

WHO

Career Trek Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that helps young people discover the importance of education and career development by providing hands-on career oriented programming at educational settings across Manitoba.

WHAT

Career Trek Inc. programming helps children and youth develop essential skills for life and learning, building a foundation for a skilled workforce, a responsible community, and a thriving economy. By exposing children to direct career activity in up to 80 occupations and professions, they become aware of a wealth of opportunities and begin to get a sense of their likes, dislikes, and interests.

WHEN

Career Trek Inc. has four programs that run on the weekends and three that run on weekday evenings. Program lengths vary from three weekends to 20 Saturdays, depending on the program.

WHERE

Career Trek Inc. runs programs in the Winnipeg, Westman, Parkland, and NOR-MAN regions of Manitoba and visits local post-secondary institutions such as The University of Manitoba, The University of Winnipeg, Red River College, Stevenson Aviation and Aerospace Training Centre, Winnipeg Technical College, Brandon University, Assiniboine Community College, University College of the North, and the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy.

WHY

Career Trek Inc. believes that everyone that has education and career dreams should be able to make them a reality. Our unique model blends rural, urban, suburban, Aboriginal, non-Aboriginal, and newcomer children and youth in order to break down barriers, build understanding, and create the sense of community that is an essential part of education and career success.

We Would Like To Thank

The Province of Manitoba for generously funding Children Rising (NOR-MAN).



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CHILDREN RISING NOR-MAN

Children Rising

Children Rising is a program designed to ease children and youth through the major turning points in their education and career paths.

Created in partnership with the community, **Children Rising** aims to empower children to chart the course of their education and discover the world of work, while being mindful of individual and cultural experiences of the school system.

Our unique model blends rural and urban, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children in order to break down barriers, build understanding, create a sense of community, and lay the foundation for smooth education and career progress.

120 ten and eleven year old children from the NOR-MAN Region are nominated to join the program each year. Participants take trips to University College of the North in The Pas and the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy in Flin Flon on four Saturdays between January and March.

Participants get the chance to explore 16 occupations and professions while deepening their cultural understanding and building relationships with individuals and communities.

Our programming gets children and parents from different communities and backgrounds working together to prepare participants for the progression to high school, post-secondary education, and on to their chosen career paths.

With **Children Rising**, a career path is no longer a guessing game and children become their own career champions.



Programming

Career Trek partners with the University College of the North and the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy to immerse students in the world of education and career development.

Career Trek's life-altering programming provides children with hands-on experience in the following areas of study:

University College of the North

- Business
- Law Enforcement
- Education
- Carpentry
- Welding
- Nursing
- Natural Resources
- Chemistry
- Dental Assisting

Northern Manitoba Mining Academy

- Geological Sciences
- Material Sciences
- Environmental Science
- Mining



Expectations

In order for the **Children Rising** to be successful, students, their families, and partnering schools need to be committed to the program.

Students are expected to maintain excellent attendance, engage in the lessons, and contribute to a positive learning environment.

Fee: there is a participation fee of \$20 for joining the program.

Transportation: bus or car service is provided to all students for out of town trips.

Graduation: at the end of the program participants attend a graduation ceremony in recognition of their hard work and dedication.

Family Days: during the program year, two Family Days are scheduled so that friends, relatives, and teachers get to experience a day in the life of a Trekker.