

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS

*An exciting and educational opportunity for young people and their families!*

**Q:** How much does it cost to join a Junior Forest Wardens club?

**A:** Each club sets its own fee for membership depending on what is included, with fees ranging between \$50 and \$100 per year. For example, a club may decide that the annual fee includes the cost of a uniform shirt, while another club may ask members to pay for the uniform separately. Check the [club listings](#) to contact your local club for more information.

**Q:** I just found out about Junior Forest Wardens, can I join a club in the middle of the year?

**A:** Many clubs will accept new members anytime during the year and pro-rate the annual fee. Check your local club by contacting the club coordinator by phone or through our [email](#) links.

**Q:** How often does a club meet?

**A:** Club meetings are generally held once a week from September to June. Special events and outings occur on weekends as well; each club is different, depending on member's interests and goals.

**Q:** How old do I have to be to join?

**A:** Children as young as 6 years old can join JFW. There are 4 major divisions:

- Pathfinders – Ages 6-8
- Trailblazers – Ages 9-11
- Adventurers- Ages 12-14
- Challengers – Ages 15-18

**Q:** Do clubs have a mix of ages, or all one age group?

**A:** Clubs are mixed, often having all 4 age groups in one club.

**Q:** Can Mom and Dad come to club meetings and events with me or do they drop me off and pick me up after the meeting?

**A:** JFW is a parented program in which parents participate alongside their children in learning about Ecology, Forestry, Leadership and Woods travel.

**Q:** What kinds of activities will I get to do as a Warden?

**A:** Junior Forest Warden activities focus on our 4 Pillars of: Forestry, Ecology, Leadership, and Outdoor Skills. JFW helps children and youth develop skills while having fun and helping their community.

**Q:** I have cousins and friends that live in different provinces, can they join the Junior Forest Wardens?

**A:** Yes, Junior Forest Wardens is not just Alberta! We have clubs in Newfoundland, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. Click [here](#) to see a map of all of our club locations across Canada.

**Q:** I don't see a club listed where I live but would like to start one, who do I talk to?

**A:** We encourage anyone interested in starting a club to contact our Office Administrator by [email](#). We have a club information kit that can be mailed to you on loan for 3 weeks. If you are serious about starting a club we can put you in touch with our Membership Director who will work with you to get your club chartered.

**Q:** Is Junior Forest Wardens a government program?

**A:** JFW used to be run directly through the Department of Sustainable Resource Development, but became an independent organization in 2007. It is now run by a volunteer Board of Directors, with each club having their own leaders and volunteers.

**Q:** I'm almost 18 now, is it too late to join the Junior Forest Wardens?

**A:** We welcome children and youth of all ages to join. There are opportunities for older Wardens and adults to develop training, mentoring, and leadership skills that will assist you in becoming future leaders in the JFW program and/or in your community.

**Q:** I used to be a member, and would like to be involved again. What can I do?

**A:** We have a JFW Alumni Association for anyone who was a member for 3 years. Formed in April 1994, the [Alumni Association](#) is not only a group for JFW who want to stay in touch after club involvement, but we also provide support and act as a resource to the AJFWA at the club and provincial level.

**Q:** How can I get access to the members-only pages?

**A:** Click "Register" in the green box on the right side of the home page, and fill in the required information. Once your email address is confirmed, and your active membership status is verified, you will receive an email notifying you that you are able to login.

**Thank you for your interest in Junior Forest Wardens!**

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