



LEARN  
ENGLISH  
& HAVE FUN  
IN CANADA.

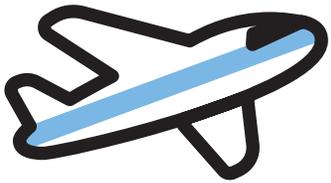


WYNCEMNA  
CALGARY



## WYNCHEMNA'S PHILOSOPHY

Wynchemna's philosophy is that one should enjoy acquiring a second language through total immersion. We accomplish this by encouraging the students to speak English not only in the classroom, but also during the recreational activities, on the bus, in the apartments, while walking to the cafeteria, during their free time, and any place where there are other Wynchemna students. That way each participant is immersed in English throughout the day, and learns English through both formal instruction and by using English in everyday fun activities. So it is important to keep in mind that the students are expected to speak English at all times. We realize that the students are youths and that although they are here to learn English, they are also here to enjoy themselves in a new and exciting environment. However, we can maximize the amount of English learned and be inclusive of everyone if we avoid the use of other languages.



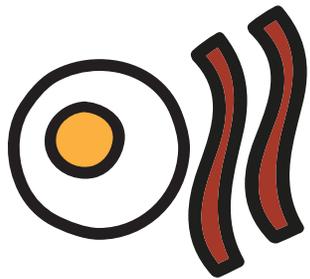
## AIRPORT

The Wynchemna teachers will be waiting for the students at the airport. The students will be able to recognize the teachers because the teachers will be wearing a Wynchemna shirt and they will be holding a sign with the names of the students. If there are any problems, please go to the sign International Arrivals 'C' or the sign Arrivals 'A' and wait for a Wynchemna teacher or you can phone 282-1698. At the end of the programme, the teachers will, of course, take the students back to the airport and help them at the "check in." If your son or daughter has a stopover, you may request at the "check in" in your country for someone to help your daughter or son transfer from one plane to another plane.



## ACCOMMODATION

The living accommodations are situated in the student residences of a college campus (SAIT). It is located in the Northwest part of Calgary, one of the most suburban and lively areas of the city. The apartments have 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen and living room. Bedrooms are shared with one other student and each room has a telephone. The campus has many recreational and educational facilities as well as plenty of green spaces for sports and relaxation.



## BREAKFAST

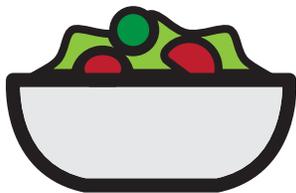
Breakfast takes place in small groups with one teacher. It is like a small conversation class for students who do not see each other in classes. The teacher and students have breakfast while discussing the events that took place the day before and the activities planned for the day (for example, canoeing in the afternoon and the theatre in the evening). Breakfast consists of milk, juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, pancakes, toast, fruit, yogurt, etc. Students are expected to be on time for breakfast.

## LESSONS



A placement exam is organized on the first day of classes. Wynchemna places students in small classes so they feel comfortable to communicate with one another. Wynchemna also tries to mix nationalities in the classroom while keeping students with the same levels of English together. If lessons are too easy or difficult, students can request to change to another class. Students have 2-3 different lessons each day, with different teachers. Each teacher focuses on different English skills such as speaking, listening, comprehension, communication, reading and writing.

## LUNCH



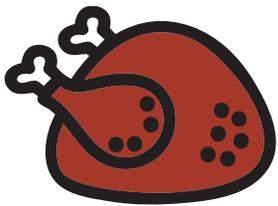
For the mid-day meal, there are appetizers, salads, vegetables, dessert, fruit, meat, fish, and vegetarian options. Wynchemna encourages students to socialize with students from different countries at this time. One teacher usually sits at a table with students to encourage them to speak English.



## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

During the activities, students are again mixed to facilitate immersion. On the bus, teachers ask students to sit with a partner they are not familiar with. Here is a chance to meet someone new and possibly make a long lasting friendship. Often our students stay in touch even after 10 years! Sometimes they need help getting to know their classmates, so teachers constantly give them experiences to meet other students. Speaking and listening to English all day allows for student to make the best progress possible. Immersion also continues after classes and lunch. For example, during kayaking lessons, the kayak instructors teach you how to kayak in English. They are certified in their field and there are often special instructors for different activities (like rock climbing or horseback riding). Therefore, students learn English from other Canadians they meet during their stay in Canada.





## SUPPER

Supper is often at different restaurants or food courts around Calgary depending on the evening activity.



## EVENING ACTIVITIES

Evening activities engage students in different experiences that might be new and exciting: skating, rock climbing, drama workshops, etc. Students may be reluctant about trying something new, but we always encourage students to give it a chance before saying no.

Wynchemna asks students to try every activity before they decide they do not like it. Wynchemna also asks students who are good at something to help others who are not. For example, if you know how to skate it is a great opportunity to help someone learn from you. Teachers are always available to assist students as well. If you give new activities a chance, you will enjoy yourself. A positive attitude goes a long way in life!



## BEDROOMS

Girls are in one area and boys are in another area. Wynchemna tries to place students who speak different languages together so that the students have to speak English with one another. The thrill of meeting someone new is a great chance to practice your English. If you come to Wynchemna with a friend, s/he will probably be less than a minute away in another room. You are more than welcome to go and visit your friend. Every student is in the same position.

Who is going to share the bedroom with me? Will this new student like me? Go up and introduce yourself. You may come from different countries, but you have a lot more in common than you think. Ask your new roommate what kind of music s/he likes? Teach your new friend a card game. Teachers will always announce a time when students have to be in their apartments and students then have half an hour (30 minutes) to chat with roommates before going to bed. Younger students usually have a 22:00 apartment time and older students usually have a 23:00 apartment time, which gives the students time to have a shower, watch some TV, read a book, play some games with a roommate or just chat.



## THE ENGLISH REMINDER

This is a very important part of Wynchemna. We understand that it can be difficult to come to a new country and speak a new language. However, you will only be in Canada for a short time. English is a great way to meet other students and learn other cultures. It is the only language that everyone speaks and understands so it is fair and respectful that we use it everywhere and at all times.

As a reminder, the teachers collect 25 Canadian cents (a quarter) when English is not spoken or if someone is not listening to English. When students arrive they are given 10 quarters which means Wynchemna pays for the first 10 times they don't speak English. After the 10th time, students must pay themselves. If for some reason a student is not carrying their quarters, they must give the teacher a watch, bracelet or something similar. It will be kept in the office until the student can pay for two quarters. At the end of the course, the money is used for a party. Once you go back home, you can speak any language you choose and you will realize how much fun it was to learn English.



## CAMPING TRIP

Wynchemna supplies the sleeping bags, tents, and other camping equipment during the one-week tour in the National Parks. Each student can take a knapsack or backpack for the camping trip. Suitcases will be left at the residences. Students are expected to help prepare meals with the teachers as well as help wash the dishes and load and unload the bus.



## PASSPORTS, AIRPLANE TICKETS, MONEY

Students need money for stamps, post cards, pens, batteries, film and souvenirs. Students should give their pocket money, airplane tickets and passport to the co-ordinator upon arrival in Vancouver. Pocket money will be given out at various times during the week.



## VISITS

If you plan to visit your daughter or son at Wynchemna, please notify us as soon as possible because we are often away from the residences doing various recreational activities. If a relative or friend would like to visit your daughter or son, we need written permission from the parents that their daughter or son is allowed to visit with this person.



## CLOTHES AND WASHING

Students can wash clothes at the residence for \$3 per load. Wynchemna will supply the washing detergent for the students, and the teachers will show the students how the washing machine works.



## WEATHER

Generally speaking, the weather is nice and very dry and sunny in Calgary during the summer, although the weather can change quite rapidly. It could be hot, dry and 28 C one day and the next day windy and 18 C. Calgary is close to 1000 metres above sea level. Be prepared for anything! In the mountains it gets cool during the evenings and nights.



## AGE GROUPS

Wynchemna tries it best to group students in apartments, classes and activities according to age, but please note that on occasion we might have to mix different age groups together.



## RULES

We ask students to follow these simple rules:

1. **Obey the laws.**
2. **Co-operate with the Wynchemna teachers and staff.**
3. **Be friendly and respect the teachers, staff, fellow Canadians and other students from different countries.**
4. **Take care of your health.**

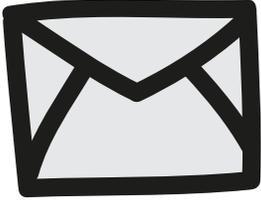
Any serious breach of these rules will result in the immediate dismissal of the student. Wynchemna also expects students to participate in all classes, meals and activities, help carry for example soccer balls to the bus, to be on time for all scheduled events and to generally help in the smooth operation of Wynchemna.

The Wynchemna teachers want to have fun with the students, but getting them out of bed in the morning or trying to find these missing students when the bus is ready to leave for rock climbing disrupts the smooth flow of Wynchemna, and; therefore, these students will be given a warning.

## PLEASE NOTE...

Of course cell phones have great cameras and translators, but we ask students to refrain from using them to chat, text, play games or listen to music during the lessons, activities or meals. During free time, students can use their cell phones. If students are found to be using devices during lessons, activities or meals then Wynchemna will confiscate the device and return it at the end of the day, but if the problem persists, it will be returned at the end of the course. While we recognize that students want to connect with friends and family from home, we want our students to be present in the activities and times we have to socialize in English. We ask students to stay off their phones while at Wynchemna. Also, we are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices due to unforeseen events (such as water fights, sport accidents or accidents caused by other students).





## MAIL

Feel free to email us and we can print it the email for the students:  
[wynchemna@gmail.com](mailto:wynchemna@gmail.com)

If you want, you can write your daughter or son.

Student's Name  
c/o Wynchemna  
2508 34th Ave. N.W.  
Calgary, AB T2L 0V5  
Canada



## TELEPHONE

It is difficult to phone your daughter or son at the residences because we are often off campus, participating in various recreational activities such as canoeing, kayaking, golfing, going to the movies, etc.; instead, we suggest that your daughter or son phones you.

**Wynchemna will give each student one long-distance telephone card for free.** The student can call for approximately 20 minutes with this phone card. In case there is an emergency, you can always call the following telephone number: (403) 282-1698 or email: [wynchemna@gmail.com](mailto:wynchemna@gmail.com)



## WYNCHEMNA'S LIST OF THINGS TO BRING ALONG:

- Passport
- 6 pairs of socks
- 5 T-shirts
- 3 shirts
- 3 sweaters
- 3 pairs of long pants
- 2 good pairs of running shoes
- 2 towels at least
- 2 pairs of shorts
- 2 pairs of pajamas
- 1 swimming suit
- 1 sun hat
- 1 warm jacket
- 1 rain jacket
- Pocket money (between 300 and 500 Canadian Dollars)
- Lots of underwear
- 1 alarm clock
- 1 watch
- 1 toothbrush and toothpaste
- 1 comb or brush
- 1 shampoo
- 1 sun cream (sunscreen factor 30)
- 1 pair of sunglasses
- 1 camera
- 1 flashlight
- 1 knapsack
- 1 suitcase (a backpack would be best)
- 1 dictionary
- Adapter for 110 volts



Just remember not to pack too much... think about the souvenirs you are going to take back home! This list is a suggestion of things to take along. If you do not have everything on the list, it might be necessary to buy these things. It would be a good idea to have your name written on your belongings just in case you misplace them; that way lost items can be returned to the student. Please remember not to take expensive clothes that might be damaged during the recreational activities or camping.

## TO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER IN CANADA

We, the parents of....., will permit our child to travel by himself/herself to CANADA in order to participate in the summer English as a Second Language programme at Wynchemna Language and Learning Centre in Calgary.

NAME OF STUDENT:

STREET:

CITY:

COUNTRY:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

BIRTHDAY:

NAME OF PROGRAMME: Wynchemna Language and Learning  
Centre

ADDRESS: SAIT Student Residences  
1301 - 16 Ave. N.W.  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2M - 0L4

TELEPHONE: (403) 282-1698

FAX: (403) 282-1698

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Signature of Parents

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Date