



Summer in Innisfail, Alberta

Our [*Summer Connections*](#) calendars and [*Explore Summer 2019*](#) guide showcase many events and activities in the Central Alberta area that Innisfail and Red Deer County families may be interested in checking out. However, we've included a few more specific community programs/resources below that local families are not going to want to miss.

The [**Town of Innisfail's**](#) [Community Events Calendar](#) will keep you up to date with all markets, festivals, rodeos, picnics, parades and other community activities happening around town.

The [**Innisfail Public Library**](#) puts out a [calendar](#) every month with events for *all ages!* Don't be fooled into thinking this is all about the print. Books come alive at the library with stage fighting workshops, art, science, technology and more! Check out their upcoming events [here](#).

[**Innisfail Recreation & Culture**](#) posts information about drop-in programs (basketball, tennis, pickleball, aquafit, climbing & bouldering) on their [Facebook page](#) along with the public swim times. Sponsored public swim is Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm and Toonie Swim runs Sundays 5:00-6:30 pm.

[**Innisfail Bowling Lanes**](#) participates in [Kids Bowl Free](#). This program is designed by bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time this summer. Children 2-15 are eligible to register for 2 free games each day, all summer long. Family passes are also available.

[**Innisfail Recreation & Culture**](#) [Summer Day Camps](#) | July through August | 9:00am-4:00pm | For children aged 5-12 | The Town of Innisfail offers fun and educational summer day camps that will keep your child(ren) engaged with a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Camps include a field trip and swimming at the Innisfail Aquatic Centre | Cost: \$130-\$145/week per child. Get a \$10 discount per additional registration when you register two or more children within the same family. Before & After Care available.

[**Innisfail Spray Park**](#) is up and running this year with a eco-surface that feels fantastic on the feet. Make sure to check it out behind the Aquatic Centre! The Park is open free of charge May long weekend until September (weather permitting) from 9:00am-9:00pm.

The **Town of Penhold [Splash Park](#)** is only a short drive and offers another cool splash under the summer sun. The park opens second weekend of June and closes end of the long weekend of September (weather dependant) daily from 11:00am - 7:00pm.

Grab your kayak, paddle board, or canoe and head over to [Dodds Lake](#) to catch a breeze off the lake. You can even just sit on the dock and listen to the water lapp against the shore.

Town of Innisfail's [Parks & Trails](#): Check out a new (to you) recreation park, playground, or walking trail. Walk, run or roll: just get out there and explore. Click for maps of Innisfail's [Parks and Playgrounds](#) as well as [Primary Trails](#).

The **Innisfail Public Library** also hosts the **CHIPS ([Children's Indoor Play Space](#))** which provides a safe, fun environment for you and your child(ren) 0-5 years old, with a focus on gross motor skills development. This FREE drop-in parent/guardian supervised playgroup is held at the Library Learning Centre (LLC) every Tuesday 9:30 - 11 p.m. If you're interested in attending this unique program with your child then drop by the Library and Learning Centre to check it out!

[Innisfail Parent Link Centre](#) provides both hands-on learning for kids as well as information about techniques and help to model positive parenting. Parents can come with their children under age 5 to drop-in play five days a week. Check out their [webpage](#) or [June Calendar](#) for more information on the types of activities they have to offer.

For information regarding **community volunteering** see current [volunteer opportunities](#).

For more information on local *Attractions* and *Tourism* visit [Innisfailtourism.com](#).

Inclusion of organizations in this guide does not represent endorsement of programs, nor does exclusion indicate disapproval.

Summer might spell Q-U-A-D, W-O-R-K, C-A-M-P, F-A-R-M, or C-H-I-L-D-C-A-R-E for your family but whichever it is, summer is a great time to develop the *developmental assets of **constructive use of time** and **empowerment** in our youth.

[What's an asset and how do we build them in our youth?](#)

*A Developmental Asset is a support or strength a young person needs to succeed.

Empowerment: Young people need to feel valued and valuable. This happens when youth feel safe and respected. We can build this by showing our youth that adults in the community value them and give them useful roles in the community.

Constructive Use of Time: Young people need opportunities—outside of school—to learn and develop new skills and interests with other youth and adults. We can build this up in our youth by encouraging them to volunteer, explore their interests and passions, as well as participate in community events and organized lessons/groups/practice.