

Summer 2008

Dear Leadership Program Applicants:

We're excited that you are interested in applying for one of our resident camp leadership programs. These programs offer a great opportunity to continue to grow and develop as a camper and a leader. They will all provide you with valuable experiences in teamwork, problem solving, group living and leadership development. For many, they are a step towards applying to work as staff at camp. Before you apply, please take a few minutes to carefully read the program descriptions attached so that you understand the goals and requirements of each program.

Once you have decided to apply, please complete the application form including employment and volunteer experience, short answer questions and reference contact information which can be downloaded from our website or requested by calling (800) 654-1270. Please feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper with the answers to your questions. Please give the reference forms to three people who can speak to your suitability for this program. Teachers, coaches, club advisors, parents of children you baby-sit for, and employers are all great choices. It is not appropriate to ask a relative or friend to complete a reference for you. The reference should be mailed or faxed directly to us by the person completing it.

Applications must be submitted by March 14. We will schedule phone interviews as applications are completed (once we have received your application and all three references). These programs are all popular so we suggest that you complete your paperwork as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me by email or phone.

For all programs, Cookie Dough may be applied to the cost of camp. You may also apply for financial aid. The Fee for each program is due **after** acceptance into the program.

Past campers in these programs have called it their best camp experience ever! You will become friends with an incredible group, work hard, really make a difference and have FUN! Take the first step towards having a fantastic summer!

Sincerely,

Carrie Green
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Camp Chenoa Director
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Program Descriptions (continued on back)

Camp Aide at Farnsworth

The Camp Aide program at Farnsworth is a one-year volunteer service program for girls entering grades 9-11. Girls may apply for either four weeks from Sunday, June 29th to Friday, July 25th (campers must be picked up on Friday, July 11th for the weekend and returned on Sunday, July 13th) or for two weeks from Monday, July 27th to Friday, August 8th. The fee for Camp Aid is \$110.00 for four weeks and \$55.00 for two weeks. The Camp Aid program is limited to 14 Camp Aids per program. Up to 4 girls with previous experience and proven skills in horse care and supervision of beginner riders may be chosen to specialize at the barn. All girls will be expected to assist in all areas of camp and then will have the opportunity to specialize based on need and skill.

Applicants should possess the following personal characteristics and skills: evidence of leadership skills, ability to get along with campers, peers and staff, enjoyment of camping and living in an outdoor setting, flexibility and adaptability, willingness to take direction and work in a team environment, maturity to handle responsibility and take initiative, willingness to tackle a variety of camp jobs from washing dishes to planning activities, delivering mail to cleaning, and a sincere desire to better understand and participate in the behind the scenes aspects of camp. Camp Aids will work from approximately 9:00 to 4:00 each day in assigned areas of camp - late afternoon and evening time will be planned by the group. Camp aids might work in the kitchen, health office, waterfront, program center, childcare, office and barn. All Camp Aides will have the opportunity to experience all areas of camp and then specialize in a few departments.

Dream Worker at Chenoa

The Dream Worker program at Chenoa is a one-year volunteer service program for girls entering grades 9-11. Girls may apply for either four weeks from Sunday, June 29th to Friday, July 25th (campers must be picked up on Friday, July 11th for the weekend and returned on Sunday, July 13th) or for two weeks from Monday, July 27th to Friday, August 8th. The fee for Dream Worker is \$110.00 for four weeks and \$55.00 for two weeks. The Dream Worker program is limited to 8 girls per program. Up to 2 girls with previous experience and proven skills in belaying and climbing safety may be chosen to specialize at the climbing tower. All girls will be expected to assist in all areas of camp and then will have the opportunity to specialize based on need and skill.

Applicants should possess the following personal characteristics and skills: evidence of leadership skills, ability to get along with campers, peers and staff, enjoyment of camping and living in an outdoor setting, flexibility and adaptability, willingness to take direction and work in a team environment, maturity to handle responsibility and take initiative, willingness to tackle a variety of camp jobs from washing dishes to planning activities, delivering mail to cleaning, and a sincere desire to better understand and participate in the behind the scenes aspects of camp. Dream Workers will work from approximately 9:00 to 4:00 each day in assigned areas of camp - late afternoon and evening time will be planned by the group. Dream Workers might work in the kitchen, health office, waterfront, program center, childcare, office and adventure program. All Dream Workers will have the opportunity to experience all areas of camp and then specialize in a few departments.

Counselor-in-Training Program

The Counselor-in-Training program, C.I.T., is designed as a two-year program for girls entering grades 11 and 12. Dates for first year CIT are: Sunday, July 13th to Friday, August 8th. The first two weeks will be at Camp Chenoa and the second two weeks will be at Camp Farnsworth. There is a break between sessions and girls will need to leave from Chenoa on Friday, July 25th and return to Farnsworth on Sunday, July 27th. The fee for CIT 1 is \$650.00 for four weeks.

The CIT program is limited to 8 girls. Applicants should possess the following personal characteristics and skills: evidence of leadership skills, ability to get along with campers and peers, enjoyment of camping, flexibility and

adaptability, some camping and program skills which can be shared with others, and a sincere desire to work and learn in a camp setting. CIT campers should be prepared and open to experiencing both resident camp programs, Farnsworth and Chenoa, in addition to visiting other area camps to learn about their programs. Counselors-in-Training will be responsible for setting their own individual and group goals for the session. The following is an outline of the program:

First Year Counselor-in-Training

- Goals, goal setting and evaluation processes
- Camp craft and tripping skills - learning & perfecting
- Environmental awareness and ecology based activities
- Role of camp counselor & Communication skills
- Camper needs and how to meet those needs & observation of campers
- Program planning & Basic teaching methods - skills, games, activities
- Activity planning for different age levels & interests
- Solo overnight camping trip
- Group canoe and/or backpacking trip
- Visit to local camp to observe program and structure
- Additional training and certifications depending on availability may include Red Cross First Aid and CPR, Red Cross Lifeguarding, Archery Instructor Certification and others