

CYL Announces New Names for Camp Weeks!

The Co-operative Young Leaders program (CYL) has for many years, referred to the weeks of camp as Junior, Intermediate and Senior. We believe it was time for a change and to update our program by changing the names. It is important to ensure we communicate the age, co-operative spirit, and some of the fun participants will experience when attending CYL. Here are the new names for each week and the artwork that reflects the co-operative spirit...



Explorers: Explore the wonder of co-operatives as we learn about the history of co-operatives and discover the CYL community that awaits! Explorers provides participants with a judgement free environment where everyone is welcome. They will have fun meeting new friends and enjoying traditional camp activities such as swimming and campfires. Open to participant's ages 13-14, this program is a great introduction to the Co-operative Young Leaders program.



Trailblazers: Blaze a trail towards co-operation as we focus on our CYL community, learn to overcome communication challenges, and lead the way towards building great teamwork and co-operative leadership skills. Participants will reunite with old friends and meet new friends in a safe and supportive environment. They will enjoy campfires, swimming and exploring the great outdoors. Open to participants ages 15-16, and/or participants that have completed Explorers.



Visionaries: Implement the vision and imagination to shape the future of co-operatives, as we become innovative young leaders with the knowledge and skills to change the world! This week will help solidify basic knowledge of the co-operative business model, support and foster the young co-operative leaders of the future and provides participants with the opportunity to make friends that will last a life time. Open to participants ages 16-18, and/or participants that completed Trailblazers.

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