



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
**15<sup>th</sup> annual NBFL Blair Doucet Youth Summer Camp**

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The New Brunswick Federation of Labour (NBFL) is hosting its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Blair Doucet Youth Summer Camp at the Moncton campus of l'Université de Moncton from August 3 to 8. Opening ceremonies began on Monday evening with 31 youth from around the province, including 16 returning and 15 new campers. They were introduced to the members of NBFL Young Workers' Committee, to camp facilitators, and were explained the history of the camp and how it was created by past NBFL President Blair Doucet.

Blair Doucet's daughter, who is also the Second Vice-President of the NBFL, Paula Doucet-Jones, welcomed camp participants by saying: "It is an honor to be able to carry on my Dad's legacy by sharing important life skills with each of you this week. This knowledge will follow you during your entire working life, whether you are a union member or not."

Camp participants can expect to learn, have fun and make friends during the six day camp. In the mornings campers will learn about the history of the labour movement, their rights as workers and labour's role in the broader society. In the afternoons and evenings they will discover some of the activities and attractions in the Greater Moncton area and surroundings.

The Blair Doucet Youth Summer Camp is open to New Brunswick youth with at least one parent that is a member of a labour union affiliated with the New Brunswick Federation of Labour. Thanks to the generous contributions received from NBFL affiliates, Higgins Insurance and the Canadian Labour Congress, the camp is free of charge to participants. Each camp participant will also receive a of \$250 scholarship for their participation when they graduate from high school.

The media are invited to attend the camp's closing ceremonies on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the Pavillon Adrien-J.-Cormier building at the Moncton Campus of l'Université de Moncton in Room 132. Camp participants will put their knowledge into action by negotiating the terms of next year's camp.

Blair Doucet, NBFL President from 1999 to 2005, founded the camp. He believed that the union movement should be brought to the youth of the province. Doucet passed away in February 2009. The summer camp is named in his memory.

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