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Press Release

Third edition of the «Rendez-vous fou» for young leaders

EDMONTON, JUNE 2nd 2011- For a third consecutive year, l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta (ACFA) is proud to announce the holding of the leadership camp *le Rendez-vous fou* to take place on June 9 and 10 2011 at the Gull Lake Center in the region of Red Deer. The project is coordinated by the Red Deer Community School Coordinator (CSC) and the CSC team.

This activity is intended for students of grade 7 to 9 attending schools of the *Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord*. Thus, we shall host the following four schools this year: La Prairie of Red Deer, St-Christophe of Wainwright, Citadelle of Legal and Alexandre-Taché of St.Albert. In all, about 130 people are expected to attend, including about a hundred youngsters, about 20 chaperones, hosts and volunteers.

This youth-oriented project is, first and foremost, a camp in French to be held for two days full of workshops where three major themes will be explored:

- Leadership (through obstacle courses and ice-breaking games)
- Francophone Music (workshops, show by the musician, Graham Petit, dance and youth talent evening)
- Physical and outdoor activities (ultimate Frisbee, flag football, volleyball, rock climbing and canoeing)

This year, the guest speaker is Manitoban Mathieu Catellier, who will encourage leadership among youth by relating a story-filled testimony on his experience as a young leader in different domains of the Canadian Francophonie.

This project is possible thanks to the collaboration of the *Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord*, and to the collaboration of many other contributors such as the *ACFA régionale de Red Deer*, *Francophonie jeunesse de l'Alberta*, *le Centre de développement musical*, *la Fédération du sport francophone de l'Alberta*, *la Société des parents pour l'éducation francophone de Red Deer*, *la Société Radio-Canada* and the Ministry of Canadian Heritage.

Founded in 1926, the ACFA (French Canadian Association of Alberta) is the official voice of the Francophone community in Alberta. As such, the ACFA is committed to ensure the continued development of the Alberta's French-speaking multicultural society. The ACFA's Provincial Office is located in Edmonton along with 14 Regional Chapters across Alberta and 12 Community School Coordinators.

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