

Dear Educators:

The **Juno Beach Centre Association** offers Canadian history teachers the opportunity to tour First and Second World War battlefields in France, and attend the Juno Beach Centre's Summer Institute on the historic landing beaches of Normandy, France.



The **Juno Beach Centre** is Canada's only museum on the D-Day Landing Beaches in Normandy, founded by veterans and volunteers in 2003 as a lasting testament to the Canadian contribution on D-Day and during the Second World War. It also serves as an Education Centre, sharing the story of Canada's role in preserving the freedoms we are privileged to enjoy today.

The 2015 Juno Beach Centre Summer Institute and Battlefield Tour



Our first Battlefield tour for educators took place in August 2005 with 33 history teachers representing ten provinces and territories. Since then, more than 300 teachers have participated in what is now the ***Juno Beach Centre Summer Institute and Battlefield Tour***.

Educators from across Canada now have the opportunity to apply to participate in the 11th edition of the program, scheduled from **July 25 to August 4, 2015**. Participants will travel to Northern France and Normandy to gain firsthand knowledge of Canada's participation in the First and Second World Wars. The trip itinerary includes visits to the Canadian battlefields at Vimy Ridge, Beaumont-Hamel, the D-Day landing beaches, the Falaise Gap and Normandy. In addition, participants will gain a better understanding of Canadian sacrifices through visits to the Abbaye d'Ardenne, the town of Authie and War Cemeteries at Béný-sur-Mer, Bretteville-sur-Laize, and Dieppe.

While in Normandy, educators will visit the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles-sur-Mer. A tour of the Centre will provide participants with a complete overview of Canada's involvement in the Second World War. In addition, they will benefit from a full day of professional development seminars and local speakers who will share their knowledge of the significance of Canada's landings at Juno Beach, the Battle of Normandy, and the Victory in Europe that followed. These sessions will help participants connect these experiences with their provincial curricula, incorporating the Historical Thinking Concepts and commemorative work in their teaching.

A Canadian military historian is on-hand throughout the tour to provide in depth historical content. This expertise and historical perspective will provide informative and practical university level briefings and knowledge for classroom application.

Please note that accepted applicants are expected to act as regional ambassadors for the Juno Beach Centre and the program before, during, and after the tour. Participants might be called upon to speak on behalf of the program and the Centre in media interviews, as well as at regional and provincial professional development events. Participants will also be expected to contribute short articles, photos, or videos about their experiences during the tour for use on the JBC's website and social media pages. Additionally, it is expected that program participants will endeavor to use the tools provided to them during the trip to organize their own school group tours, and fundraise to purchase commemorative bricks.

Application forms and guidelines for educators are included in this package. They are also available in the "For Educators" section of our website at www.junobeach.org. The travel cost for successful applicants, return from Pearson Airport in Toronto, is \$2,000. The Juno Beach Centre Association will subsidize the balance of the costs with the exception of some meals and all personal expenses as outlined in the itinerary.

Complete and final details of the tour itinerary are communicated as soon as they are finalized. For more information on our educational offering please contact the following:

A. Eligibility

2015 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Applicants must demonstrate a passion for Canadian Military History.
- Applicants must complete and submit the application form to the **Juno Beach Centre Association** via email (tour@junobeach.org) or by mail (see address at the bottom of the page) by **February 27, 2015**.
- Applicants must also submit a CV and motivation letter describing the anticipated personal and professional benefits of this professional development experience with particular emphasis on how their educational abilities / teaching of the Second World War will be enhanced. They are encouraged to include information about their past experience organizing Remembrance activities in their classroom, school, or community.
- Along with the application form and the motivation letter, applicants must also send a deposit of \$200 by cheque. This deposit will be reimbursed if an applicant is not accepted. Please note that this amount reduces the trip deposit required at a later date.

B. Selection Criteria

- Preference will be given to applicants currently teaching Canadian history or relevant subjects in the classroom
- Equitable provincial/territorial representation will be sought.
- Assessment of the applicant's demonstrated interest in using the resources and promoting the Juno Beach Centre as an instructional resource among students, colleagues, parents and their community will be considered.
- Preference will be given to applicants in the early stages of their teaching careers
- Decisions of the Selection Committee are final.

C. Notification & Travel Arrangements

- Successful applicants will be notified by email no later than April 3, 2015.
- Notification will include contact information of the Travel Consultant/Agency contracted to make trip arrangements.
- The trip will leave Toronto on July 25 and return from Paris to Toronto on August 4, 2015. You will be responsible for arranging travel to and from Toronto Pearson International Airport.
- The travel cost for successful applicants, return from Pearson Airport in Toronto, is \$2,000. The Juno Beach Centre Association will subsidize the balance of the costs with the exception of some meals and all personal expenses as outlined in the itinerary.
- Participants' names, addresses, telephone numbers and emails will be provided to the contracted Travel Consultant/Agency to initiate travel arrangements with each participant.





2015 APPLICATION FORM

{Please print legibly. Illegible forms cannot be processed.}

Applicant's Name _____ Female
 Male

Spoken Languages English French Other (specify) _____

Home Address _____
Street Apartment

Municipality Province Postal Code
()

Telephone Email (personal)

School Name _____
District School Board

School Address _____
Street

Municipality Province Postal Code
()

Telephone Email (professional)

Grades & Subjects Taught _____

References _____
Name Title Telephone

Name Title Telephone

I, _____, hereby confirm that, _____,

Principal's Name Applicant's Name

is an educator with a passion for Canadian military history at _____.

Name of School

Principal's Signature Date