



LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

# Leader in Training (LIT) Application

Educo Leadership Adventures is a Fort Collins, CO based non-profit organization with a mission to create ridiculously fun outdoor adventures that challenge kids to step outside their comfort zone, connect with new and unexpected friends and discover their sense of self and innate leadership.

Dear Prospective LIT,

The LIT experience is an intensive 3 week program designed to give teens ages 15 and 16 an opportunity to develop their independence and leadership skills. The program is a stepping stone to being hired as a Junior Counselor in one of our Adventure Camp programs in future summers and to give teens practice with essential life skills.

\*\*Spaces are both limited and competitive and we handle the selection process of LITs in a similar way as a traditional job interview and hiring process, only with more coaching and feedback to assist the learning. It is important that the **applying teen** (not a parent) take the initiative to fill out the application, and correspond with us to arrange an interview as these are important components of the learning experience and a part of the LIT program as a whole.

## The LIT Experience June 9-Jun30,2012:

Our LIT experience puts significance emphasis on developing leaders and providing tangible skills, as well as creating a strong and cohesive LIT group. Upon arrival to Educo Adventure Camp, the LIT group will meet with our experienced LIT Coordinator Staff and begin with an orientation, receive LIT manuals and The first 3 days will be identical to the first 3 days of our official staff training. It will be full of teambuilding initiatives, workshops, hard skills training and learning the operations and procedures at Educo. During this time, the LITs will also be challenged to create a 10 day backpacking itinerary, menu etc. They will be given a food budget, and will purchase, pack and prepare their trip under the coaching and watchful eyes of our Coordinators before taking off into their itinerary.

Once on trail, the group will continue to learn hard skills and rotate roles as Leaders of the day and create plans for their return to camp and entrance into tent groups and camp programs where they will act as role models and group leaders to younger campers. Upon returning they will have two days of trip cleanup, planning and a group fun day. Their final week will be "in-tent", working with younger campers, debriefing with coordinators and directors to coach and give feedback. Camper will head home on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> and that evening will the final evening group closing for the LITs. Parent pickup will be the next morning.

## To Apply the LIT must:

1. Be entering their sophomore year in high school, and/or be at least 15 years of age by June 9 2012.
2. Have some prior camp/trip experiences
3. Have a positive outlook and enthusiasm for Educo programs
4. Have a demonstrated patience and desire to work with children
5. Express interest in gaining leadership skills and experience
6. Be a positive role model for younger campers
7. Be willing to obtain CPR/First Aid certifications prior to the summer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Date of Birth	Gender	How did you hear about us?
Current Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail	Preferred contact method
Parents Name(s)	Phone	E-mail	
High School Name	City	State	Year

## Please indicate all current certifications

First Aid     CPR     Wilderness First Aid     Wilderness First Responder     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed applications to:

Educo LIT Program  
PO Box 271422  
Fort Collins, CO 80527



# Application Questions

Please answer the following questions completely. Additional pages may be attached.

What would be the best part about being an LIT at Educo for you?

What will you add to your LIT group and to Educo as a whole ?

Please describe any work or volunteer experiences you have (especially if they involve child care).

What specific skills or training will you bring to the program?

Applying for Educo's LIT program does not necessarily guarantee an invitation to it. If you are not accepted, what would you likely do instead this summer?

Spaces are limited and highly competitive for Educo's LIT program. Please explain why you would be an ideal candidate?

Please take a few minutes to share about yourself by including something that represents who you are as an individual. This could be a poem, photograph from an adventure, artwork, anything you are proud of etc. If your submission needs explanation please include that with your application.

I acknowledge that I have filled out this application on my own and that everything in this application is truthful and if accepted I am able and wanting to commit to the dates of June 9-30, 2012.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parents:

I understand, approve and support of my child's application to the LIT program at Educo for the dates of June 9-30.

I understand that if selected, there is a program cost of \$1,000 to cover staffing and logistics costs for this program.

\*\*As with all Educo Programs, we don't want financial circumstance prohibiting youth from participating and Financial Aid is available

Please Check box if you would like us to send you our "Campership Aid Packet". This will in NO WAY affect the selection process for the LIT Program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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