



Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience

The LYLE I Program

LUTHERAN CAMP CHRYSALIS

Thank you for your interest in the Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience at Camp Chrysalis. This informational packet is provided so that prospective participants may determine if the LYLE I program will meet their needs as a camper. We have found that some campers enjoy our other senior high program offerings more, whereas some want the challenge of the LYLE I program. Please prayerfully consider if the LYLE I program suits your needs or if one of the Sr. High programs at Camp Chrysalis or Ebert Ranch would be preferred. Please return the enclosed application and have a reference submit the enclosed form and return it to camp by March 15, 2009.

What is the LYLE I program?

The Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience (LYLE) program is a leadership development program that combines leadership skills, service, and each young person's individual God-given gifts and interests. This program provides intensive and challenging hands-on leadership experiences through participation in the camp community and experiential learning sessions. The program is designed for youth that have committed themselves to participation in their home communities and congregations, as well as those interested in future leadership in camping or other ministry settings. The LYLE I experience is two weeks in duration (including the weekend).

Who can participate in the LYLE I program?

Youth who have completed the 10th grade through those that have completed the 12th grade. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SOPHOMORE YEAR.**

What is the benefit of attending the LYLE I program?

The LYLE program empowers youth and builds upon the participants God-given talents and gifts. The LYLE I program focuses on peer leadership and applies skills by working with peers, youth and the camp community. Campers in this program will have an immersion experience in different camping roles and apply the experiences to their own faith journey.

What are the components of the LYLE I program?

Participants in the LYLE I program will gain knowledge through experiential learning sessions, actively working with peers, leading small groups under the supervision of a staff member, participating in the camping environment, and processing experiences with others to further develop relationships with each other and with Christ. They will learn how to use these skills not only in the camping community, but also in their homes, schools, and churches.

The LYLE I program is:

- For those currently active in their home congregation, school, and community.
- Designed for youth who are recognized as leaders by their peers.
- An intense, challenging, and rewarding experience.
- For those interested in continuing with future work in youth ministry or as an active member of their church and community.

The LYLE I program is not:

- Just another week at camp.
- For those who do not wish to challenge and give of themselves mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.
- A guarantee that you will be offered a position on a summer staff.

LYLE I Program Dates: July 5-17, 2009

Cost: \$425.00

Your application will be considered complete and processed when all application materials have been received (application and reference). Applications will be reviewed by the Cross Trails Ministry Program Committee and final decisions for the LYLE program will be made by March 26. Applicants will be notified shortly thereafter by mail.

Please do not fill out the 2009 Camper Registration form or mail the \$85.00 deposit for the LYLE program. **YOU WILL BE REGISTERED AND BILLED UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM.**

If you have more questions regarding this program or would like to discuss other possibilities and experiences, please contact Jay Miller, Program Director at (830)257-6340 or e-mail jay@crosstrails.org.



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Mail completed application to: Cross Trails Ministry, ATTN: LYLE I Program
391 Upper Turtle Creek Road
Kerrville, TX 78028
Phone 830-257-6340

APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2009

Please type or print neatly in ink.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Birth date: _____ Age: _____
 Permanent Address: _____ ___ Male ___ Female
 City: _____ Grade Completed: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Congregation: _____
 Email: _____ Pastor: _____
 Phone: _____ Phone: _____

SESSION PREFERENCE: First Choice: _____ Second Choice: _____

Leadership Experience (Please list experiences in school, church, and community. Use a separate sheet if necessary)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Positions/Responsibilities</u>

References

The reference may be your parish pastor, youth director or someone who has supervised or observed you in a leadership or servant role. Please do not include relatives or friends. Give the reference a copy of the Reference Form included with this packet and ask them to mail it directly to the Cross Trails Ministry office.

Reference: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Phone: _____

Essay Responses (Please use a separate sheet of paper and type your answers. Refrain from using your name, any reference to where you are from or the name of your home congregation.)

- A. Why do you want to be a part of the LYLE I program this summer?
- B. Please describe your personal relationship with Christ and your involvement in the life of your congregation.

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Participation Agreement

It is important that all participants understand the LYLE I program before committing themselves to it. Participants should review this sheet with a parent or guardian and each initial or sign where indicated. Once complete, please return this immediately to the Cross Trails Ministry office to complete your registration. Registrations are not considered complete without this document.

LYLE participants are role models to younger campers at all times.

Even though this is a specialized program, LYLE's are campers, not staff.

LYLE's will abide by all camp rules, even on the weekends.

Full participation (including being alert and attentive) in learning sessions is required.

The LYLE programming will continue through the weekend even while normal camp programming is not in session. Visitors, phone calls or "time off" are not allowed.

Should my behavior or participation in the LYLE I program not reflect the above statements, I will be asked to leave the program with no refund.

LYLE programming requires full participation for the entire two weeks. Missing part of the program is not allowed.

I have read, understand and agree to the above statements.

Applicant Initial	Parent/Guardian Initial

 Applicant's Signature Date

 Parent/Guardian's Signature Date



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REFERENCE

The person named below is considering participating in the Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience which is a leadership development program that combines leadership skills, service, and each young person's individual God-given gifts and interests. This program provides intensive and challenging hands-on leadership experiences through participation in the camp community and experiential learning sessions. This program is designed for youth that have committed themselves to participation in their home communities and congregations, as well as those interested in future leadership in camping or other ministry settings. The LYLE I program is two weeks in duration, including the weekend.

Your name has been given as a reference for this applicant. We appreciate your time and consideration in completing this form. All responses will be kept confidential. **Application deadline is March 15, 2009.**

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Printed Name of Reference: _____

Position/Title/Relationship to Applicant: _____

I hereby authorize the above request for information, and release all parties from liability for any damage that may result from furnishing this information. I understand that the information given will be kept confidential between Cross Trails Ministry and the Reference.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFERENCE

Please type or print neatly in ink

Please rate the following:

1 = poor, 2 = fair, 3 = good, 4 = excellent, 5 = outstanding, N/A = not applicable/don't know

<input type="checkbox"/> Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/> Emotional Stability	<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to Work with Children
<input type="checkbox"/> Honesty	<input type="checkbox"/> Flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to Work under Stress
<input type="checkbox"/> Hard Worker	<input type="checkbox"/> Expression of Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Follows rules
<input type="checkbox"/> "Team" Player	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Overall Attitude/Enthusiasm

Please complete the following:

A. How well and in what capacity do you know the applicant?

B. Please comment on the applicant's ability to work well with others.

C. Please comment on the applicant's self-initiative and creativity.

D. Please comment on the applicant's level of maturity and responsibility.

E. Please comment on the applicant as a person of Christian faith.

F. Is there any reason you know of why this person should not be involved in such a program and/or around young children?

Signature of Reference: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM PROMPTLY TO:

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LYLE I REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

1. Read through the enclosed information sheet and prayerfully consider which Senior High program best suits your needs.
2. If you choose to apply for a Cross Trails Ministry Senior High program other than the LYLE program, mail only the registration form and deposit in. If you are applying for the LYLE program, complete the application portion of this packet along with the participant agreement with a parent or guardian. The application deadline is March 15, 2009.
3. Arrange for the reference page to be sent to the Cross Trails office. This reference must be someone (other than a friend) who has supervised you in a leadership or servant role (pastors or youth directors are preferred).
4. You do not need to fill out the 2009 Camper Registration form or mail the \$85.00 deposit for the LYLE program. **YOU WILL BE REGISTERED AND BILLED UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM.**
5. Your application will be considered complete and processed when all application materials have been received (application, reference and participation agreement).
6. Final decisions will be made by committee by March 30. Applications will be reviewed by the Cross Trails Ministry Program Committee. Applicants will be notified shortly thereafter by mail.