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## 2026 InTO the Ravines Champion Application

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Thank you for your interest in becoming an InTO the Ravines (ITR) Champion. Selected InTO the Ravines Champion pairs will receive training to learn about Toronto's ravines, discover ways to engage their community to explore their local ravine, and receive \$600 to host one online or in-person activity between July 16 and November 1, 2026

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) We're looking for candidates who live near Toronto's ravines and yet are new to their history and significance.
- 2) Champions should apply with a partner with whom they will be trained and host events. Please ensure that both you and your partner complete this application separately.

See <https://parkpeople.ca/initiatives/into-the-ravines-champions/> for full details

Steps to apply to become an InTO the Ravines Champion:

- 1) Fill out this online application form before April 30, 2026
- 2) 10 Champion pairs will be selected to be part of the program, each Champion will receive \$300 microgrant for a total of \$600 per Champion team.
- 3) Champion teams will attend the 4 training sessions, currently scheduled for June 3, June 10, June 17, and June 24, 2026
- 4) Between July 16 - November 1, you and your partner will host one online or in-person event that meets all required public health guidelines.

If you require a PDF copy of the application for planning purposes only, this can be requested from Kayos at [torontonetworks@parkpeople.ca](mailto:torontonetworks@parkpeople.ca)

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## Contact Information

1. Email

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2. Name of main applicant

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3. Phone number of applicant

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4. Time of day to be reached

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5. Please indicate the name of your InTO the Ravines partner. This will be the person who will also attend the online training and work with you to host an event in your ravine. Please make sure they also submit this application!

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Please provide the name and address to whom the InTO the Ravines material should be mailed out to, should you be successful.

6. Name to mail  
Please include your first and last name

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7. Street address

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8. Apt/Unit number

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9. City, Province

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10. Postal Code

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11. Due to insurance requirements, all Champions must be 18 years old or over  
*Check all that apply.*

I confirm that I am 18 years of age or older.

12. Which do you self-identify as:

*Check all that apply.*

First Nations

Metis

Inuit

Black

Other racialized person

A person living with a disability

A member of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community

Newcomer to Canada (less than 10 years living in Canada)

Living with poverty

Woman

Youth (15-24 years)

Older Adult (65 years and over)

General public

Other

Prefer not to say

13. Which City of Toronto Ward do you live in?

If you are unsure which Ward number, please follow this link:

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/data-research-maps/neighbourhoods->

14. Are you living in a Neighbourhood Improvement Area?

*Check all that apply*

- Yes  
 No  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. If yes, which Neighborhood Improvement Area?

\*If you are unsure, please follow this link: <https://map.toronto.ca/torontomaps/>  
(click Neighborhood Improvement Area from the drop down menu)

16. Name of the ravine near you that you would like to host a small activity in?

\* Please also include the nearest address. If you are unsure about how to confirm that you are working in a ravine, please use this link:

<https://map.toronto.ca/torontomaps/> or reach out to Kayos Jones  
([sparkchange@parkpeople.ca](mailto:sparkchange@parkpeople.ca)).

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## Overview

17. How often do you visit your local ravine?

*Mark only one.*

- I have never been in my local ravine  
 I visit my ravine once or twice a year  
 I visit my ravine several times a month  
 I visit my ravine almost every day

18. What has been your relationship or connection with ravines in Toronto?

Please focus on your local ravine, for example, the one you mentioned on this application.

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19. What are you hoping to get from the experience of becoming an InTO the Ravines Champion? Why are you applying for this program?

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20. InTO the Ravines Champions will help people in their community engage and experience ravines. From your perspective what is the current type or level of engagement your immediate community has with their local ravines?

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21. Tell us what you think is the significance of having more people in your community celebrating, connecting, and protecting your local ravine?

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22. Please share with us your experience planning or hosting an outdoor event. If you have hosted an event in a ravine in the past, please focus on that one.

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23. If you are selected to be an InTO the Ravines Champion, do you have an idea of what your ravine event might be? For example, a walk with a focus on: nature, history, meditation or a children based or art based activity. It is okay if you are not sure, we will support you with coming up with an idea.

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24. In addition to your champion partner, are there any local organizations or community groups that you might reach out to in order to gain extra support for your event. For example, to help you spread the word.

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## Terms & Conditions

25. Please confirm your attendance to all 4 InTO the Ravines mandatory training

sessions, taking place each Wednesday in June 2026, plus one Mandatory in person session.

*Check all that apply.*

- Online session on Wednesday, June 3, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm | Introduction to our Ravines
- Online session on Wednesday, June 10, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Engagement & Event Planning in the Ravines
- Online session Wednesday, June 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm | Infrastructure: Equity and Climate Resilience
- Online Session on Wednesday, June 24, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm | Ravines: Indigenous History & Perspective

26. 4 of the trainings will be taking place online via Zoom. Please confirm that you are able to participate via Zoom and add any concerns/comments you might have about this.

*Check all that apply.*

- I confirm that I am able to join the online training through Zoom
- I confirm that I am able to join in person

27. Will you need financial support to help attend the training events? Example: if you require childcare, transportation for training, or supplies for training. Note: \$200 is the maximum amount you can request for all four training events for each ITR Champion.

*Mark only one.*

- Yes
- No

28. In addition to the training, you will be receiving an microgrant, coaching, and support to host with your partner 1 online or in-person event, that meets all required public health guidelines. Please confirm your capacity to do this.

*Check to agree with hosting an event in the Toronto ravines.*

- I confirm that I am able to host this event between July 16 to November 1st, 2026