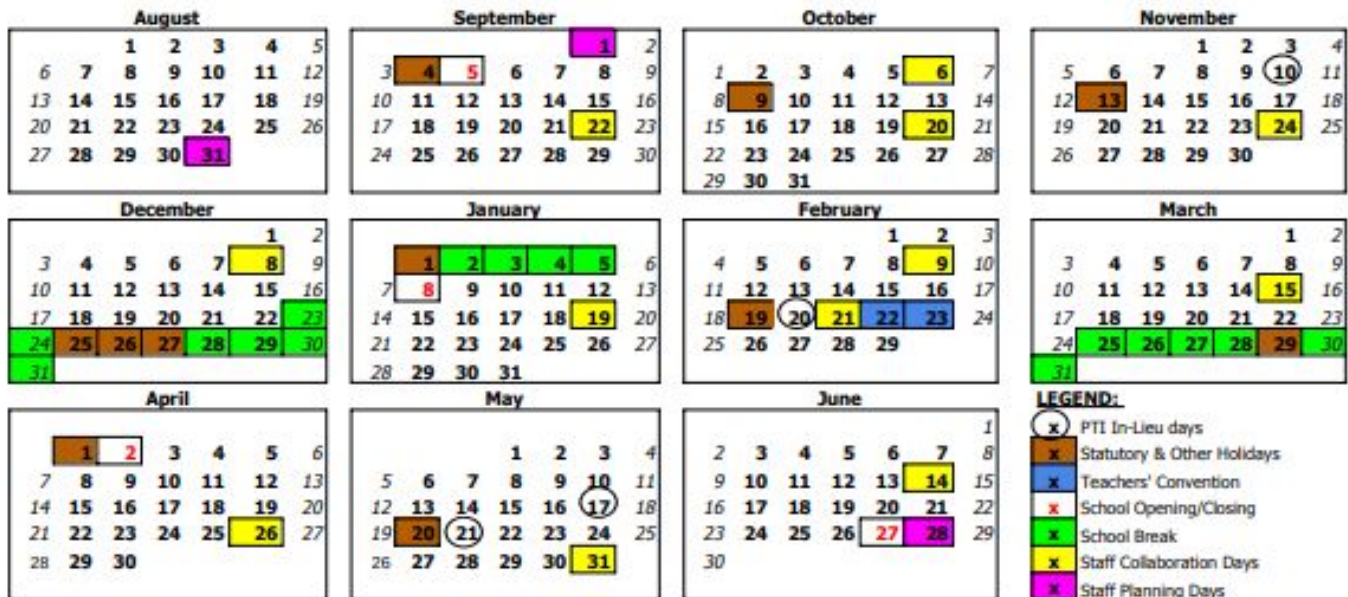
Woods: **\$50**

Guitar: **\$25**

Additional fees may be added throughout the year to cover the cost of field trips, swimming lessons, sports fees or clubs.

BENTLEY SCHOOL 2023 - 2024 School Year CALENDAR

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- LEGEND:**
- x PTI In-Lieu days
 - x Statutory & Other Holidays
 - x Teachers' Convention
 - x School Opening/Closing
 - x School Break
 - x Staff Collaboration Days
 - x Staff Planning Days

			Staff	Students
August	Aug. 31	Staff Planning Day	1	0
September	Sept. 1	Staff Planning Day		
	Sept. 4	Labour Day		
	Sept. 5	Students' First Day		
	Sept. 22	Staff Collaboration Day	20	18
October	Oct. 6	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Day		
	Oct. 20	Staff Collaboration Day	21	19
November	Nov. 10	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	Nov. 13	Stat in Lieu - Remembrance Day		
	Nov. 24	Staff Collaboration Day	21	19
December	Dec. 8	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Dec. 25, 26, 27	Christmas Stat Holidays		
	Dec. 23	Christmas Break (Dec 23- Jan 5 inclusive)	16	15
January	Jan. 1	New Years Day Stat		
	Jan. 8	First day back after Holiday Break		
	Jan. 19	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Jan. 31	Conclusion of First Semester	18	17
Semester One Total			97	88
February	Feb. 1	Commencement of Second Semester		
	Feb. 9	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Feb. 19	Family Day		
	Feb. 20	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	Feb. 21	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Feb. 22 & 23	Teachers' Convention	19	15
March	Mar. 15	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Mar. 25	Spring Break (March 25 to April 1 inclusive)		
	Mar. 29	Good Friday	16	15
April	Apr. 1	Easter Monday		
	Apr. 26	Staff Collaboration Day	21	20
May	May 17	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	May 20	Victoria Day		
	May 21	Staff Earned Day Off (In-Lieu for Parent-Teacher Interviews)		
	May 31	Staff Collaboration Day	21	19
June	Jun. 14	Staff Collaboration Day		
	Jun. 27	Students' Last Day		
	Jun. 28	Teacher Evaluation Day (final staff day)	20	18
Semester Two Total			97	87
Year Total			194	175

School Supplies

Your teachers at *Bentley School* are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase your school supplies through School Start for the 2023-2024 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

See the specific grade level supply lists linked on the next page.

The lists have a **Starter Package** (base package) as well as **Additional Items Required**. The additional items are required by each teacher; they include items such as pencil cases, sharpeners, and calculators. These products do not need to be purchased on a year-to-year basis if you already have them.

There are three ways to place your order:

1. You can place your order online at www.schoolstart.ca
2. You can place your order over the phone 1-800-580-1868
3. You can print and fill out the supply list and return via email to info@schoolstart.ca
4. You may utilize the same list to purchase your supplies locally. If you choose to purchase locally, please remember to purchase items off the **Starter Package** and the **Additional Items Required**.

Remember, you can purchase parts of the additional section if your child already has supplies that are in good order from a previous year - please save money and the environment.

The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your home or directly to school before school starts.

If you have any questions, please contact **School Start's Customer Service Department**: Email: info@schoolstart.ca | Phone: 1-800-580-1868



School Start

Back to School with School Start

Parents you can now order your child's back to school supply kits from **schoolstart.ca**

EARLY ORDER INCENTIVES

SEE SCHOOL START PARENT LETTER FOR DETAILS!

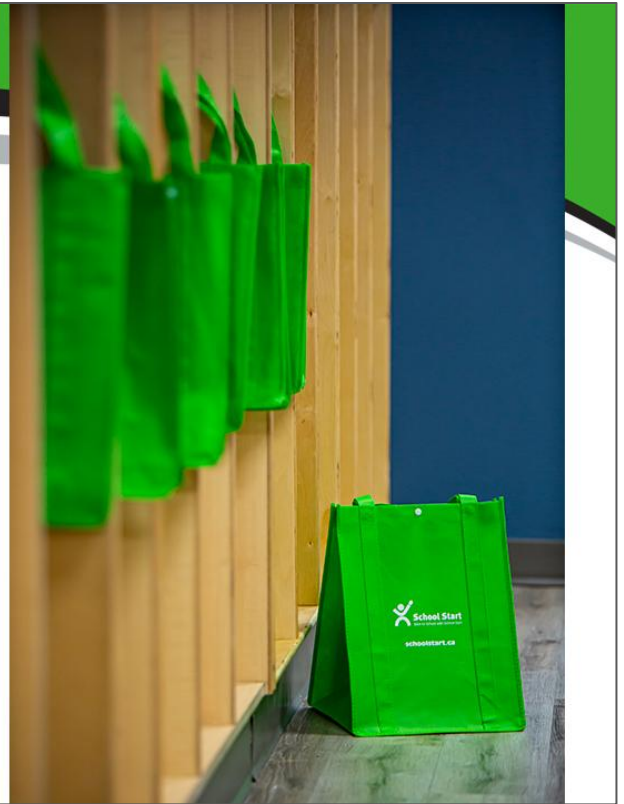
ORDER **ANYTIME** ONLINE

OR

ORDER via CALL CENTRE AT

1-800-580-1868

Visit them at www.schoolstart.ca



Click the link to view the grade level supply list.

[Grade 1](#)

Parents please note:

[Grade 2](#)

Phone calculators are not acceptable.

[Grade 3](#)

Junior high and high school students taking Math 10-3, 20-3 or 30-3, require a scientific calculator.

[Grade 4](#)

High School students that are taking Math 10C, Math 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, 30-2 or 31, require a Texas Instrument graphing calculator (TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84, TI-84 Plus, or TI-84 Plus CE)

[Grade 5](#)

[Grade 6](#)

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[Grade 7-8](#)

[Grade 9-12](#)



TOOLS for **SCHOOLS**

2023
2024



If your child attends school in:
Lacombe * Bentley * Clive * Alix

You may qualify for
Tools for School!
You can choose between:
SCHOOL SUPPLIES or
A CHROME BOOK RENTAL

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS JULY 10, 2023

CONTACT 403-782-6637 OR
WWW.LACOMBEFCSS.NET



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Information collected that you provide to Lacombe & District FCSS is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) Section 33(c). This information will be used for the purpose of the "Tools for School" program. Your personal information is protected from unauthorized access, use and disclosure under Part 2 of the FOIP Act. Questions regarding this collection of personal information may be directed to info@lacombefcss.net or 403-782-6637

**Brand New!
Coming to Bentley
this fall!**



2023-2024 Programs

School's Out Day Program

The School's Out Day (S.O.D.) Program operates from 8:30AM – 5:45PM during the school year and includes life-skills instruction, leadership training, recreation, field trips and other planned activities on Professional Development Days, school breaks and In Lieu Days for schools. The following dates follow the Wolf Creek Public Schools calendar.



- Friday, September 22, 2023
- Friday, October 6, 2023
- Friday, October 20, 2023
- Friday, November 24, 2023
- Friday, December 8, 2023
- Friday, January 19, 2024
- Friday, February 9, 2024
- Friday, February 20-23, 2024
- Friday, March 15, 2024
- Friday-Friday, March 25-28, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024
- Friday, May 17, 2024
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- Friday, June 15, 2024

After School Program

The After School Program (A.S.P.) operates Monday from 3:15PM – 5:45PM during the school year and includes life-skills instruction, leadership training, recreation, other activities and a nutritional snack.

- Program Start Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023*
- Program End Date: Friday, June 21, 2024
- Program Closure: Monday, December 25 – Friday, January 5, 2024
- Program Cost: After School \$15/day, Full Day \$35-40/day
(Government Subsidy will be available for those who qualify)

*pending date of Child Care Licensing Approval



Location: Bentley Elementary School
Contact: Phone 403-783-3112
Email: Admin@bgcwoolfcreek.com or Bentley@bgcwoolfcreek.com
Website: www.lacombe.bgcwoolfcreek.com
Registration: Please click on the QR Code:

Registration



Facebook



Website



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For more info on our group mentoring summer camp opportunities;

Email: sydney.zens@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Or call our office at 403-782-7870

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <https://lacombe.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/>



KIDS & KOPS SUMMER CAMP JULY 10-13

This camp takes place between Lacombe & Blackfalds. It is a busy, fun filled, four days that allows youth to fill the shoes of an officer. Youth discover forensic science, crime-solving, team building, police scenarios, fieldtrips and so much more! The skills that youth have the opportunity to develop are invaluable in and outside of the policing world.

Youth must be ages 8-11
Lacombe, Blackfalds or Lacombe Country residents only
We are not accepting youth who have already taken the camp due to limited spaces!

REGISTRATION OPENS THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
ON MAY 8 2023

HEALTHY BODIES HEALTHY MINDS SUMMER CAMP

CAMP 1; JULY 19 & 20

CAMP 2; AUGUST 1 & 2

HB HM summer program will be an awesome 2 days. Youth will have an opportunity to learn self care, explore positive image, mindfulness, mental health and share new experiences. HB HM promotes positive self expression, self esteem, and allows for an outlet of creativity for youth through crafts, games, and much more!

Youth must be ages 8-11
Lacombe, Blackfalds or Lacombe Country residents only
We are not accepting youth who have already taken the camp due to limited spaces!
REGISTRATION TBA ON OUR WEBSITE



GAME ON SUMMER CAMP

CAMP 1; JULY 26 & 27

CAMP 2; AUGUST 14 & 15

Game On summer program will be a fun filled 2 days where we will discuss concepts revolving around healthy lifestyle practices. Game On will be filled with lots of active games and sports. Youth are engaged in life skills, communication, and emotional health discussions designed to engage participants in the pursuit of life long healthy lifestyles.

Youth must be ages 8-11
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REGISTRATION TBA ON OUR WEBSITE



Wolf Creek
Lacombe



CAMP



- Registration Opens April 3, 2023!
- Monday - Friday, 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- Ages 5-12 (Kindergarten must be completed)
- Daily Registration - \$40/day (Club & Government Subsidy Available)

SUMMER CAMP

July 3rd, 2023 - Aug. 25th, 2023

THEMED WEEKS:

- Survivor Week
- Gamer Week
- Spy Week
- Olympics Week
- Pirate Week



FUN ACTIVITIES:

- Field Trips
- Swimming
- Bowling
- Community Guests
- Experiments & More

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Kids & Kops Camp

Register Now

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Or By Email sydney.zens@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



July 10-13/ 2023

Kids & Kops is a fun interactive camp filled with tons of police related activities. In partnership with Lacombe Police & Blackfalds RCMP, Big Brothers Big Sisters offers this police mentoring camp for **ages 8-11 years of age for Lacombe, County & Blackfalds residents**. Activities include a crime scene investigation, police scenarios, field trips & more! Each camper will receive a T-shirt, snacks, and lunches with their tuition. **Cost \$185 per camper**. Activities days are split between Blackfalds & Lacombe. We are unable to take repeat campers.

