

# LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM

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### **What ages are the campers in the Leader in Training (LIT) Program?**

This program is specifically designed for campers entering grades seven and eight. There are some instances where we will allow campers entering grade nine into this program as well if they are not yet ready for our Counselor in Training (CIT) Program.

### **What is the counselor to camper ratio for this program?**

Our standard counselor to camper ratio is one counselor for every ten campers in a group. The campers in the LIT program, being in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will be at a ratio of one counselor for every fifteen campers.

### **What are the hours for the LIT program?**

Standard camp hours are 9am to 4pm. We do offer Before Care (7:30am-9am) and After Care (4-6pm) for an additional charge. Campers who are not picked up by 4:05pm will automatically be enrolled in and billed for After Care. Campers who are not picked up by 6:05pm are subject to a \$1 per minute late fee charge which must be paid prior to camper pick up.

### **What activities will my child be doing in the LIT program?**

The LIT program is a transitional program between being a camper and being a young adult. As such, there will be scheduled activities during the day such as morning circle, lunch, pool, and snack like our regular camp groups. In addition to this, there will be elective choice blocks, where the LITs will get to choose, at the beginning of the week, the activity they want to do for the entire week, as we do with the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade camper group. Additionally, we will be adding a period of leadership training where LITs will participate in activities surrounding a weekly theme followed by a period of shadowing a member of the leadership team to find examples of the weekly theme in those leadership team members. The LITs will also have team meetings of their own at the start, middle, and end of their day as well as a period where they will complete a week long project that in some way or another gives back to the camp as a whole. New for the 2018 season, LITs will also add a STEM period to their day where they will work on an activity that they will have to design, build, test, and reflect on throughout the week.

### **Do the LITs utilize the pool? If so, when and how often?**

Yes! Camp GATORS uses the pool facilities at the Aquatics & Fitness Center every day! LIT pool time is scheduled for 11.45am, weather permitting. All campers are swim tested on their first day of camp to determine which pool area they are allowed to use. Campers are welcome to re-test at the beginning of each swim session if the lifeguard staff is available to conduct the test. It may be necessary to reschedule pool time to the morning hours or cancel for the day due to inclement weather or other pool related emergencies.

### **Who provides lunch/snack for my child?**

Parents are responsible for providing campers with a lunch and snack that are peanut and seafood free to avoid conflicts with allergies. Lunch for LITs is scheduled for 11am and snack is scheduled for 1.15pm each day. Campers who accidentally bring lunches and/or snacks containing peanuts and/or seafood will be separated from the rest of the group to have their lunch and wash their hands before returning.

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### **Do the LITs go on field trips? What if I don't want my child to go on the field trip?**

Yes! The LITs and CITs will both attend a separate field trip with a focus on team building, communication, conflict resolution, and the other topics that will be covered by both groups throughout the course of the summer. These field trips will be on either Wednesdays (Friday the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>). The cost of each field trip is \$30. School buses are provided through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Transportation Department. Signed permission slips are required for all campers going on each trip. Additional waivers may be required depending on each individual venue. All field trips are optional, however due to the staffing ratio of this group, if your child does not choose to attend the field trip, he/she will be placed in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade group and follow their activities for the day of the trip.

### **Who will help in the event of a medical emergency?**

All camp staff hold current American Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer certifications. In addition, we have lifeguards on site during all times camp is going on. These staff members will be the first point of contact for medical emergencies. During the Commission's ESY program, the school nurse is also available if, and only if, immediate care is needed prior to the arrival of EMTs. If your child has an Epi-Pen, nebulizer, or any other treatment that may need to be given during camp hours, this should be noted in the medical section of the registration packet. Please know that state law prevents us from dispensing some types of medications to campers.

### **Can my child bring his/her cell phone to camp?**

No. Campers should leave all electronic devices including cell phones, tablets, and handheld games at home. In the event that your child does bring these items to camp, they will be confiscated and kept at the Welcome Center until a parent/guardian arrives. Camp GATORS, the ESCNJ Aquatics & Fitness Center, and the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey are not responsible for lost or stolen items, so please leave electronics at home.

### **What do I need to do to register my child for the LIT program?**

Registration forms are available at the Aquatics & Fitness Center Welcome Center or on our website: [www.TheAquaticsCenter.com/summer-camp](http://www.TheAquaticsCenter.com/summer-camp). To register, parents should bring completed registration forms and a copy of each child's immunization records to the Welcome Center with payment for the first week of camp and the registration fee, if necessary. Registration for subsequent weeks can be made in person at the Welcome Center or over the phone at (732) 317-0333 Option #1, with a credit card. Registration for upcoming weeks should be done on the Wednesday before the week you wish to register for camp. Campers registered during the week of camp they will be attending are subject to a \$5 late registration fee.

### **What forms of payment do you accept?**

The ESCNJ Aquatics & Fitness Center accepts cash, check (made payable to "ESCNJ"), and all major credit cards. Checks should be made payable to "ESCNJ". Credit Card charges will appear on bank statements as "ESCNJ Aquatics & Fitness Center". If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Community Child Care Solutions at (732) 324-4357.