

Katimavik



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Discover Canada without even leaving your living room!

Sylvan Lake— That's what Katimavik, Canada's leading national youth service program, has to offer if you become a host family between:

- **November 21 - 30, 2008.**
- **March 6 – 15, 2009**
- **June 5 -14, 2009**

Our organization is presently looking for families who are willing to host Katimavik participants aged 17 to 21 from across Canada. Here is your chance to get to know a young person who is presently volunteering in your community while introducing them to your way of living!

As part of Katimavik's learning program, participants must spend nine days in a host family of the region they are volunteering in, so as to get a better grasp of the culture and local life. For some participants, this is also an excellent opportunity to benefit from a full-fledged linguistic immersion. This precious experience will be filled with discoveries for both your family and the participant(s). Each host family will receive a subsistence allowance for the host period.

How can you become a billeting family?

Contact us at (403) 770-9795 and we will be happy to discuss opportunities with you! Each family that hosts a Katimavik participant receives a stipend to offset costs.

Katimavik is in Sylvan Lake

The Katimavik group arrived in Sylvan Lake on October 22, 2008 and will live in the community for the next three months, before heading to Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec to continue their nine-month program. The group is comprised of six women and three men who are living in a house rented by Katimavik and are supervised by a project leader who lives with them. These young participants are working five days a week at local non-profit organizations including: Our Lady of Rosary School, Town of Sylvan Lake, Neighbourhood Place, Sylvan Meadows Adventist School, School Age Care Society, the Food Bank, Sylvan Lake Seniors Association, Sylvan Lake Volunteer Centre and the Sylvan Lake Youth Centre.

About Katimavik

Katimavik offers youth between the ages of 17 and 21 an exciting nine-month journey of discovery in three different regions of Canada. The program is based on the concept of service learning, which integrates both personal and professional development through volunteer work and group life. It focuses on five components: developing leadership skills, official languages proficiency, protecting the environment, cultural discovery and a healthy lifestyle. At the end of the program, each participant will have contributed an average of 900 hours of volunteer work – 35 hours a week – for non-profit organizations. Since 1977, more than 28,000 young Canadians have participated in the Katimavik program.

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