



## *Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience*

# *The LYLE II Program*

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Thank you for your interest in the Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience. 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 renumbered our LYLE programs to ease everyone's confusion as to the progression of the program. No prior LYLE experience is required to participate in LYLE II. Please return the enclosed application and have a reference submit the enclosed form and return it to camp by March 1, 2012.

### *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.
- Two weeks in duration (including the weekend). Campers will arrive at and spend the first week of the program at Ebert Ranch Camp. LYLE II campers will be at Camp Chrysalis for the weekend and the second week of the program.

### *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.

### *Who can participate in the LYLE II program?*

New this year, youth who have completed the 9th grade through those that have completed the 12th grade are invited to attend the LYLE II program. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.**

### *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 peer leadership and applies skills by working with peers, youth and the camp community. The Peer Ministry Program is a 14 step program that teaches everything from initiating a social relationship to standing up to peer pressure, to sharing your faith with others. It is truly a unique experience.

**LYLE II Program Dates:** July 1-13, 2012

**Cost:** \$455.00

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



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LYLE II REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

1. Read through the enclosed information sheet and prayerfully consider if the LYLE II program suits your needs.
2. If you choose to apply for the LYLE II or III program, complete the application portion of this packet along with the participant agreement with a parent or guardian. The application deadline is March 1, 2012.
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. Your application will be considered complete and processed when all application materials have been received (application, reference and participation agreement).
5. 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.
6. You will need to fill out the 2012 Camper Registration form and mail the \$100.00 deposit for the LYLE program. You can also do this online. **PLEASE ONLY FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE PROGRAM.**



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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 1, 2012**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 II 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 II 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.

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 1, 2012.**

### **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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ATTN: LYLE PROGRAM  
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Kerrville, TX 78028  
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