



# YMCA CAMP ERNST CREW PROGRAM SUMMER 2012

The Camp Ernst Crew Program is a leadership experience for those entering the 10th grade in Fall 2012. Participants will gain leadership skills through leadership trainings, guest speakers, and experiential service learning. Crew members form a tight-knit team during their two-weeks at camp, while performing kitchen work, cleaning bathrooms, and completing facility projects. These skills will prepare them for future summers at camp and beyond. The Crew also participates in scheduled camp activities with their college-age counselors.

## 2012 SESSIONS & COST

Session A - June 10-23  
Session B - June 24 - July 7  
Session C - July 8-21  
Session D - July 22-August 4  
Session E\* - August 5-11

Session A, B, C, D - \$400  
Session E - \$125

\*Session E is only 1 week long and is available as an add-on week to those who have already completed a 2-week session. Session E offers either a lifeguarding course or the traditional Crew program.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Crew Interviews and Information Nights are scheduled for March 6 & 7. They will be from 7-8:30pm at Lakeview Lodge at YMCA Camp Ernst. Please plan to attend one of the two nights!

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Complete the attached application. Begin filling out the forms and obtaining a reference from a non-relative adult you know like a pastor, teacher, coach, or family friend.
- 2 Bring your completed packet to one of the Crew Interviews March 6 or 7th. Please do NOT mail your application in ahead of time unless you cannot attend the interviews. No applications will be processed before the interviews.
- 3 Wait for your acceptance email. Priority is given to Crew Candidates with the most Camp Ernst seniority who attend the interviews. However, we do maintain active wait lists so we encourage everyone to apply.

## WHAT THE 2011 CREW MEMBERS SAID ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE

I learned that I could work hard and have a strong confidence in myself.

I made great friends and had tons of fun! I didn't want to leave!

I learned how to work with people who do things differently than I do.

This was the best camp experience I've had, and I've been coming to camp for 7 years!

It's amazing how close you can get to people in such a short time.

**GAIN LEADERSHIP SKILLS WHILE MAKING MEMORIES THAT  
WILL LAST A LIFETIME.**

## Crew Interviews and Information Nights - March 6th and 7th

While attendance is not required at the Crew Interviews and Information Nights, it is highly recommended. Many families find them to be beneficial in answering any questions they may have. Please bring your completed application with you to the interview.

### Application Process

We ask that all applications be turned in at the Crew Interviews on March 6th or 7th. If you cannot attend the interviews please email Becki Bleikamp, the Program Coordinator, for further instructions ([becki@myycamp.org](mailto:becki@myycamp.org)).

After the interviews we will begin processing the Crew applications. Acceptance information will be sent out through e-mail the week of March 12th. You will be instructed to complete an Acceptance Packet and send this back to camp by March 31st.

Applicants will be placed on a wait-list if their first choice session is full. We do give priority to applicants with the most camp seniority, but we maintain active wait lists and encourage everyone to apply. If you are placed on a wait-list you will still need to complete the acceptance packet that is emailed to you. Wait-listed applicants can accept positions on their second choice session if it is available. In the event that their first choice opens up we can transfer the registration.

Applications are accepted up until the week before a session begins as space allows.

### Crew Fees

The Crew Program costs \$400 for a complete two-week session. This fee is used to help defer the costs of food, supervision, leadership development activities, and supplies for the Crew Program. Limited financial assistance is available upon request.

**If you have any questions about the Crew Program please contact Becki Bleikamp at [becki@myYcamp.org](mailto:becki@myYcamp.org) or by calling the camp office at 859.586.6181.**

## 2012 Crew Program

2012 Crew Members can look forward to living in the New Leadership Village at YMCA Camp Ernst! The Crew will be living in our recently constructed Yurts.

The Crew Program is a complete 2 week program. Crew Members will stay at camp during the weekend between their first and second week with their college-age leaders.

Crew members should expect to complete a variety of jobs during their two-week session including cleaning dishes, serving food, cleaning bathrooms, sweeping, mopping, and sanitizing the kitchens, and working on facility project work teams building benches, clearing trails, painting projects, or picking up trash. These experiences are used to develop leadership and teamwork skills that will be beneficial in future summers at camp and other future endeavors.

Crew also finds time for the classic camp fun you may remember as a camper. Leaders will schedule time at the ropes course, lake, and pools. There will be opportunities for creek hikes, camp outs, campfires, night hikes, and much more. Crew members will attend opening and closing campfires as well as the Camp Ernst Party every Thursday. Crew members will also be given some opportunities to assist with camp-wide programming.

All of these activities and work periods are used to help develop the crew as a team of leaders. You will gain skills in communication, conflict resolution, teamwork, and responsibility.

Session E is a new option available for Crew Members to gain an additional crew experience at the end of the summer. Crew Members can apply to complete a Red Cross Lifeguard Course or to work a third week of Crew. There is an additional \$125 fee for Session E.



### YMCA CAMP ERNST

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# YMCA CAMP ERNST CREW APPLICATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

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## GENERAL INFO

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL\* \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL AND GRADE IN FALL 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-Mail is the primary form of contact use for information regarding Crew placement. Please be sure you use an email that is active and checked regularly.

## CAMPING HISTORY Please include name and location of camps and dates attended.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## LIST ANY AWARDS OR HONORS RECEIVED AT CAMP OR SCHOOL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## WHY DO YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CREW PROGRAM?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CREW AVAILABILITY Please rank the sessions in order of preference with a 1,2,3 or 4. 1 would indicate your first choice. If you are unavailable for a session place an X next to it.

**SESSION A**  
June 10 - 23  
\$400

**SESSION B**  
June 24 - July 7  
\$400

**SESSION C**  
July 8 - 21  
\$400

**SESSION D**  
July 22 - August 4  
\$400

### SESSION E: August 5-11

Session E is available as an additional add-on week for 2012 Crew members who have already completed a 2-week session earlier in the summer. There are two options for Session E: Taking a Lifeguarding Course or working on Crew. Those interested in Lifeguarding must be 15 by August 5th. If you would like to participate in Session E please indicate which program you are interested in below.

SESSION E: Lifeguard Training \$125

SESSION E: Crew \$125

APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



# YMCA CAMP ERNST

## CREW PARENTAL RECOMMENDATION

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APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on the following items, which are significant to how your child would function in a position of responsibility at camp. If there is an area in which he/she could improve, this is an opportunity to challenge him/her to work on it.

GET SELF UP ON TIME?

ROOM CONDITION?

HOUSEHOLD RESPONSIBILITY?

RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY?

JOB (FORMAL OR INFORMAL)?

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (SPORTS, CLUBS, ETC.)?

SPARE TIME?

WORKING WITH A TEAM TO PERFORM TASKS?

HOW DOES YOUR TEEN TREAT SIBLINGS?

SOCIAL SKILLS?

AREAS TO GROW IN?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR THINGS WE SHOULD KNOW?



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## CREW REFERENCE

TO BE COMPLETED BY A NON-RELATIVE

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### APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

The individual above has applied for a position of significant influence with boys and girls ages 6-15. Would you please help us consider this person's relevant qualifications?

**RESPONSIBILITY**    1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10            can always be counted on.  
Comments:

**INITIATIVE**            1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10            can consistently make things happen!  
Comments:

**RELATES WELL WITH CHILDREN**    1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10            always considerate of others & attentive to needs.  
Comments:

**CREATIVITY**            1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10            full of great ideas!  
Comments:

**TEAM PLAYING**       1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10            can get along with anyone.  
Comments:

**CHARACTER**            1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10            has the highest of morals.  
Comments:

**WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP & HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?**

**DO YOU THINK THE APPLICANT CAN BE TRUSTED TO WORK WITH CHILDREN?**

**FURTHER COMMENTS:**

**REFERENCE NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_