

LYFE Camp 2022 Leader-In-Training Application

March 11, 2022



Thank you for applying to be a Leader-In-Training (LIT) at LYFE Camp 2022 (June 19-25 at Northern Pines Camp; LITs arrive June 18). After a pandemic hiatus, LYFE Camp is back as a brave space for teens to grow in faith, self-esteem, and love and trust of God. We are Co-Deans Rachel Devereaux and Rev. Nate Melcher, and we can't wait to hear from you! LITs serve Jesus by being leaders who make a positive impact on campers' experience. Is this you? We hope so! Please pray for God to give you guidance in your application process, read all of the details, watch your deadlines, and contact us with any questions. **Apply before April 15, 2022!**

The Mission of LYFE Camp:

Our mission at LYFE Camp is to equip and empower teens to Live Your Faith Everywhere! Camp Minnesota's mission is to provide a quality camp experience in which Christ is offered to every camper to raise up faithful disciples so that the world is transformed. **Our goal** is to help all campers feel safe, secure, and loved, and to share and learn about Christ and creation. **Our winning proposition** is to build connections with Christ, Community, and Creation. **This is why we do what we do.** If you've been to LYFE Camp or another camp before, think about the ways you saw this mission lived out. Think about how this mission can be lived out by you. Think about how we can all live this mission out better to give our campers the best experience possible. Please keep this in your mind and heart as you step into your application process. **You can be a part of the mission of God and the mission of LYFE Camp by serving campers as an LIT.**

LIT Responsibilities:

LITs put campers first by serving them with leadership, friendliness, and a flexible, can-do spirit. Through small group, worship, games, crafts, sports, campfire, Quest, etc., you'll help campers carry on traditions and make new memories, experience the expansive love of Jesus in a diverse community, explore who God created them to be and shine in their identity as a beloved child of God shine. **Like all leadership roles, there are high expectations and high rewards.** Please prayerfully consider and how you can, with God's help, be responsible to:

1. Help **ALL** campers feel welcome and accepted for who they are at all times.
2. Be a Christian role model to campers (grades 7-10).
3. Be an active leader and team player in activities (crafts, campfire, small group, worship, etc.).
4. Attend and participate in all pre-camp LIT training and planning sessions.
5. Be ready and willing to step up and serve where and when needed.

It all boils down to one word: **mindfulness**. You are being called to be mindful of the people around you, the person who you want to be, your fellow teammates, and to how the Spirit is working through you. Being an LIT means being a role model and you'll be expected to abide by, respect, and encourage the rules of LYFE Camp, Northern Pines, and Camp Minnesota and work together with their staff and policies. Your mindful dedication to the mission of camp is critical to creating an environment where all campers feel safe, secure, and loved.

LIT Candidates are evaluated and selected based on:

1. the fullness of the content of their application submitted on time.
2. their perceived potential for this year's camp in an ensemble leadership setting.
3. the content of any references' testimony to their character and leadership.

How to Apply (the application process takes time, so don't wait until the last minute!):

1. Mark these dates on your calendar:

April 15: LIT Application Due

May 16: LIT Staff Gathering #2 (7:00pm online)

April 25: LIT Staff Gathering #1 (7:00pm online)

June 11: LIT Staff Gathering #3 (9:00am in-person)

2. Register for "LYFE Camp - Leader in Training" Camp #276 at CampMinnesota.org. When you register, you and/or your parent/guardian will login or set up a CampWise account, make a down payment toward camp, enter your health information, etc. Can you see already how you need time on your side? Don't delay - start early!
3. Once registered, go to your CampWise account dashboard and look under **Forms**. There, you'll see a link to "**Open LYFE Camp LIT Application.**" Open it and fill it out. Lucky you, there is a big **SAVE** button at the bottom of each page of the application so you can work on it, save it, and come back to it later without losing any of your work!
1. Fill out the application **completely**, submit it, and voila, it's done! It's automatically sent in when complete!

Bonus Tip: It is a professional courtesy to ask your references **BEFORE** you list them, thank you!

Late applications **NOT** be considered. Please fully complete your application **by 11:59pm on April 15, 2022**. Your app will automatically have a time stamp on it when submitted. All fields are required except for "Callings." You're encouraged to work with your parent/guardian to register in the system early, be self-motivated and use good time management, put in the needed work, pray, and ask for help when you need it. Again, it's not something one can easily do in one sitting or at the last-minute; **please set yourself up for success and plan ahead.**

After the Application Window:

1. A dedicated crew of Senior Staff will promptly review your application and contact your references.
2. You will be informed of your status by April 22, 2022.
3. If you are affirmed to serve as an LIT, please promptly pay the remainder of your balance. If you are not affirmed to serve as an LIT, you will be issued a refund on your down payment. For LITs who become disqualified prior to camp for reasons such as not completing all training by the deadline, refunds will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
4. LITs will complete all individual trainings on time and make a good faith effort to attend LIT Gatherings.
5. Time for camp!



LIT Training Schedule and Content:

1. **Online Training.** LITs are given a link to a series of video-based training materials with quizzes to be sure you understand the material. All Online Training must be completed by June 9 to remain eligible as an LIT.
2. **LIT Staff Gatherings.** The first two LIT Staff Gatherings will be online and the third is in-person. Please make a good faith effort to clear your calendar and be present for these, thank you.
3. **Callings Teams.** "Callings" is for LITs to build specific skills and gifts. All applicants are encouraged to apply. If selected for a Callings Team, you will be work with your team to find common dates to train together. Some have to be in-person (Worship Band) while the others may be in-person and/or online (Preachers and Worship Designers).

Callings

You can apply for Callings that need extra commitment before camp to help build quality worship experiences. You don't need to be an expert, just have an eager heart! Prayerfully consider applying for one or more of the following Callings:

1. **Music Team (5-7 LITs)** - Music is a major part of camp and all who have a gift for song are called. This team will select, prepare, and lead music for worship and campfire. You'll rehearse before camp to get to know songs well and do what you can do be prepared before camp. If you sing or play, even a little, welcome!

To Apply: Write about your music experience, favorite camp songs, and any instruments you play and can bring.

2. **Preaching Team (5-7 LITs)** - It's a privilege to share about the love of God through a sermon during evening worship. You'll meet with fellow preachers and the Deans to develop a sermon before camp that aligns with this year's theme. If you've ever wanted to try your hand at preaching, give it a shot!

To Apply: Write a sermon on Matthew 14:22-33. What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples? What can we learn?

3. **Worship Design Team (6-10 LITs)** - Each year, a theme guides our small group discussion, worship, and overall camp vibe. This team will craft worship around a theme, writing prayers and liturgy, discussion topics and activities, and link worship together. If you are creative and want to help get people thinking and talking, this is for you!

To Apply: Write a prayer about seeking God when we fail and 3 faith-based discussion questions about "bravery."



"The Fine Print." The Important Not-To-Be-Skipped-Over Fine Print:

Candidates may be asked for additional interviews, references, or training. Due to staff-to-camper ratio needs, space limitations, etc., we must be discerning in staff selection. Deans reserves the right to refuse any applicant or terminate an LIT for any reason at any time. Please send questions and comments about the application process directly to the Deans. Scholarships are available from your loved ones, your church, and Camp Minnesota (apply in that order). *Please don't let funding deter you from applying for a LIT position.* This application is subject to change and updates will be promptly posted at lyfecamp.org and the [Friends of LYFE Camp Facebook Page](#).

Thank you so much for applying to be a LIT. We are excited to finally return to camp and we hope to hear from you soon. May God's blessings be upon you!

In Christ,

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