



CAMP JEAN NELSON

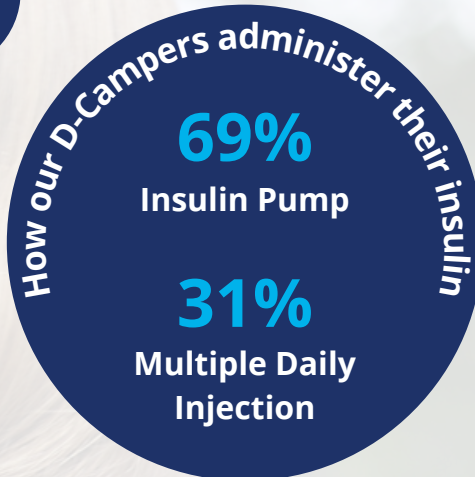
Camp Jean Nelson, established in 1957 by Jean Nelson, is a special place dedicated to children living with diabetes. Diagnosed at age five, Jean played a vital role in diabetes education and was a pioneer in developing the summer camps program. She also founded the Calgary Branch of Diabetes Canada, highlighting her commitment to the community.

Camp Jean Nelson provides a unique experience that empowers young people to thrive while gaining necessary diabetes management skills. Nestled in the beautiful Rocky Mountain Foothills near Water Valley, Camp Jean Nelson has partnered with Kids Cancer Care Alberta's Camp Kindle since 2014. The camp spans 160 acres of scenic rolling hills, forests, and waterways, offering a serene environment for campers to experience traditional camp activities while providing caregivers piece of mind knowing our healthcare professionals and counsellors are there to support their diabetes needs.

“Camp has been a second home for me since I was 9, as a diabetic child it has been an uphill battle finding spaces where I feel safe and included but that sense of safety and acceptance comes easily for me at Camp Jean Nelson.”



2024 CAMP STATS AND FACTS



Camp Jean Nelson welcomed:

156

D-Campers to
Summer Camp

10

Youth to LDP

81

Youth and their
caregivers to
Family Camp

5

Campfires enjoyed
by participants

2018

Average year of
diagnosis for
D-Campers

46

Youth attended
Camp Jean Nelson
for the first time

12

Average age of
D-Campers

“I was diagnosed during Covid so I did not have many others to talk to and get advice until I went to camp with tons of other kids having the same problems as me. It was truly life changing!

We are incredibly proud that the D-Camps experience has such a profound impact on our campers. However, not all families have the financial means to attend. That's why Camp Jean Nelson provided **\$19,600** in financial aid to ensure that more youth and their families could benefit from the D-Camps experience. This represented **10%** of all D-Camps' subsidies provided across the country.

