

2018 Leader-In-Training (LIT) Application

The LIT Program is designed for young adults 15 years of age by Aug 30th or completed freshmen year of High School.



YMCA of Greater Boston Overnight Camps

Application Due: November 1st

Please mail to – Attn: NW & PVC Camp Directors, PO Box 10, Mirror Lake NH 03853

Or, email to–campingservices@ymcaboston.org

The YMCA of Greater Boston Overnight Camps Leadership Development Program is an experience-based course for young adults to discover, practice, and hone ones leadership potential in a variety of situations within the environment of North Woods and Pleasant Valley Camps. The goal of the program is to train our LIT's in their personal leadership style and other leadership skills to bring back to their various communities - hopefully including North Woods and Pleasant Valley Camps as our staff members - to better themselves and those around them.

The Leader-In-Training (LIT) Program is the first year of a two year training program focused around the individual's leadership ability, style, and progress over four weeks at Camp. This program is a fee based program and will require you, once accepted, to complete a registration card. Financial assistance is available based on need.

The focus in the first year of training is on creating an LIT team, teaching about community inclusion and fostering stewardship practices. Throughout the LIT program you engage in activities and discussions about types of leadership, communication styles and methods, service work, team-building and other leadership skills. Applicants are evaluated every two weeks and have a director that will provide constant feedback and support throughout the program. The second year of our training program is our CIT 1 or Councilor in Training Program which will work on teaching styles, and effective methods of teaching while taking the YMCA Lifeguarding Course.

The LIT and CIT programs are application-based programs and admission to the programs is not guaranteed.

Applicants are measured based on their application, evaluations from being a camper, references of community leaders and family, and interviews with the applicant themselves. Every year we are forced to turn away many good applicants because of the volume of applications we receive and the limited spots available. Those who are fortunate enough to be chosen to join us should conduct themselves professionally to be respectful of those not admitted. Your acceptance to the program can be altered at any time.

Please fill out the application below to the best of your ability and be as thorough as possible. We ask that the applicants themselves fill out the following application. While asking your parent or guardian for advice is perfectly fine, we want to hear your voice and this is a great first step taking the lead in your leadership development!

Thank you and good luck!

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION OR ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT CAMP?

Please contact one of our Camp Staff at 603.569.2725

You can also email us at campingservices@ymcaboston.org.

LIT APPLICANT INFORMATION

DATE: _____

Applicant Name: _____ DOB: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Session Preference (circle one): **Sessions 1&2** **Sessions 3&4**

Why This Session: _____

Note on Session Preference: We have imposed limits on the number of participants for each program for each session and not all applicants may get their first choice for their session preference. We encourage all applicants to keep an open mind and be flexible with their choice - you will still have an amazing summer!



PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

EXPERIENCE

Have you ever attended camp before? (Circle one) **YES** **NO**

(Includes North Woods, Pleasant Valley, and any other camp experience)

Please describe (where, when, how long, etc.):

School(s): _____ Grade completed (as of coming June 1st): _____

Have you ever had a job? **YES** **NO**

Please describe: (title, duration, etc.):

REFERENCES

Please list references to speak on your behalf, with one reference being a family member.

Name

City/Town

Phone #

CERTIFICATIONS

Please mark your certifications:

First Aid

CPR

Lifeguarding

Driver's License (if so, which state:)

Please list any other certifications (WFA, WSI, Ropes Instructor, etc.):

SKILLS AND TRAINING ASSESSMENT

Which activity would you like to specialize in at camp? (As an LIT, you will be asked to specialize in a camp activity.

Specializing means that you will be trying to become the best camper in that class and be a role model for other campers.)

Please list other skills that you could bring to camp (e.g. guitar player):

What would you like to learn to teach at camp?

What leadership skills do you believe you currently possess, what skills are you interested in learning, and why?

How do you feel about hiking? (An important part of the LIT program is to be able to overcome challenge you're your community by working as a cohesive team. Therefore, we will be going on one or two hikes depending on the weather and performance of the group.)

What impact do you think a camp experience can have on a child and why?

What do you feel are the most important qualities and characteristics of a leader and why?

What do you feel is your greatest personal accomplishment and why?

What are your expectations in joining the LIT Program?
