



Leaders-in-Training (LIT)

Leaders-in-Training skills are transferable to diverse employment, study and volunteer opportunities. Employers, community leaders and families all tell us that staff members from Camp Chief Hector YMCA are valuable members of their teams. Surveyed staff members describe the training at Camp Chief Hector YMCA as valuable training.

Our standards and the expectations are high. Counselling at a summer camp can be hard work. We expect growth, we know that growth can be difficult. **Making the quick and clear transition from seeing the camp from a camper's perspective to working at it as a volunteer is a smooth transition for some and challenging experience for many. For all who accept the camp's goals and who engage in the program with a positive energy, the program will be invaluable.**

In few other volunteer or work settings a young person will be given such a scope of responsibility. Alumni of camp will attest: in the end it is the hard and creative work at camp that makes it such a satisfying experience. The LIT program provides nationally recognized training and supports a unique volunteer opportunity. Participants will develop their leadership skills among new and familiar friends. They will discover the responsibilities, challenges, and rewards involved in work at summer camp. **Application instructions and an application are included below. We hope you will be able to be part of our upcoming summer.**



Leadership-in-Training Program Options Overview

- Standard Leadership-in-Training
 - Based out of main-site Camp Chief Hector YMCA
 - 21 days: 7 to 12 days of training and tripping experiences
 - 12 days of counselor volunteer leadership
 - Dates: Early July to end of August (see dates on page 4)
- Sac Dene Leadership-in-Training
 - 35-day canoe trip on the Mackenzie River
 - 6 days of co-counselor leadership at Camp Chief Hector YMCA
 - Dates: 8 weeks, July – August (see dates on page 4)



Application Instructions

Selection for LIT options is done through an application and interview process.

- On your application, you must specify a first and second choice for programs
- Submit a resume and letter of intent with your application, adapting your letter to address the goals and expectations of the LIT program that you are applying for
- Please address the following questions in your letter of intent:
 1. Why is participating in the LIT program important to you?
 2. What goals do you have for yourself in the LIT program?
 3. What growth feedback have you received for a challenging work or volunteer experience you have had?
 4. If you were able to do so, how did you act on this learning the next time a similar challenge presented itself?
 5. How have you helped to create a positive and caring camp community?

NOTE: It is important that all candidates complete the entire LIT application including the resume and letter of intent, to assist with the interview process. LIT programs are for participants seventeen years of age by December 31, 2017.

Submit your resume, 3 references and letter of intent by email to cchy@ymcacalgary.org. Include your name and "LIT Application" in the Email Subject line.

Important Dates

The application deadline for all LIT programs is Tuesday **January 10, 2017**. Once your application has been received, our registration office will contact you to book an interview time. Out-of-town applicants will be interviewed by phone. Interviews will be conducted on **February 4 & 5, 2017**. Applicants will be notified of their results by email.





YMCA Calgary Camp Chief Hector YMCA Summer Camp

Financial Assistance

YMCA Calgary does not turn away anyone due to financial circumstance. If you would like to discuss financial assistance, please call the city office at 403-269-6156 or 1-866-430-9622 for an Opportunity Fund application or more information.

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellations received prior to May 1, 2017 are entitled to a refund 75% of the total camp fees. Written notice of the cancellation is required. No refunds will be issued for non-medical cancellations after May 1, 2017.
- A full refund minus a \$100 administrative fee will be granted for medical reasons only. Written notice of the cancellation as well as a Medical Certificate is required.
- Refunds will not be issued in instances where the camper is removed from the camp program at the choice or request of the camper or camper's parent(s)/ guardian(s) or is dismissed from camp for contravention of camp guidelines or the camp code of conduct for behaviour.
- YMCA Camp Chief Hector reserves the right to cancel programs by May 31, 2017 due to inadequate registration, in which case a full refund will be issued.

Payment Options (registrations will be processed once confirmation of acceptance to a LIT program is confirmed with the applicant's family)

- Pay the full amount at the time of registration.
- Pay 25% upon registration and schedule the remaining 75% by one payment on April 17, 2017.
- Pay 25% upon registration and schedule the remainder by monthly payments on the 4th or 17th of each month until April 17, 2017.

We accept: Cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Cheques (payable to: Camp Chief Hector YMCA)

Application Submission

Completed applications can be emailed to cchy@ymcacalgary.org; mailed to Camp Chief Hector YMCA, 101 3 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 4G6; or faxed to 403-508-2629.

Contact

Please contact the registration office at cchy@ymcacalgary.org or 403-269-6156 or 1-866-430-9622 with questions.





APPLICATION: Leaders-in-Training (LIT) & Sac Dene 2017

Please indicate your first and second choice below (must pick at least two choices):

- _____ LIT 1 – July 2 to July 14 (hike trip and training) **and** July 16 to 28 (volunteer contract)
 _____ LIT 2 – July 16 to July 28 (hike trip and training) **and** July 30 to August 11 (volunteer contract)
 _____ LIT 3 – July 30 to August 11 (hike trip and training) **and** August 16 to 25 (volunteer contract)
 Fee: \$745 plus GST
- _____ Sac Dene – Two prep weekends in June **and** July 2 to 14 (training and volunteer contract) **and**
 July 16 to August 25 (canoe voyage)
 Fee: \$5950 plus GST

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MALE FEMALE

AGE AT CAMP: _____ LAST YEAR AT CCHY: _____ GRADE COMPLETED BY JUNE 2017: _____

APPLICANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANT'S ALBERTA STUDENT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

PRESENTLY RESIDES WITH: MOTHER FATHER OTHER _____

PARENTS'/FAMILY E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CAMPER'S COMMITMENT

Leaders-in-Training campers come with the intention of learning the challenges and rewards of becoming a staff member at Camp Chief Hector YMCA. As such, campers who register for LIT accept and support that some behaviors are encouraged and some behaviors are not tolerated. Communicating responsibly, acting with initiative, being positive and team-oriented, using critical thinking and maintaining one's energy while engaged in challenging circumstances are behaviors that are encouraged.

Possessing or using tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or degrading published material, AND/OR being passive, oppositional, non-contributing or behaving disrespectfully towards other campers, staff members or visitors are behaviors that are not acceptable. In keeping with the Camper's Commitment, LIT campers who choose to behave in ways listed above as not acceptable will be asked to leave the program.

Please sign and date in the space provided below, showing that you clearly understand and support this commitment.

_____	_____	_____
Camper's Name (Please print)	Signature (type name if filling electronically)	Date
_____	_____	_____
Parent's Name (Please print)	Signature (type name if filling electronically)	Date

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