



Rivers Edge Camp and Retreat Centre

**L.I.T.**

**LEADERS IN TRAINING**

**2017**

To Raise Up a Generation of Godly Servant-Hearted  
Kingdom Builders.

*"Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,  
and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of  
everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served  
but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many."*

Mark 10:43b-45

## Who?

Students who are at least 15 years of age and love God, wanting to explore their relationship with Him further and become leaders in their world. This is a challenging program that begins at camp, but is not simply another few weeks at camp. This experience has been created for those wanting to better understand how to follow Christ, lead others to Him and seriously deepen their faith in Him, all in the context of a Christian camping environment.

## What?

It is a 2-year formalized commitment the camp makes to the participants and their relationship with God, guiding them to live out their faith in their world as members in the body of Christ. They will receive character development training in godly living along with being exposed to the many facets of Christian camping ministry.

## Where?

River's Edge Camp has been in the camping ministry for many years. It is located just 9 kilometres west of Cremona, AB in the Water Valley area approximately 45 minutes northwest of Calgary close to the beautiful foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

## When?

The journey begins this summer with three weeks at Rivers Edge Camp from *July 10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017* continuing into a fall retreat, a winter project and a 2018 spring retreat. **Cabin Leader training is July 7-8, 2017.**

July 7 8:30AM Arrive at camp for breakfast. Bring luggage and move into cabins.

July 8 6:00PM parents pick up LIT's

July 10 (MONDAY) 6:30PM Parents drop off LIT's

July 14 4:00PM Parents pick up LIT's

July 16 4:00PM Parents drop off LIT's

July 21 4:00PM Parents pick up LIT's

July 23 1:30PM Parents drop off LIT's

July 28 4:00PM Parents pick up LIT's (FINAL PICK UP)

## How to apply?

There is an application form at the end of this package. You can print it off, fill it out, scan it and email it in to [info@riversedgecamp.org](mailto:info@riversedgecamp.org).

## What's the Cost?

The cost of this two-year program is \$500 per student. Participants will be encouraged to seek the support of their local church through prayer and financial assistance. It is suggested that the local church assists by giving \$100 per student. Participants will be coached in sending out a prayer letter and gathering support as this will underscore the importance of the church, prayer and accountability. (A sample prayer letter is enclosed in the packet)

Also each participant needs to prayerfully find an adult mentor, 18 years or older, in their local church who will meet regularly with them through the winter months. (A guideline sheet is enclosed in the packet)

## What's the Plan for the Three Weeks at Camp?

### **Week One:**

- Three hours of **Youth Alpha** Course
- Introduction to Camp Activities
- Serving experience
- Journaling

### **Week Two:**

- Three hours of **Youth Alpha** Course
- Off-site day trip get to know each other further and bond as a team
- Testimonies
- Serving behind the scenes in different ministry zones
- Journaling

### **Week Three:**

- Assist a cabin leader for Squirt Camp 2
- Discuss and Debrief Experience and look to what is ahead
- Journaling
- July 28 – wrap up celebration

## A Sample Support Letter

Hi (include the pastor's name),

I have applied to River's Edge Camp & Conference Centre to participate in the Leaders in Training program. It is a two year student leadership training program that enables students to establish their faith relationship with Jesus Christ; grow their character in Christ-likeness; gain clarity about their part in God's kingdom work, all in the context of Christian camping ministry. It involves having an adult mentor from my church family who will regularly meet with me to encourage and challenge me to keep growing in my relationship with Christ. I will be attending three weeks at River's Edge Camp this summer, *July 10<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017* then a fall retreat and a spring retreat next year. Along with these events I will be involved in a year-long project focused on Christian leadership.

The 2-year program costs \$500 per participant. I am prepared to raise most of that amount, but am asking if the church would support me \$100 along with regularly praying for me. I value the support of my church family as I enter into this adventure which I believe will significantly affect my life's direction and effectiveness as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Thanks for considering my request. Feel free to contact me or Jesse Nickel, program director at the camp (403-637-2766, [jesse@riversedgecamp.org](mailto:jesse@riversedgecamp.org)) if you have further questions.

(Conclude the letter as you wish)

## Guidelines for Mentoring an L.I.T.

The L.I.T. program is a two-year student leadership training program provided by Rivers Edge Camp & Retreat Centre. The training program's goals are to enable students to establish their faith relationship with Jesus Christ; grow their character in Christ-likeness; gain clarity about their part in God's kingdom work, all in the context of Christian camping ministry. An integral part of ensuring that this happens in the student's life, is the role of a godly adult mentor which is why you are being approached.

### What are the expectations of a mentor?

1. To meet regularly (monthly) from September 2017 through June 2018 preferably in person, although occasionally it may be done by phone/Skype if schedules do not allow in person.
2. To invite the student to share on three areas since the last meeting, referring to his/her journal.
  - a). Where have you seen growth in your relationship with Christ?
  - b). What have you found difficult? What temptations have you experienced and how have you handled them?
  - c). How have you witnessed God working through you?
3. Close each meeting with prayer
4. Pray regularly for your student.
5. Share an update regularly with Jesse Nickel, program director at Rivers Edge Camp, of the progress of the student.

## PERSONAL SALVATION TESTIMONY (PST)

Your PST is your story. It's one of the most powerful ways to share the truth because it's your experience. No one can argue with what you've experienced.

As a result of this learning experience, you will:

1. Be able to share the story of how you met Jesus and how he is changing your life,
2. And will be able to explain how He can change the lives of your listeners as well!

### Instructions From The Top

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have." (1 Peter 3:15)*

As mentioned in the preface, your PST is your story. It's one of the most powerful ways to share the truth because it's your experience. No one can argue with what you've experienced. Since you're sharing a part of yourself, it makes people more open to you. It helps people relate to you because someone in your audience, or someone you are sharing with one-on-one may have experienced something similar.

**Your Goal:** To share the story of how you met Jesus and how He is changing your life, and explain how He can change the lives of your listeners as well.

**Short & Simply:** Keep your PST between 3 and 5 minutes

**How To:** Explain the Gospel so clearly that your listener will know how to meet Jesus as you did.

**PST Outline:** Let's look at the basic outline of your testimony.

1. The Hook: To grab people's attention
  - Ask a question or tell a brief story to grab people's attention.
2. How You Met Jesus?
  - Be specific about the actions you took. Describe your encounter with Jesus in such a way that someone listening to you can do it for himself or herself, without having to ask someone else for help.
3. What has happened since?
  - Tell how your decision to follow Jesus has affected your life, and is now affecting the way you live.



# LEADERS IN TRAINING APPLICATION FORM

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## Description

### Leaders In Training

#### Purpose

Leaders In Training is a 3 week program for 15-17 year olds. Specifically intended for camp fanatics, our LIT program is designed to challenge you in your relationship with God and make the transition from camper to Rivers Edge staff! This three week program is planned to help you grow as a leader, help give you practical camp experience, and have the opportunity to impact kids as a junior cabin leader!

#### What Can I Expect?

Expect to be challenged. The 3 weeks are broken down as follows: Week 1: Dive into scripture and learn biblical qualities that apply to camp work and camp ministry. Week 2 is where you'll put these qualities into practice as you will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes and serve in different ministry zones at the camp. When week 3 arrives, if you're leaders see that you are ready, you will have the opportunity to junior cabin lead at Squirt camp 2 and be able to impact camper's lives. Leaders In Training will stretch you and challenge you. Over the course of these 3 weeks you will make many memories and have loads of fun playing games, meeting new people and growing in your relationship with God.

## Personal Information

Please print on line above requested information

Full Name		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address			
City	Province	Postal Code	
Social Insurance Number	Citizenship	Driver's License # (if available)	
E-mail	Cell Phone #	Alternate Phone #	
Best way to contact	<input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (call)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone (text) <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone
Birth Date (eg. Jan 1, 1990)			

## Parent /Guardian Information

Please print on line above requested information

Parents/Guardians Name	Parents/Guardians E-mail
Parents/Guardians Cell Phone #	Parents/Guardians Alternate Phone #
Emergency Contacts Name	Emergency Contacts E-mail
Emergency Contacts Cell Phone #	Emergency Contacts Alternate Phone #

## Experience

Please feel free to use separate sheets for more information

### Education Experience

(including name of last school attended, dates, grade/degree completed)

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### Work Experience

(including positions held, dates, and duration)

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### Leadership/Teaching Experience

(formal leadership training, school, children's club, sports, arts, etc.)

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### Ministry Experience

(short term mission, camps, Sunday school, youth groups, church)

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## Tell us about yourself

Why do you want to be apart of a Christian leadership training program?

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What extra Curricular Activities are you involved in?  
Hobbies, interests etc...

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Describe some people or things that have the greatest influence in your life.  
Why are they influential?

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What was your high point this year?

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What was your low point this year?

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What did these events teach you?

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What do you expect to learn from the Leaders In Training program?

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## 1+ Principle

The following information will assist us in knowing your interest level and skill in common Rivers Edge tasks/activities. During your time at Rivers Edge you may be asked to perform tasks outside of those listed as your preferred skills. At Rivers Edge we ask our Staff to be flexible and to work within the 1+ principle.

**The 1+ Principle:** Teamwork is a vital part of any camping program. Although all staff have a primary role at Rivers Edge Camp, when help is needed they will be required to assist in multiple areas of the camp. This means we all agree to remain flexible and provide assistance in more than one area of the camping ministry.

**I understand the 1+ principle and am excited to work at Rivers Edge wherever I am most needed!**

## Skills/Interests

Knowledge of your skills helps us utilize your talents at camp

**Please mark the following camp program components as noted:**

	Have accreditation in area	Interested and capable of teaching	Interested but need training	Capable but not interested	Please don't put me there!!
Admin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BMX	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Café/Store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drama/Skits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Services/Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Aid/CPR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Ropes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horses/Equine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paracord Bracelets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photography/Video	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Riflery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sling Shots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming/Lifeguarding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Survival/Outdoor Living	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tie Dye T Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Video Editing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wall Climbing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wide-Games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What instruments do you play? \_\_\_\_\_

Other information about your skills: \_\_\_\_\_

## Confidential Self Evaluation and Personality

**Please check the box that best applies to you.**

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work habits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judgement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concern for others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team spirit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spiritual maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please check only those that apply to you. Please include negative characteristics - none of us are perfect! The point of this is to help us get an accurate picture of you.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abrasive                | <input type="checkbox"/> Disciplined          | <input type="checkbox"/> Helpful, Generous         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventurousome          | <input type="checkbox"/> Disruptive           | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amiable                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily offended      | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrious, Hard-working |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Analytical              | <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraging          | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiator                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angry, Bitter           | <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastic         | <input type="checkbox"/> Joyful                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrogant, Vain          | <input type="checkbox"/> Expressive           | <input type="checkbox"/> Kind, Courteous           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assertive               | <input type="checkbox"/> Extrovert            | <input type="checkbox"/> Lazy, Slothful            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Focused              | <input type="checkbox"/> Manipulative, Controlling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confident, Self-assured | <input type="checkbox"/> Forgiving            | <input type="checkbox"/> Motivated                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative                | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly             | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Critical                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun, Playful         | <input type="checkbox"/> Open minded               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated, Loyal        | <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle               | <input type="checkbox"/> Optimistic                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dependable              | <input type="checkbox"/> Gossip               | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diligent                | <input type="checkbox"/> Gracious, Hospitable |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discerning              | <input type="checkbox"/> Gregarious           |  |

### Spiritual Experience

Describe your relationship with Christ at this point in your journey.

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Briefly state what being a Christian means to you.

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What steps are you currently taking to grow in your spiritual walk?

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Anything else you feel we should know about you?

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## Church Background

Please print on line above requested information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church you attend

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City

\_\_\_\_\_  
How often do you attend (include types of events you attend)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor/Youth Leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Phone (with area code)

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Pastor's E-mail

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Pastor's Alternate Phone (with area code)

## References

### **1. Pastor/Mentor/Friend/Youth Leader**

This person needs to be able to speak to your spiritual maturity. (Please include name and phone #)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Employee/Teacher**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Employee/Teacher**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration

- I hereby allow River's Edge Camping Association to keep my information on a mailing list used solely for the use of communicating information with myself and other staff members.
- I also allow River's Edge Camping Association to use any photos of me taken during my time at camp for advertisement purposes.
- I hereby declare that the information provided in this document is true to the best of my knowledge, and any false statement automatically voids this application and is reason for dismissal as a Leaders In Training applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

A "Vulnerable Sector (VS) Check" is needed for each applicant before finalization of employment.

A VS check is designed to protect vulnerable Canadians from dangerous offenders by uncovering the existence of a criminal record and/or a pardoned sexual offence conviction and is needed as part of an overall employment or volunteer screening process. The results of the check can help to determine whether an individual is suitable to work in positions where they will be in close contact with vulnerable people.

Before working at Rivers Edge you will need to get a Vulnerable Sector Check from your local police station. Depending on which district you reside there may be applicable fees.

**This form needs to be submitted to the camp before finalization of employment.**

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Thank you for applying at Rivers Edge Camp. **Please send completed application to:**

E-mail: [info@riversedgecamp.org](mailto:info@riversedgecamp.org)

Rivers Edge Camp

Box 39

Cremona, AB T0M 0R0

Phone: (403) 637-2766

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: VUNERABLE SECTOR CHECK FOR RIVERS EDGE CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE

\_\_\_\_\_ is a volunteer with Rivers Edge Camp and Retreat Centre and requires a criminal record check with a vulnerable sector search as she/he will be directly involved with vulnerable individuals.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call the undersigned.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Lentz

Executive Administrative Assistant

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