



Young Naturalists Club of Nova Scotia (YNC)

"Young Naturalists observe and conserve"

Young Naturalists Club Guiding Philosophies:

- The YNC is a free nature club that provides an opportunity for children and their families to learn about **Nova Scotia's natural history and develop observation skills**. Important field naturalist's skills, such as using binoculars, taking field notes, keeping nature journals, and using field guides will be provided to all members.
- The YNC is a place where young people can **learn in an informal manner**. Some of the most memorable learning experiences for children are ones in which they have discovered something for themselves, rather than being told. Members will also be encouraged to learn from each other, and will come to see that no one person has knowledge of everything. Everyone has things they have yet to learn, and everyone has something they can teach.
- YNC Chapters will be **run by volunteer leaders** that engage volunteer adult naturalists and scientists to deliver experiential and hands-on engaging presentations and field trips.
- YNC Chapters will **remain free for all members**. Every attempt will be made to allow members to participate in all activities despite any financial restrictions. These accommodations include, but are not limited to: paying for admission to natural history institutes, carpooling, lending resources, and donating of goods.
- The YNC will be run as a **cost-effective and low environmental impact organization**. YNC Chapters will be provided with basic naturalist equipment. Rewards and acknowledgment for members will be done in a meaningful way.