



## *Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience*

# *The LYLE III Program*

This informational letter is provided so that prospective participants may determine if the LYLE III program will meet their needs as a camper.

### *What is the LYLE III program?*

The Lutheran Youth Leadership Experience (LYLE III) program is a leadership development program that builds upon the LYLE I and II experience and combines leadership skills, service, and each young person's individual God-given gifts and interests. The LYLE III program is focused on the leadership skills required specifically to work with children, the community, and the church. This program provides intensive and challenging hands-on experiences through participation in the camp community and experiential learning sessions. The program is designed for youth that have committed themselves to participation in their home communities and congregations, as well as those interested in future leadership in camping or other ministry settings. The LYLE III program will focus on creating leaders not only at camp but in the community and will have many opportunities to plan and participate activities easily done back at home. LYLE III's will be well equipped to follow God's calling to serve their church and community. The LYLE III experience is two weeks in duration with an optional third week (including the weekends). The optional third week will give LYLE III's the opportunity to experience more of the programs Cross Trails Ministry provides at Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch, one of our offsite programs, or a Support Staff role.

### *Who can participate in the LYLE III program?*

Youth who have completed the 10th or 11th grade and have successfully completed the two week LYLE II program. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SOPHOMORE YEAR.**

### *What are the components of the LYLE III program?*

Participants in the LYLE III program will gain knowledge through experiential learning sessions. Each of these sessions is an intense learning experience requiring each participant's focused concentration and participation. LYLE III participants will spend an entire week shadowing a staff member to observe cabin or support roles and to gain hands-on experiences and develop skills that applicable to working with youth in the camping environment. LYLE III campers are not guaranteed to shadow a staff member at Camp Chrysalis. Based on space and skills, some will shadow at Ebert Ranch or an offsite program such as Texas Trek. All LYLE III campers will try a role at camp that will challenge them as a leader, often times allowing them to serve in a way they would not typically do.

### *Volunteering after the LYLE III Program*

After you have completed the LYLE III Program, you are eligible to volunteer for one additional week in the summer pending Director approval. This will be a week of intense and physically demanding work, very different from a week at camp. These volunteer weeks may consist of working on a maintenance crew, in the kitchen, at our on-site day camp, or other various

positions. Each volunteer will be a part of the community and will participate in worship and all camp activities. Please note on your application when you are available to volunteer. We will try to honor first requests, but no guarantees can be made. We will let you know which week when we accept you in to the program. This is an excellent way for you to get your foot in the door to working at camp. It allows us to know that you are here to serve youth and that there is a desire to be at camp.

**LYLE III Program Dates:** July 8-20 or July 8-27, 2018 (if participating in optional 3rd week).

**Cost:** \$550.00 for the two week program, \$675.00 to participate in optional third week program

If you have more questions regarding this program or would like to discuss other possibilities and experiences, please contact Jay Miller, Director of Camp Chrysalis at (830)257-6340 or e-mail [jay@crosstrails.org](mailto:jay@crosstrails.org).

### LYLE III REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

1. If you choose to apply for a Cross Trails Ministry Senior High program other than the LYLE III program, mail only the registration form and deposit in. If you are applying for the LYLE III program, complete the LYLE application along with the participant agreement with a parent or guardian. Both a paper copy and an online copy can be found on our website. The application deadline is March 1, 2018.
2. Arrange for the reference page to be sent to the Cross Trails office. This reference must be someone (other than a friend) who has supervised you in a leadership or servant role (pastors or youth directors are preferred). This reference can be a paper copy which can be printed from our website or can be done online.
3. You will need to fill out the 2018 Camper Registration form and mail the \$100.00 deposit for the LYLE program. You can also do this online. **PLEASE ONLY FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE PROGRAM.**
4. Your application will be considered complete and processed when all application materials have been received (application, reference, leadership project and participation agreement).
5. Final decisions will be made by committee by March 30, 2018. Applications will be reviewed by the Cross Trails Ministry Program Committee. Applicants will be notified shortly thereafter by mail.
6. If you are willing to volunteer for a week of camp following your LYLE III experience, please read, sign, and have a parent or guardian sign the volunteer release form. Please note that we will try to honor your first choice, but due to space limitations might not always be able to. Also note, volunteers will only be allowed one volunteer week.

LYLE III Applications and References are available online!

It's the faster and easier way to apply! Go to [www.crosstrails.org/lyle](http://www.crosstrails.org/lyle) for more information. Applications and references are due March 1, 2018.