



Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience

The LYLE II 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 II program will meet their needs as a camper. We have found that some campers enjoy our other senior high program offerings, whereas some want the challenge of the LYLE program.

What is the LYLE II program?

The Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience (LYLE II) program is a leadership development program that builds upon the LYLE I experience and combines leadership skills, service, and each young person's individual God-given gifts and interests. The LYLE II program is focused on the leadership skills required specifically to work with children, the community, and the church. This program provides intensive and challenging hands-on 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 II program will focus on creating leaders not only at camp but in the community and will have many opportunities to plan and participate activities easily done back at home. LYLE II's will be well equipped to follow God's calling to serve their church and community. The LYLE II experience is two weeks in duration with an optional third week (including the weekends). The optional third week will give LYLE II's the opportunity to experience more of the programs Cross Trails Ministry provides at Chrysalis or Ebert Ranch, experience a Support Staff role, and branch into the community.

Who can participate in the LYLE II program?

Youth who have completed the 11th grade and have successfully completed a LYLE I program. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JUNIOR YEAR.**

What is the benefit of attending the LYLE II program?

The LYLE program empowers youth and builds upon the participants God-given talents and gifts. The LYLE II program focuses on individual leadership styles of the participant and applies those

skills by working with youth, churches, the community, and the camp community. Campers in this program will have an immersion experience in different camping and community roles. They will be able to apply these experiences to their own faith journey and incorporate them into their own communities.

What are the components of the LYLE II program?

Participants in the LYLE II program will gain knowledge through experiential learning sessions. Each of these sessions is an intense learning experience requiring each participant's focused concentration and participation. During this week they will also develop and plan a community outreach project. LYLE II participants will spend an entire week shadowing a staff member to observe cabin and support roles and to gain hands-on experiences and develop skills that are applicable to working with youth in the camping environment. The optional third week will allow campers to go into the community and churches to plan and serve, empowering them to continue this life-long calling to their own communities at home while still offering great interaction with youth.

The LYLE II 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.
- A way to empower youth to continue to follow God's calling to serve.

The LYLE II 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 II Program Dates: June 14-26 or June 14-July 3, 2009 (if participating in optional 3rd week).

Cost: \$425 for first two weeks, \$525.00 to participate in optional third week

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 II 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: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____
 Permanent Address: _____ _____ Male _____ Female
 City: _____ Grade Completed: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Congregation: _____
 Email: _____ Pastor: _____
 Phone: _____ Phone: _____

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 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 office.

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

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

- A. Why do you want to be a part of the LYLE II program this summer?
- B. How would you describe yourself?
- C. What strengths/skills would you bring to the program?
- D. What do you see as areas where you need additional growth?
- E. Please describe your personal relationship with Christ and your involvement in the life of your congregation.
- F. What skill did you use most as a leader in the past year that you gained from the LYLE I experience?
- G. How have you put skills you learned in the LYLE I program into action within your congregation, school, or community?

Have you ever been arrested and convicted of a crime involving drugs, sex, or violence?
Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please explain:

How recent was the offense? _____

I certify that the answers given herin are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

We consider all applicants for all programs without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or the presence of a non job-related handicap.



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Attention Lyles:

As part of application process for the LYLE II program, a community congregational leadership requirement has been added. We would like to learn what you do with the skills you have learned when you return to your home congregation. You are therefore being asked to complete a leadership project. We would like you to take on leadership of an event, program, service project or new idea in a congregation. This means that you will plan and execute the project, supervise others who help you with the project, work with a mentor for questions you have regarding the project and submit a written report detailing your project with your LYLE II application. Please see the attached form for further instructions and feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Please be very detailed and thorough in the write up of your program. Include as much information as you can give us. It is important to have the project well thought out and organized. The LYLE II decision committee will be looking for preplanning, organization, depth of content, and follow up. Please include all aspects of your projects.

In Christ,

Jay Miller
Program Director
Lutheran Camp Chrysalis



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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 experience 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 around young children?

Signature of Reference: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM PROMPTLY TO:

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Kerrville, TX 78028
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LYLE II 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, leadership project and participation agreement).
6. Final decisions will be made by committee by March 30, 2009. Applications will be reviewed by the Cross Trails Ministry Program Committee. Applicants will be notified shortly thereafter by mail.