



Thank you for registering for the Canadian Parents for French Alberta **French Family Fun Weekend**. We have planned a fun-filled family weekend of French and bilingual activities for French and non-French speakers, based out of Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre (76 Connaught Dr.) Jasper, Alberta. This will be an opportunity for students to use and practice their French outside of their school setting from Friday, March 4– Sunday, March 6, 2022.

While at all CPF Alberta sponsored activities, we strongly encourage participants to wear masks while indoors. Extra masks are available from CPF staff.

Please take a moment to read our updated:

[*CPF Alberta Covid Event Policy](#)

[*CPF Liability Waiver](#)

There is a swimming pool at the hotel so you may want to bring your swim suits. Pool, Hot Tub and Fitness Centre.

Please note that any food allergies/needs are accommodated for at all hotel meals and during Saturday's youth programming.

Schedule:

*Times & activities may vary slightly

Friday, March 4

Hotel check in any time after 4 pm. You will be required to leave a credit card number upon check-in for any incidentals. Room charges and taxes have been covered by CPF through your registration fee.

- **6:00pm – 10:00pm:** Welcome in the lower lobby. Look for our CPF banner and welcome booth table in the lower lobby. If you arrive in Jasper later in the evening and we are no longer in the lower lobby we will register you with us Saturday morning.

Saturday, March 5

7:00 -8:30 am: Breakfast at the hotel in **Walter's Dining Room**, this is included in package. Breakfast **vouchers** will be provided upon check-in. Our "welcome booth" will also be set up for those who arrived later than 10:00 pm on Friday.

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8:30: Children must be in the lower lobby to commence age-appropriate sociocultural activities. They will be transported to the Palisades Centre. While many of the youth activities are outdoors, it is recommended that all youth have at least one (1) mask with them to put on while indoors should they choose to do so or should you as parents direct them to do so. CPF Staff will have hand sanitizer and extra masks with them for youth to use.

- Please wear provided name tags.
- While many of the youth activities are outdoors, it is recommended that all youth have at least one (1) mask with them to put on while indoors should they choose to do so or should you as parents direct them to do so. Staff will carry extra masks with them.
- We require youth bring a **backpack** to hold their items including snacks provided by CPF Alberta.
- Please send them with a full water bottle.
- Youth **must** be prepared to be outdoors for the majority of Saturday's events (they will be going between the indoors and outdoors) and mountain weather can be cold at this time of year so please ensure that they bring appropriate outerwear; this includes a toque, ski-pants, boots, mittens/gloves etc.

8:45 – 10:45: – Babysitting service is available for those under 5 (Free of charge).

- Must complete [Medical waiver](#)

9:00 - 10:30: Parent Session- **Becoming bilingual: Myth busting with a developmental psychologist – Kristan Marchak**

Kristan is an assistant professor in Psychology at the University of Alberta - Campus Saint-Jean. She received her PhD in Developmental Psychology from UBC, conducting research in Dr. Geoff Hall's [Language Development Centre](#) on cognitive and language development in young children. Kristan received an MSc in Cognitive Psychology and a BA in Psychology and French Language and Literature from the University of Alberta.

In this presentation, Dr. Kristan Marchak will discuss how psychology research can help us to understand the positive aspects of learning a second language in school. She will also discuss what the research has to say on some of the common challenges that children may face in learning another language. Dr. Marchak is an assistant professor at the University of Alberta's Campus Saint-Jean. Kristan is also a proud French Immersion graduate!

10:30-4:15 – Free time for lunch. Lunch is **not** included by CPF. Children & Youth participating in programming will be provided a packed lunch. *Excludes those in babysitting service.

4:15: Children & Youth programming is complete, signed back in by parents in lower lobby.

4:15 – 5:30: Free time

5:30-6:30: Dinner at the hotel in the **Chief Paul Ballroom** - included in package. Cash bar.

7:00 – 8:00: Family Entertainment – **Aytahn Ross**

Aytahn Ross is a circus artist and contemporary clown who presents a gourmet mix of circus, comedy and theatre. In the last 25 years he's been seen live by over 1 million people in 13 countries around the world. He has received repeat invitations to Just For Laughs, performed for the Governor General, sold-out shows at the National Arts Centre of Canada, performed twice with the ESO, had invitations to present at the Banff Centre, presented at many of the biggest and best festivals throughout the country and has regularly presented for CPF Alberta audiences. He's also toured hundreds of schools in Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, and British Columbia. Ross is an experienced performing artist who is incredibly flexible and able to provide a client whatever they might need whether shows, workshops, roving, emcee or hosting and more.

Sunday, October 24

7:00 - 09:30 Breakfast at the hotel in the **Walter's Dining Room**, this is included in package. Breakfast **vouchers** will be provided upon check-in.

Check out of hotel.

10:00 - 12:00 - Scavenger Hunt – Jasper Town site

Meet at Patricia Street Deli (610 Patricia St) when Scavenger Hunt is complete for a hot beverage and snack (included in package). Make sure to say bye to us at the deli.

Saturday Bilingual Youth Programming:

- Please send your child with:
 - Name tag
 - Full water bottle
 - 1 Face Mask (CPF Alberta will have spare masks, just in case, wipes and hand sanitizer available).
 - Dress appropriately for the weather – Programming **INCLUDES** outdoor activities. Spare mitts/gloves are highly recommended.
 - Backpack for snacks & their personal items. i.e., water bottle, extra mitts etc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at mtryon@ab.cpf.ca.

Any issues while you are **on site** please contact:

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