



2010

Leadership Program Application

(New LAC Application)

About the Leadership (LAC) Program

Camp Ten Oaks is a not-for-profit camp run by the Ten Oaks Project for children and youth from LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two-spirit, queer) and/or non-traditional families, as well as youth who identify as LGBTQ and their allies. Our campers range in age from 8 to 17 years old. With campers and staff from varying backgrounds, Camp Ten Oaks seeks to create a unique environment based on the values of community and empowerment through play. In addition to leading traditional camp activities, Camp Ten Oaks staff support campers in understanding and dealing with important social justice issues which may affect their daily lives.

The Leadership (LAC) Program is designed for youth aged 16 – 17 who have a love for camp but also want to build leadership skills that they can apply in their day-to-day lives. The LAC Program allows campers to engage in a blend of activities designed to give them an understanding of the ins and outs of leadership, experiential learning opportunities, chances to explore social justice and some plain old fun! Special guests, camp staff, and participants themselves will share their talents and experiences, engage in an exchange of ideas, and grow as a community of leaders. The LAC Program is an opportunity for participants to explore and grow their individual skills in all aspects of leadership. **It should also be noted that although presented with a unique opportunity to participate in many facets of the camping community, LAC Program participants are not considered to be staff of Camp Ten Oaks.**

Camp Ten Oaks is located approximately 45 minutes north of Ottawa in the Gatineau Hills. Camp is situated on a 108 acre rustic property surrounded by forest and lake.

How to Apply

This year's program will run from **August 15 to 21, 2010.**

The attached application must be completed in full, including the parent or guardian acknowledgement section, in order for your application to be considered. **You must also complete the standard Camp Ten Oaks Camper Application Form.** The LAC Coordinator and the Camp Director will review all applications selected candidates will participate in the second stage of the application process that will explore your leadership goals and determine your fit within the scope of the program. This will be an informal discussion by phone. All candidates will be notified of whether or not they have been selected to participate in the second stage within two weeks of the closing date for applications. The closing date for applications is **April 30, 2010.** Final decisions will be announced no later than **June 1, 2010.**

Should you be successful in your application to participate in the LAC Program you will also be asked to provide a deposit towards your camp fees. LAC Program fees are the same as regular fees for Camp Ten Oaks, with the same access to economic accessibility. The Ten Oaks Project is committed to ensuring that no camper is turned away from camp due to an inability to pay. More information about our camp fees can be found on our website.

Completed LAC Program applications, with the accompanying Camper Application Form should be returned to the Ten Oaks Project no later than April 30, 2010:

Mail:
Ten Oaks Project
255 Montreal Rd, Suite 205
Ottawa, ON K1L 6C4

E-mail:
camp@tenoaksproject.org

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About You

First name	_____	Phone (Home)	_____
Last name	_____	Phone (Other)	_____
		E-mail address	_____
Street Address	_____	City	_____
Province	_____	Postal Code	_____

Optional Information (It is optional for you to complete the parts in the following section)

Gender Identification	_____	Sexual Orientation	_____
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Getting to Know You

Please answer the following questions. Your answers will help us get to know a little bit about you, your leadership goals and what you believe you'll get out of participating in the LAC Program this summer. If you need extra room, feel free to use additional pages.

What does being a good leader mean to you?

Identify one leadership skill you would like to work on at camp this summer. Why is this skill important to you and how can we help you develop it?

How do you define "social justice" and how is it a part of your life?

What do you hope to gain by participating in the leadership program?



The Ten Oaks Project engages and connects children and youth from LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two-spirit, queer) communities through programs and activities rooted in play. What does a program like Camp Ten Oaks mean to you and why do you think it might be important for others?

Applicant Signature

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Acknowledgement (Only applications with this section completed will be considered)

As the custodial parent or legal guardian of this applicant, I have read the letter accompanying this application and am aware that _____ (APPLICANT NAME) is applying to the 2010 LAC Program at Camp Ten Oaks. I understand that this application does not confirm registration for the 2010 session of Camp Ten Oaks. Upon successful application to the LAC Program, a deposit towards camper fees will be required to confirm registration. All applicants will undergo a phone interview with our 2010 LAC Coordinator as part of the application process.

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____