



For Boys—For Girls—For Leaders



LEAD Program

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 camper 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 LEAD program is designed with you in 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 LEAD 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. I personally know Camp Sloane leadership campers who have gone on to be YMCA directors. And in recent years we have seen some fine individuals set a very high standard for this year’s program.

I am very, very proud to be able to offer this program to you at Camp Sloane YMCA. I am the camp director here because I truly believe that Camp Sloane YMCA is one of the most special places on the planet, because people like you come here each year. It is the place where I have and continue to learn volumes about my own leadership with each passing year, and I strive to create the same learning opportunity for you. I look forward with eager anticipation to the summer we will create here at Camp Sloane YMCA!

Sincerely,

Andrew Keener, Camp Director

This packet contains all the forms you will need. The two-page application is to be completed and sent in by you. The two references should be handed out by you, and should include a stamped envelope addressed to Camp Sloane YMCA. The return address should be your home. The reference will then mail the form directly to Camp Sloane YMCA. If you need help with your application, call Camp Sloane at 860/435-2557.



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LEAD Program Application

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Camper Name: _____
Date of application: _____
Age at start of summer: _____
Year in School: _____
Program you are applying for: LEAD 1 _____ LEAD2 _____

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 _____

Mother's Name _____ Cell phone _____

Father's Name _____ Cell phone _____

With whom do you reside? ____both ____mother ____father

Present school _____ Grade point average _____

Extra curricular and volunteer activities:

Summer Camp experience

Work experience

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, coaches, employers 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—this will be cashed once you are accepted to the LEAD program.

Camper Name: _____
Date of Application: _____

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Why have you applied for the LEAD program?

What personal goals do you hope to achieve during your time in the LEAD program?

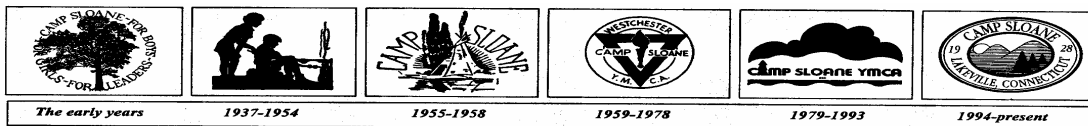
What skills and talents do you hope to contribute to Camp Sloane YMCA and the LEAD program?

What do you hope your LEAD class contributes to camp as a group this summer?

What are some of leadership skills you already possess?

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

**Return this completed application to:
Camp Sloane YMCA
LEAD program
124 Indian Mountain Road
Lakeville, CT 06039**





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LEAD Program REFERENCE FORM

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Name of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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If you have any questions, you may contact the Camp Director at 860/435-2557

What is your relationship to the applicant?

How long have you known the applicant? _____

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

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

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

Please use the back of this page or a separate page for additional comments

Thank you!

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Signature: _____

Phone number: _____



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