



Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience

The LYLE III Program

This informational packet is provided so that prospective participants may determine if the LYLE III 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.

What is the LYLE III program?

The Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience (LYLE III) program is a leadership development program that builds upon the LYLE I and II experience and combines leadership skills, service, and each young person's individual God-given gifts and interests. The LYLE III 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 III 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 III's will be well equipped to follow God's calling to serve their church and community. The LYLE III experience is two weeks in duration with an optional third week (including the weekends). The optional third week will give LYLE III's the opportunity to experience more of the programs Cross Trails Ministry provides at Chrysalis or Ebert Ranch, and experience a Support Staff role.

Who can participate in the LYLE III program?

Youth who have completed the 10th or 11th grade and have successfully completed the two week LYLE II program. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SOPHOMORE YEAR. THIS IS NEW THIS YEAR!**

What are the components of the LYLE III program?

Participants in the LYLE III 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. LYLE III 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 applicable to working with youth in the camping environment. A different role that pushes some out of their comfort zone while keeping them safe is the basis for the optional third week. All LYLE III campers will try a role at camp that will challenge them as a leader, often times allowing them to serve in a way they would not typically do.

New for the LYLE III Program

After you have completed the LYLE III Program, you are eligible to volunteer for one additional

week in the summer pending Director approval. This will be a week of intense and physically demanding work, very different from a week at camp. These volunteer weeks may consist of working on a maintenance crew, in the kitchen, at our on-site day camp, or other various positions. Each volunteer will be a part of the community and will participate in worship and all camp activities. Please note on your application when you are available to volunteer. We will try to honor first requests, but no guarantees can be made. We will let you know which week when we accept you in to the program.

LYLE III Program Dates: June 10-22 or June 10-June 29, 2011 (if participating in optional 3rd week).

Cost: \$455 for first two weeks, \$555.00 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, Director of Camp Chrysalis at (830)257-6340 or e-mail jay@crosstrails.org.

LYLE III 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 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, leadership project and participation agreement).
5. Final decisions will be made by committee by March 30, 2012. 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 III 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: _____ 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 III 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?

Are you interested in volunteering at Camp Chrysalis for an additional week in the summer?
Yes ____ No ____

Please indicate which weeks you are available to volunteer. (List in order of preference - use 1, 2, 3, 4)
____ Week 5 - July 1-6, 2012 ____ Week 6 - July 8-13, 2012
____ Week 7 - July 15-20, 2012 ____ Week 8 - July 22-27, 2012

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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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

___ Reliability	___ Emotional Stability	___ Ability to Work with Children
___ Honesty	___ Flexibility	___ Ability to Work under Stress
___ Hard Worker	___ Expression of Faith	___ Follows rules
___ "Team" Player	___ Communication Skills	___ 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:

Cross Trails Ministry
ATTN: LYLE PROGRAM
391 Upper Turtle Creek Road
Kerrville, TX 78028
Phone (830)257-6340 • FAX (830)257-3060



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As part of application process for the LYLE III 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 III application. Please see the questions below 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 III decision committee will be looking for preplanning, organization, depth of content, and follow up. Please include all aspects of your projects.

If you need help with ideas or if you would like to have either Camp Chrysalis or Ebert Ranch as a part of your project let us know. We would be happy to be your mentor for your project.

LYLE LEADERSHIP PROJECT WORKSHEET

Please attach additional sheets as needed, including any publicity materials, notes, and/or resources used for your project.

- A. Please describe, in detail, what you planned and lead. Who was there? When did you do it? Etc.
- B. Why did you choose to do this project? How did it help your community?
- C. Please comment on who you supervised or led while executing your project. What did you find easy and difficult about supervising and leading others?
- D. Which skills did you use from LYLE I while leading this process?
- E. How did the Peer Ministry Program help you lead in your project?
- F. Please have your mentor fill out this portion, reporting on the success of your project and your leadership skills as well as explaining their role in your project.