

Summer 2007

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 attached application form including employment and volunteer experience, short answer questions and reference contact information. 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. Girls who live in Swift Water Council may apply for financial assistance. The Fee for each program is due **after** acceptance into the program.

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

Sincerely,

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Camp Chenoa Director
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Program Descriptions (continued on back)

Camp Aide/Barn Aide at Farnsworth

The Camp Aide/Barn 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, July 1st to Friday, July 27th (campers must be picked up on Friday, July 13th for the weekend and returned on Sunday, July 15th) or for two weeks from Monday, July 30th to Friday, August 10th. The fee for Camp Aid/Barn Aid is \$110.00 for four weeks and \$55.00 for two weeks. The Camp Aid/Barn Aid program is limited to 10 Camp Aids and 2 Barn Aids per program.

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 and Barn 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. Barn aids will spend each day at the barn assisting with all aspect of barn management.

Dreamworker at Chenoa

The Dreamworker 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, July 1st to Friday, July 27th (campers must be picked up on Friday, July 13th for the weekend and returned on Sunday, July 15th) or for two weeks from Monday, July 30th to Friday, August 10th. The fee for Dreamworker is \$110.00 for four weeks and \$55.00 for two weeks. The Dreamworker program is limited to 8 girls per program.

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. Dreamworkers 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. Dreamworkers might work in the kitchen, health office, waterfront, program center, childcare, office and adventure program.

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 15th to Friday, August 10th. 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 27th and return to Farnsworth on Monday, July 30th. The fee for CIT 1 is \$730.00 for four weeks.

The CIT program is limited to 10 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. 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

Barn Staff-in-Training Program

The Barn Staff in Training program, B.I.T., is designed as a two-year program for girls entering grades 11 and 12. Dates for first year BIT are: Sunday, July 15th to Friday, August 10th. The four weeks will be at Camp Farnsworth. There is a break between sessions and girls will need to leave from Chenoa on Friday, July 27th and return to Farnsworth on Monday, July 30th. The fee for BIT 1 is \$730.00 for four weeks.

The BIT program is limited to 3 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. In addition BITs must have extensive riding experience and ability to assist with lessons, willingness and experience in barn chores and management and willingness to participate in all areas of barn operation. Barn Staff 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 Barn-in-Training

- Goals, goal setting and evaluation processes
- Riding instruction skills – learning & perfecting
- Role of barn staff & 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
- Barn safety and emergency planning