



## Camp Topanemus

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Summer 2018

Dear LT Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the LT program. If you are a first year LT, complete the entire form and return. 2017 Returning LTs must complete the upper part of the LT application and answer the Returning LT question. Send the completed LT application to:

### LT APPLICATION

Attn: Elaine Geiger/YMCA Camp Topanemus  
470 E. Freehold Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728

If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at 732-294-7727, Monday through Friday, 11 am to 5:00 pm. We will be happy to assist you. You will be contacted once all paperwork has been returned to schedule an interview on Sunday, April 29 or Saturday, May 19.

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership Training program and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Elaine Geiger  
Vice President School Age Childcare/Camp

### **\*PARENTS \***

**A 2018 CAMP REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO CAMP  
RECEIVING THE LT APPLICATION AND \*\*REFERENCES**

**\*\*REFERENCES NEEDED FOR FIRST YEAR LTs ONLY**



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## LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION

**The Leadership Training application and **\*\*three personal references\*\*** must be received by May 19.**

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

LT Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Camper email \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of Camp Topanemus LT program? \_\_\_\_\_

**First year LT's: minimum of one page typed double-spaced per answer.**

1. What do you expect to gain from the LT program?
2. Are there any volunteer experiences, skills or qualifications, which you feel would qualify you to be accepted into this program?
3. What are the characteristics of a good camp counselor and what skills are needed to be a role model to campers?

**Returning LT's: minimum of one page typed double-spaced**

What challenges face children today and how can camp help?

*Please read carefully and sign:*

I understand that if I am accepted into YMCA Camp Topanemus Leadership Training Program, I will act in a responsible manner. I will be learning things that will not just make me a responsible counselor, but a better person with leadership skills that I can use in life. If I do not follow accepted LT guidelines, I understand that I may be asked to leave the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camper's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

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## WHAT IS THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM ALL ABOUT?

The Leadership Training Program is designed to give selected high school students (14-15 years of age, grades 9 and 10) the opportunity to learn and develop leadership and program skills while in the Summer Day Camp Program. This program is for those campers who are interested in learning about leadership and responsibility. The program consists of training and actual work experience with a small group of campers under the supervision of a YMCA staff person. Maturity and a sincere desire to work with children are essential. It is about discovering what you are capable of and finding your inner leader!

## THE PROGRAM

This is an eight-week program. Through supervised group leadership opportunities, LT's learn the skills and responsibilities necessary to become a leader by participating in all camp events. While in the program, LT's develop positive values, environmental awareness, camping skills and the confidence necessary to make the transition from camper to counselor. It is essential that all LT's attend the entire 8-week program. **Participation in this program does not guarantee being hired as staff. Campers take from the program what they put into it.**

## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE LT IN THE DAY CAMP PROGRAM?

A. The LT is a camper not a counselor. When LT's are working with campers, they will be assisting. A member of the YMCA staff will always be present and supervising.

B. The LT will meet with the LT supervisor ½ a day, each day. The remainder of the day may be spent in activities or participating in a community service project.

## STAFF TRAINING

LT's will be exposed to an extensive training program during camp. Learning opportunities include, but are not limited to pool safety, medical and health problems (what to observe and what to do), fire safety, planning and participation in games and other activities to be used with the campers, trips and community service projects. These sessions will be led by the LT Leader and members of the YMCA staff who have an expertise in leadership programs.

## PREREQUISITES

- A completed application demonstrating your interest in the program
- An interview with the Camp Director and/or LT Leader (you will need to schedule an interview)
- Three (3) references. The reference forms should be given to three people (not relatives) who can evaluate your capabilities as a potential counselor. Teachers, scout leaders, family for whom you baby-sat, coach, former employers, etc.
- Supply your chosen references with a stamped envelope, addressed to:  
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(Applicant's Name)

Leadership Training Program. Entrance is based on an essay, an application and your reference. Please answer carefully. All information will be held in strict confidence.

Please rate using the following grading system:  
1=Excellent 2=Very Good 3=Good 4=Fair 5=Poor U=Unknown

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Works well under pressure						
Takes pride in work						
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Sense of humor						
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Please feel free to use the back of this page for extra space to tell us more about the applicant.

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you observed the applicant in a leadership role? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to have the applicant responsible for your children in a camp situation? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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