

Camp Goodtimes

Leader in Training (LIT) Program Application

Submission Deadline: May 12, 2019

Applicant Requirements:

- Must be 17 years old at the time of the camp session, or in the last year of eligibility for camp. At the discretion of the camp director, campers who are 16 years old may apply.
- Exhibit an eagerness to explore what being a leader looks and feels like.
 - Though LITs take on leadership roles, they remain campers and not staff.
- Willingness to take on extra responsibilities and duties at camp.
- Attend the LIT session during the June 2019 session of Camp Goodtimes (June 23–29, 2019).

Application Components:

- Application
 - Complete all portions of the application, including the Creative Questionnaire, and secure a letter of reference.
 - Mail your application and reference letter—to arrive by no later than May 12—to:
Camp Goodtimes/The Goodtimes Project
Attn: Cooper
7400 Sand Point Way NE, #101S
Seattle, WA 98115
 - Look for a communication about acceptance decisions by early June 2019.
 - **Applicants not chosen to participate in this selective program remain welcome to attend this year's June or July session as part of the oldest girls/boys cabin.**
- The Creative Questionnaire
- Reference Form/Letter
 - One Reference Form is required with every LIT application.
 - The form is included in this application and should be passed along to your reference to complete. In addition to the form, we will also accept reference letters on an organization's official letterhead.
 - Please DO NOT send Reference Forms in separately from your application.

Conditions for Program Acceptance:

- We require that all LITs commit to the entire June session (June 23–29, 2019). LITs should arrive at the same time as the rest of the campers: Sunday, June 24, 2018, starting at 2:00 pm.
- **LIT positions are competitive and can be demanding; there is a level of independence and maturity that is required for this program. We ask that before you apply please consider your readiness to be an LIT. An application does not guarantee program acceptance.**
- Participating in the LIT program does not guarantee a future staff position at camp.

Questions:

All questions regarding the LIT application process should be directed to the Camp Director; Tanya "Cooper" Krohn, tanya@thegoodtimesproject.org, 206.940.0062

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LIT Program Description

The mission of the Leader in Training program at Camp Goodtimes is to provide veteran campers with an opportunity to participate in an alumni program which helps to enhance their leadership, teamwork, communication, and decision-making skills.

The vision is to provide LITs with the opportunity to build valuable leadership skills by participating in workshops, mentor relationships, and hands-on counseling experiences, all within the Camp Goodtimes community, which is built on the foundation of Safety, Love, Respect, and Empowerment. It is the intention that the leadership skills developed through the LIT program extend beyond camp and become integrated throughout participants' lives as they become strong leaders in their communities.

Who are Camp Goodtimes LITs?

Camp Goodtimes LITs are prior campers, who are 17 years old (16-year old's can apply at the discretion of the camp director). LITs must participate in an application process in order to be accepted into the LIT program. The purpose of this program is to give LIT candidates an opportunity to participate in an application process (much like what they will experience when applying for college or careers), but with the support and guidance of the Camp Goodtimes Director and LIT Counselors. The LIT application process, in itself, can be a great opportunity for learning and skill development for our campers.

What does the LIT application process entail?

In order to apply to become a LIT, veteran campers are asked to fill out an application—available by request to eligible candidates. The application includes school and volunteer/work history, personal statement questions, a reference from a teacher, coach, or community member, and a creative questionnaire. Once an application has been received, the Camp Director and LIT Counselors will review all applications. It is our hope to be able to invite as many LIT applicants as possible to participate in the program, but this may be limited due to the number of applications received and the number of available spots in this competitive program each summer.

What does the LIT program *look* like?

All LITs will participate with each other in the same one-week camp session. Throughout this week, LITs will take part in workshops specifically designed to teach leadership, communication, and teamwork skills, while encouraging participants to discover their personal strengths as leaders. Additionally, LITs will be given the opportunity to engage in a hands-on leadership experience within the Camp Goodtimes program. Guided by the LIT Counselors, LITs will take on new responsibilities, step into leadership roles, and become role-models for other Camp Goodtimes campers.

Leadership workshop curriculum may include:

- Components of a role-model: who do you look up to and why?
- Child behavior support workshops
- Team-building exercises
- Communication: how do we communicate, and why is it important?
- Decision-making skills workshops
- "I am a strong leader because..." (empowerment and self-confidence building workshop)

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2019 LIT Application Form

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Are you, or will you be, 16 or 17 years old by the start of the LIT program on June 23, 2019? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How many years have you attended Camp Goodtimes? _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Their email: _____

Do you have any limitations or restrictions that may limit your participation as a LIT? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, describe: _____

Education: Name

Grade in 2018/2019

School _____

School Activities, Sports, or Clubs (Attach additional sheets as needed)

Activity: _____ Your Role: _____

Description of Role: _____

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Employment, Volunteer, & Community Involvement Experience (Attach additional sheets, including resume, as needed)

Organization: _____ City/State: _____

Phone: _____ Your Position: _____ Time Period: _____

Responsibilities: _____

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Reference (One reference is required for your application. Your reference should be someone who knows you well, like a teacher, coach, or mentor. ***Please do not submit references from family or friends.*** Have your reference fill out the Reference Form and attach it to this application.)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

How they know you: _____

Why you chose them as your reference: _____

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Personal Statement (Complete questions 1–3 on the back of this application or on a separate sheet of paper.)

1. How do you define a leader?
2. What are your goals for your experience as an LIT?
3. What do you feel you can contribute to the LIT program?
4. It is a rainy day and you need to stay inside a cabin with 8 restless campers. Which three skills that you possess will help you make the time productive and enjoyable; and why?
 - a) _____

 - b) _____

 - c) _____

Important Guidelines for All Camp Goodtimes Volunteer Staff and LITs

The following are prohibited on camp property:

- Smoking
- Alcoholic beverages
- Illegal drugs

No one is permitted on camp under the influence of alcohol or any illicit drug.

Camp work is demanding and requires:

- Long hours
- Curfews
- Limited time off
- Limited privacy
- No pets

Are you willing to work under these conditions? ☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, please explain)

LIT Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

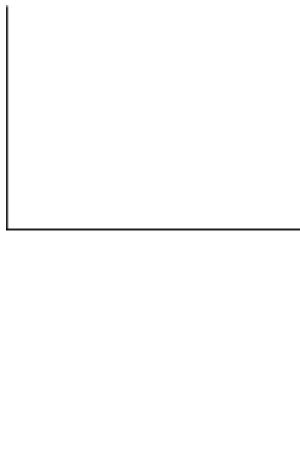
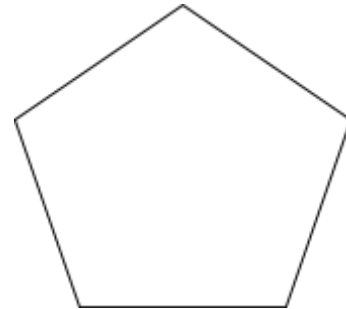
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The Creative Questionnaire

On this page, you will notice two objects. What are they? How are they related? Use this space to be as creative as you like. Use any medium you want—draw, write, paint, or bust out your glitter pens and your glue stick! Just have fun being creative, because that's the point.



Remember, everyone is creative in different ways—and that is what makes camp work!
We promise not to judge your artistic abilities, and welcome your uniqueness.
This is not meant to be stressful. Just have fun and express yourself.

