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Education Directors/Principals/Education Portfolio

All Ontario First Nations

**Re: First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy – 2019 National Science Camp, Peterborough, Ontario, July 21 -28, 2019**

On behalf of the Ontario Region Selection Committee, I am pleased to inform you of an exciting opportunity for ten (10) First Nations and Inuit students **aged 12 to 15 at the time of the camp, non-smokers, and living on reserve**, to represent Ontario Region at a National First Nations and Inuit National Science Camp as part of the First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy.

The week-long camp will be held July 21-28, 2019 in Peterborough, Ontario at Trent University hosted by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Ontario Region in partnership with local First Nations, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute and Trent University. The representatives from Ontario Region will meet and interact with First Nations and Inuit students from across Canada while participating in a variety of dynamic educational experiences focusing on science and technology.

To participate, students have to produce an essay on “How science and technology can help First Nations improve life on reserve” and an artistic expression, drawing, sketch, etc. must accompany each essay. The art work is to express what is detailed in the essay.

All costs for participation in the camp, including travel, meals, and accommodations for the participants will be provided. Costs for a chaperone to take each participant to a local departure point will be covered as well.

Information on the camp, an application form, parental consent form, and submission guidelines are enclosed. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact me at Bernadette Wabie, Senior Education Officer 519-751-2443 or [Bernadette.Wabie@canada.ca](https://gcdocs.intra.pri/contentserverinacproductiondav/nodes/33853055/mailto%3ABernadette.Wabie%40canada.ca).

Good Luck!

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