



# **CAMPER IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

## **Summer Camp 2023**

**YMCA Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.**

## **Introduction:**

Thank you for your interest in joining our Camper in Leadership Training. This handbook will help answer some questions as you fill out your application form.

The YMCA selects teenagers (Rising 9th and 10th Graders) during the summer to participate in our Camper in Leadership Training Program. This program is designed to give high school students the opportunity to grow as a leader and to observe counselors, work with children, and be exposed to employment for the first time. Our camps are in operation during the summer months when school is out.

For over 50 years, the Alamance County Community YMCA has supported summer camp based programming that encourages young people to grow in spirit, mind, and body. Our YMCA is committed to providing trained professional staff for summer camps that will uphold our mission and character values.

## **Who we're looking for:**

When we select Campers in Leadership Training we look for people who will strive to achieve our program goals:

- Teens who want the opportunity to positively impact the lives of children
- Teens who want to be a part of a team and learn leadership skills
- Teens who will serve a critical role in creating an atmosphere that is fun, safe, welcoming and challenging

Basically, we are looking for mature, creative, fun, enthusiastic and energetic people. If you love working with kids in an outdoor and indoor environment, YMCA Summer Camp may be just the place for you!

### **What working at camp is all about:**

Working through our Campers in Leadership Training Program will give you the opportunity to work with children from the ages of 5 and up. Summer camp training will be held during June aimed at developing the skills necessary for the summer. A schedule of training will be provided to those applicants chosen.

If you've ever been to camp, you can probably guess what it's like to work there. YMCA Summer Day Camps are everything you could ask for in a camp - and more. Most staff members describe working at our YMCA Summer Day Camps as one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives.

Camp Frontier is nestled at the foot of Bass Mountain in Snow Camp, North Carolina. Camp Horizons is located at the YMCA and uses the surrounding area to help lead the kids in organized activities.

### **Campers in Leadership Training responsibilities:**

The first priority for all camp staff, including Campers in Leadership Training is to ensure that all campers are safe and properly cared for throughout their stay at camp. This means ensuring adequate and qualified supervision at all times, meeting the special needs of children, providing effective discipline and being a role model for youth while away from home. Campers in Leadership Training will learn all these skills through observation, one-on-one counseling/direction by the Youth Development Intern, and hands on experience.

Campers in Leadership Training also share in the day-to-day operation of the camp, which includes leading special programs, instructing campers in various skills, helping with spontaneous or unexpected activities and performing some cleaning duties.

There's a whole lot for YMCA Summer Day Camp Campers in Leadership Training to do in a day. Don't worry if you don't know how to do something listed above - we provide full training. And remember, the great thing about working for the Y is that everything is a team effort. We're all out there doing the job together!

## **Application Process:**

Interviewing and selection of the Camper in Leadership Training takes place at the end of April. Interviewing for camp is a two-part process. First, you must submit your completed application with two additional recommendations from teachers or community members. Second, selected applicants will be contacted by **April 28 to schedule a group interview. Final selection for Campers in Leadership Training will be completed by the beginning of May.**

Because most applicants will not have previous work history or experience, a large determining factor will be based on the interview and response to application questions. Applications must be completed by the Campers in Leadership Training, not their parents.

**Applications must be received by April 28, 2023.**

**Fees for the Leader in Training Program:**

**\$80 per session**

# YMCA Campers in Leadership Training Application

Note: Those applying for the program must be rising 9th and 10th graders

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies and/or medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Which sessions are you interested in attending:

\_\_\_ Session 1 (June 12- June 16)

\_\_\_ Session 8 (July 31- Aug 4)

\_\_\_ Session 2 (June 19 - June 23)

\_\_\_ Session 9 (Aug 7- Aug 11)

\_\_\_ Session 3 (June 26-June 30)

\_\_\_ Session 10 (Aug 14 - Aug 18)

\_\_\_ Session 4 (July 3-July 7) \*there will be no camp on the 4th

\_\_\_ Session 5 (July 10-July 14)

\_\_\_ Session 6 (July 17- July 21)

\_\_\_ Session 7 (July 24- July 28)

**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS: Feel free to elaborate on a separate sheet of paper**

- 1. Why do you want to be a Camper in Leadership Training at Camp Frontier/ Horizons?**
- 2. What leadership positions have you held? What contributions did you make?**
- 3. Who is one person you truly respect as a leader? Why?**
- 4. What is the most exciting aspect of the Camper in Leadership Training program for you?**
- 5. What are you most nervous about in regards to the Camper in Leadership Training program?**
- 6. Give an example of a time when you fell short of your goals. How did you react to this setback?**
- 7. What do you hope to gain from the experience?**
- 8. What three words best describe your personality?**
- 9. What leadership traits do you feel you personally need to work on?**

**10. Please describe something you've done at school, home or elsewhere that you are particularly proud of.**

**11. Please write a short summary about which camp you would like to work at (Frontier or Horizons) and why.**

**12. Additional Comments**

**Thank you very much for your interest in our programs and your enthusiasm toward building your own future as a leader at our camp and in your community. Please remember that the Camper in Leadership Training program is highly competitive and we are looking forward to getting to know each of you.**

**If you have any questions or need help regarding this application please do not hesitate to call Maria Nunn at 336-395-9622. Please Submit Application with Two (2) Written Recommendations To: Attn: Director of Youth Development**

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