



Summer Camp 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. 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. Some participants are asked to join our staff team in the same, or following, summer.

Application instructions and an application are included below. We hope you will be a part of our upcoming summer.



LEADERSHIP-IN-TRAINING OPTIONS

Main-Site Leadership-in-Training

- ✓ Based from Camp Chief Hector YMCA's main site
- ✓ 21 days: 7 to 12 days of training and tripping experiences
- ✓ 12 days of counselor volunteer leadership
- ✓ Dates: Early July (session 1 begins June 24) to end of August

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

ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Participants in both LIT programs are eligible to participate in the credit program, offered in partnership with Canadian Rockies Public Schools. To receive credits, participants must be an Alberta resident. We need additional information from participants, including a **copy of their birth certificate/passport/permanent resident card, Alberta Student Number (ASN), and a signed permission form.**



IMPORTANT DATES

Applications due: January 15, 2018

Interviews: February 3/4, 2018

Results announced: March 2018

Dates: *See following page*

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

In your application package, you must include the following:

- ✓ Cover Sheet (provided)
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ 3 references
- ✓ Letter of Intent addressing the following:
 - ✓ The importance of participating in the LIT program to you
 - ✓ Describe the goals do you have for yourself in the program
 - ✓ similar experience
 - ✓ Explain how you have helped to create a positive and caring camp community
 - ✓ What you believe are the goals and expectations of the specific option you are applying for

NOTE: all candidates must complete and submit the entire application package to be considered for the program

INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be scheduled by our registration office with the applicant once their complete application has been received. Out-of-town applications can be interviewed by phone.

The interviews are comprised of a group panel discussion, individual interviews, and an group activity portion. The process is designed to allow each applicant a chance to express themselves while also demonstrating the YMCA core values, and having fun!

Send your application to:

cchy@ymcocalgary.org | Camp Chief Hector YMCA - 101 3 St SW, Calgary, AB T2P 4G6 | 403-508-2629 (fax)

*Be sure to include your **name** and "**LIT Application**" in the subject line*

CAMPER 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.



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, 2018 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, 2018.
- 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, 2018 due to inadequate registration, in which case a full refund will be issued.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

NOTE: registrations will be processed once 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, 2018.
- Pay 25% upon registration and schedule the remainder by monthly payments on the 4th or 17th of each month until April 17, 2018. Scheduled payments can be made by credit card or direct debit from a bank account.

LEADERS IN TRAINING PROGRAM (LIT) – BASED AT MID-CAMP				
Notes:	Leaders-In-Training and Sac Dene registration is by interview and selection process and is open to past Leadership I participants. Applications are due by January 15, 2018. Interviews will be held on February 3 & 4, 2018. Leaders-In-Training and Sac Dene participants have some time off between their training and their volunteer dates. See the LIT description for more details.			
17Y	LEADERS IN TRAINING (Co-ed) \$975	LIT 1 Jun 24* - Jul 20		
		Jun 24* - Jul 6 Hike Trip & Training	Jul 8 - 20 Volunteer Contract	
		* JUNE start date – there can be flexibility around school exams if needed		
		LIT 2 Jul 8 - Aug 3		
		Jul 8 - 20 Hike Trip & Training	Jul 22 - Aug 3 Volunteer Contract	
		LIT 3 Jul 22 - Aug 17		
		Jul 22 - Aug 3 Hike Trip & Training	Aug 5 - 17 Volunteer Contract	
		LIT 4 Aug 5 - 31		
		Aug 5 - 17 Hike Trip & Training	Aug 19 - 31 Volunteer Contract	
17Y	SAC DENE (Co-ed) \$6135	SAC DENE Jul 8 - Aug 31		
		Additional dates: Get to know you event (in Calgary) TBA Prep/packing weekend (overnight, at Camp) Jun 9 - 10		
		Jul 8 - 13 Training	Jul 15 - 20 Volunteer Contract	Jul 22 - Aug 31 Canoe Voyage



APPLICATION: Leaders-in-Training (LIT)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE (D/M/YYYY): _____ GRADE: _____

APPLICANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PROVINCE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

INDICATE PREFERENCES

_____ LIT 1

_____ LIT 2

_____ LIT 3

_____ LIT 4

_____ LIT SAC DENE

LAST YEAR AT CCH: _____

CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

A) NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE (CELL): _____

PHONE (HOME): _____

B) NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE (CELL): _____

PHONE (HOME): _____

SCHOOL CREDIT INFORMATION

ALBERTA STUDENT NUMBER (ASN): _____ *(a 9-digit number, typically begins with "1" or "9")*

SCHOOL: _____

COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE/PASSPORT/PR CARD: *check if included in this application*

Please sign and date in the space provided below, showing that you clearly understand and support the LIT program and have read, understand, and support the Camper Commitment (page 1).

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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