

SERF CAMP INFO & APPLICATION

Serf camp is designed to mentor and encourage young Christian leaders to serve in their home church or as potential cabin leaders or future members of Lake Beauty's summer staff. If you have ever thought about being a part of Summer Staff this is the opportunity for you to see what it takes to be a part of the team that we hire each and every summer. Previously, Serf Camp consisted of two separate one-week sessions. This year we are excited to expand it to one two-week program! The new design will feature one week of service projects and leadership training, and a second week of shadowing a staff member and debriefing the experience with the Serf Camp Leaders. We feel that having these two directly consecutive weeks will provide much greater learning opportunities for participants.

Lake Beauty's Serf Camp is based on Matthew 20:27-28, where Jesus is telling His disciples, "Whoever is to be the first among you must be the servant of all, for even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

Experience recognizes that developing leadership skills is a continual process.

Serf Camp is designed to help young men and women in this continuing process by cultivating Christian leadership qualities and spiritual disciplines.

Serf Camp provides an opportunity to:

1. Develop your leadership potential.
2. Examine your strengths, weaknesses, values and goals.
3. Grow through an honest evaluation.
4. Sharpen your perspectives through open discussion with peers.
5. Experience a sense of accomplishment by participating in a challenging work experience with fellow participants.
6. Prepare as future camp cabin leaders, summer staff, volunteers, and emerging leaders within the church, our communities, and the world.
7. Understand that in following Christ's model as servant leader, you will become His most effective ambassador.

Who may apply for Serf Camp?

You may apply, if in fall 2010, you are entering grade 10, 11, or 12, or if you are a graduating senior.

When is Serf Camp offered?

Serf Camp is a two week program, and we will have two sessions this summer. Session one will be June 20-July 1. And the second session will be July 18-29.

What is the cost to attend Serf Camp?

Serf Camp costs \$312. Early registration discounts do not apply to Serf Camp. **Please do not include payment with your application.** You will be notified of your acceptance into the program at which time you may mail your registration payment or simply wait to pay until you arrive. If you desire you can raise money for serf camp like for a missions trip. See if family, friends, or your church will help support you in this experience. Some churches may provide scholarships for a program like this.

How do you apply?

We suggest you talk about your desire to attend Serf Camp with your parents, youth director and pastor. Then:

1. Find a "quiet" place to sit down and complete your application.
2. Send your completed application to LBBC **no later than May 15, 2009** to be considered.

3. Hand out reference forms to the appropriate people and ask them to mail the completed forms directly to LBBC. You may want to provide a pre-addressed, stamped envelope for those who will be providing references for you.
4. All correspondence should be addressed to:

Lake Beauty Bible Camp
Serf Camp Program
25766 Hummingbird Trail
Long Prairie, MN 56347

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

Eugene Peterson, in his book, “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction,” writes, there are two designations for people of faith that are extremely useful: disciple and pilgrim.

Disciple says we are people who spend our lives apprenticed to our master, Jesus Christ. We are in a growing-learning relationship, *always*. A disciple is a learner, but not in the academic setting of a schoolroom, rather, at the work site of a craftsman. We do not acquire information about God but *skills in faith*.

Pilgrim tells us we are people who spend our lives going someplace, going to God, and whose path for getting there is “the way, Jesus Christ.”

Leaders are always on the way, they are headed towards objectives, becoming better craftsman, aiming at targets and reaching out for things that are ahead of them.

We would welcome the privilege of encouraging you as a disciple in your pilgrimage, “A long obedience in the same direction”.

May God be present with you as you complete this application process,

Lake Beauty Bible Camp Staff

Lake Beauty Bible Camp & Retreat Center 25766 Hummingbird Trail Long Prairie, MN 56347

2010 Serf Camp Application

(Please Print – Thank You!)

Applicant's Full Name (Include Middle) _____

Applying For:

Session 1: June 20-July 1 Session 2: July 18-29

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ circle: M F

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

Home Phone (include area code) _____ Work Phone _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent / guardian) _____

Contact Number (include area code) _____

Person picking you up at end of session _____

Parent/Guardian Driving myself Other

Serf Camp Application Essay Questions

(Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper, include your name and address.)

1. What is a favorite verse of yours in the Bible? Why?
2. Write your personal testimony giving evidence of your relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. Are you currently in any leadership positions at school, work, church, or community?
4. What do you believe to be your greatest leadership strength? What led/leads you to believe this?
5. What do you believe to be your greatest leadership weakness? What led/leads you to believe this?
6. What is the most challenging experience in life you have had? What did it teach you?
7. Who, outside of Biblical history, stands out to you as an example of someone who is an outstanding leader? Why?
8. Who is your favorite Biblical leader and why? What leadership characteristics do you see through their example?
9. If you were stranded in an elevator for 24 hours and could pick one other person to be with you—who would you pick and why?

2010 Serf Camp Health Record

(Please Print – Thank You!)

Applicant's Full Name (Include Middle) _____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy No. _____ Group No. _____

Name of Primary Care Clinic _____ Doctor _____

Do you have any problems with the following? If so, give date(s):

Diabetes _____ Asthma _____ Epilepsy _____ Heart Disease/trouble _____ Ulcers _____
HIV _____ Skin Problems _____ Recent Surgery _____ Emotional _____ Other _____

If, yes, please indicate your present status on the back of this form.

Date of last Tetanus/Pertussis immunization: _____

Immunization History: (Minnesota state law requires current immunization dates. Registration will be returned if dates are not provided)

Vaccine	Year of Basic Immunization	Year of Booster
Polio	_____	_____
MMR	_____	_____
Hepatitis B	_____	_____

Do you have any allergies? Yes No

Allergic to Penicillin Yes No Please note any other allergies:

Insect Stings Yes No _____

Any sports or activities which you cannot take part in? Yes No

If, yes, please explain:

Describe any special diets or precautions you must observe:

Any medications you are taking: _____

Minnesota State Law requires all campers with activity limitations, to be examined by a licensed physician within one year of attending camp. Verification: Date of last physical examination: _____

In Case of Emergency, if I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by authorized camp personnel to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child.

Agreement, I understand that camp personnel seek to protect and safeguard the physical and emotional well being of all campers. I agree not to hold LBBC liable for any illness or mishap that may occur. I also give the camp full authority in dealing with problems or discipline. Any camper disregarding camp rules is subject to being sent home without refund. Campers who willfully destroy property will be held responsible and charged accordingly. LBBC may use comments or images of campers in promotions.

Contact person in case of emergency _____ Relationship _____

Phone (work) _____ Phone (home) _____

I hereby authorize qualified camp personnel to give emergency care and determine the need for a doctor's services.

X _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (See back for Additional Information)

Horseback Trail Rides, I hereby give permission, as indicated by my signature below, for my child (the camper named on the other section of this form) to participate in Lake Beauty’s horseback trail rides. I understand that signing below does not register my child for trail rides; rather, it gives them permission to participate. I also understand that campers participating in horseback riding activities will be given introductory safety instructions before going on all trail rides and that all riders—under 18 years of age—will be required to wear protective head gear, which the camp provides. It is my understanding that camp personnel seek to ensure a safe, educational, and fun program.

X _____ Date: _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian

Health Conditions or Additional Remarks

PASTORAL REFERENCE FORM
Lake Beauty Bible Camp

Applicant's Name _____

Church Name _____

I understand that all comments made by my reference are confidential and I forfeit my right to accessibility to this form.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Reference's Name _____

Phone _____

THIS REFERENCE IS TO BE COMPLETED BY A MEMBER OF THE PASTORATE OF THE APPLICANT'S CHURCH WHO WORKS WITH OR KNOWS THE STUDENT WELL.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what setting? _____

PLEASE RATE THE APPLICANT ON THE FOLLOWING:

1 being the LOWEST rating, 5 being the HIGHEST rating, circle NK for no knowledge or insufficient information

	Low				High	
Promptness	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Follows Instructions	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Christ-Like Lifestyle	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Follow-through ability	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Emotional Balance	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Puts others before self	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Trustworthy	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Outgoing	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Others get along with him/her	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Leadership Ability	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Works well with Children	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Sense of Humor	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Temper Control	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Tact	1	2	3	4	5	NK
Teach ability/Humility	1	2	3	4	5	NK

Additional Comments:

Please comment on the back of this sheet the applicant's strengths and weaknesses.

Signature X _____ Date _____

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CHURCH MEMBER REFERENCE FORM
Lake Beauty Bible Camp

Applicant's Name _____

Church Name _____

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Reference's Name _____

Phone _____

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