



## L.E.A.D. Program



### For Boys—For Girls—For Leaders

Dear Camper,

Thank you for your interest in the Camp Sloane YMCA leadership programs. You are at an important time in your history at Camp Sloane YMCA. You are beginning the transition from camper to camp leader. For many, this transition culminates in a full staff position after your senior year of high school and through college. You may have already enjoyed some of the best days of your life at summer camp, and want to make more of those memories and friends.

Whatever your background, the Camp Sloane YMCA L.E.A.D. program is designed with you at the center. You will **LEARN** a great deal about yourself as a young person, **EXPERIENCE** a whole new aspect of camp with your peers, **ACT** in the role of a leader at camp and **DEVELOP** your “leader within”. As you discover your own leadership skills, you will have the opportunity to apply them as a group. This opportunity will develop the skills that will help you and your group to solve problems and reach goals throughout your life.

At Camp Sloane YMCA, we know that what counts most in our teen leaders is **Character**. The American Heritage Dictionary defines character as, “The combination of qualities or features that distinguishes one person, group or thing from another.” In the case of Camp Sloane YMCA L.E.A.D. campers, the four most important qualities we will develop are **Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility**. The ability to define that character is largely up to the individual, and is expressed through the life choices that individual makes. You will hear again and again that ***your character and the character of your group is a product of your choices.***

You will have many, many choices to make this summer at camp. You will be given the opportunity to participate in leadership training as a group. You will also choose an in-camp service project to accomplish as a group. There will also be opportunities to participate in activities both as a camper and as an assistant instructor.

You will have the opportunity this summer to join a very proud line of Camp Sloane YMCA alumni who have been through our leadership programs over the years. The Chapel in the Birches is a service project of past leadership campers. In recent years we have seen some fine individuals set a very high standard for this year’s program.

Camp Sloane YMCA is one of the most special places on the planet because people like you come here each year. It is a place where we have and continue to learn volumes about our own leadership with each passing year, and we strive to create the same learning opportunity for you. We look forward with eager anticipation to the summer we will create here at Camp Sloane YMCA.

Sincerely,

The Camp Sloane YMCA Teen Leadership Team



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Please Print Clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ IM Screen Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you active (once or more weekly) on a social networking website? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to share your social networking content with the camp director? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

With whom do you reside? Both \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Curricular and Volunteer Activities:

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Summer Camp Experience:

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Work Experience:

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In addition to this page you will need:

- Page 2 with complete answers to each question.
- 2 references to be handed out to adults who can vouch for your character. School teachers, employers or coaches are great. Family members may not be a reference.
- Your regular camp registration form-your parents will fill this out and it should be returned with this application.
- A check for the deposit portion of the program fee.

Why have you applied to the L.E.A.D. program?

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What personal goals do you hope to achieve during your time in the L.E.A.D. program?

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What skills and talents do you hope to contribute to Camp Sloane YMCA and the L.E.A.D. program?

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What do you hope your L.E.A.D. class contributes to camp as a group this summer?

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What are some of the leadership skills you already possess?

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If you have been to a summer camp before, what is your favorite memory of camp?

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**Return this completed application along with the registration form and deposit to:**

**Camp Sloane YMCA  
L.E.A.D. Program  
124 Indian Mountain Road  
Lakeville, CT 06039**



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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return the completed reference form to:

Camp Sloane YMCA L.E.A.D. Program , 124 Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville, CT 06039

If you have any questions, you may contact a Teen Leadership team member at 860-435-2557.

What is your relationship to the applicant?

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How long have you known the applicant?

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Please describe the leadership qualities you have observed in the applicant:

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Do you feel comfortable recommending this applicant to work with young children? Why?

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What do you think the applicant will contribute as a part of a camp leadership program?

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Please use the back of this page or a separate page for additional comments. Thank you!

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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