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Greetings from Camp Omega!

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Youth Servant Leader (YSL). YSLs play an important part in Camp Omega's outdoor ministry and the summer wouldn't be possible without your help. I look forward to seeing how the Lord may use you in His ministry through this place.

We want to make sure that to prepare and equip you before you arrive for training. Included in this packet are the following forms:

- **Application for service (with Personal Letter)**
- **Available Dates to Serve**
- **Health Information Form**
- **Pastoral Reference Form (required)**
- **Teacher/Coach Reference Form (required)**
- **Personal Reference Form**

We need you to **fill out and return** the Application, Available Dates to Serve, Reference Forms, and Health Information Form prior to your training and service. These documents must be on file for you to serve this summer.

Someone from the camp office will contact you to schedule opportunities of service following your registration and training session. **For those of you new to the YSL program, the week long training is required.** If you have attended the week long training recent a summer, it is strongly encouraged but not imperative for consideration for this summer. This week will sharpen your skills, provide fellowship with the Camp Omega community, and give you an opportunity to grow in faith and maturity.

We are looking forward to seeing you this summer! If you have any questions, please contact the office by email at info@campomega.org or call the camp office at (507) 685-4266.

In Christ,

Bob LaCroix
Executive Director



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Youth Servant Leader - Job Description

POSTION TITLE:

Youth Servant Leader (YSL)

MISSION:

A YSL has a love and desire to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by serving others in an outdoor ministry setting.

REQUIRMENTS:

- Have completed their freshman year of high school and be a minimum age of 15
- Be an active member of a Christian church
- Have an active faith
- Have emotional maturity and integrity to work with campers and other staff
- A strong sense of Christian fellowship, and stewardship, as it relates to care of the environment, camp grounds and equipment.
- Attend a week long training session (June 10-15 or June 17-22)

PURPOSE:

Assist the counselors in providing additional support and leadership to the campers.

Provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well being of campers.

Support the Camp Omega summer program in these specific areas.

Housekeeping

Maintenance

Food service duties and

Program Support



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Youth Servant Leader - Program Information

AGE REQUIREMENT

Youth Servant Leader applicants **must** be 15 years of age and **must** have completed their freshman year of high school.

PERSONAL LETTER OF APPLICATION

A letter of application must accompany each Youth Servant Leader Application. This letter should include: (1) the desire to serve, (2) "why" the decision to apply, (3) personal qualifications, and (4) goals to be achieved through the Youth Servant Leader experience. The letter should be no shorter than a half a page.

PERSONAL REFERENCES

A completed Recommendation Form is required from both the applicant's pastor, from a teacher and a Non-Related Adult. References should be received by the application deadline. Extra forms are available on the Camp Omega website. (www.campomega.org)

PHOTOGRAPH OF APPLICANT

ALL applicants **must** include a recent snapshot or photo with application.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY

Youth Servant Leaders volunteer for *a week session* beginning approximately in the middle of June and ending in the middle of August. Applicants should return their **Available Dates to serve** form with the application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be received at Camp Omega by **April 15, 2012**. Applicants will be notified by mail, e-mail, or phone regarding selection.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Applicants under age 18 must have their application signed by a parent/guardian.

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

Each year many more Youth Servant Leader applications are received than positions available. Unfortunately, not all applicants are accepted for week long service. Camp reserves the right to select applicants who fit the need for each program.

The criteria used to choose a Youth Servant Leader are as follows:

- Strength of application
- Character
- Motivation for application and service
- Skills and talents
- References
- Availability

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain a growing spiritual life and set a Christian example at all times.
- Attend all camp devotions and Bible studies as duties allow.
- Place well being of campers before personal desires.
- Maintain open communication with coworkers.
- Adhere to Camp Omega's policies and procedures.
- Care for camp facilities and equipment.
- Assist the Foodservice Director with the daily duties of food service as assigned.
- Assist the Housekeeping Director with the daily duties of camp facility care as assigned.
- Assist the Maintenance Director with the duties of maintaining camp facilities as assigned.
- Assist the counseling staff with caring for the campers as assigned.
- Identify and meet the needs of the campers.
- Complete additional tasks as assigned.

YOUTH SERVANT LEADER STAFF STATUS

YSLs are considered to be Camp Omega staff. Every staff member at Camp Omega is expected to present him or herself as a responsible, mature, dedicated servant of Jesus Christ.



Camp Omega Youth Servant Leader Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Best Time to Call _____

Male Female Date of Birth: _____ Year Completed in School: _____

Church Membership _____ City _____ Denomination _____

Briefly answer the following questions. Use the back of this form or an extra sheet of paper if necessary.

1. Why do you want to be a Youth Servant Leader?

2. What do you hope to get out of YSL training and a weeklong YSL volunteering experience?

3. Describe a person that you believe is a good model for the Christian faith in how they live out their faith.

4. Have you ever been to Camp Omega as a camper or YSL?

5. Do you have previous experience in working with children? If so, what was this experience?

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Your signature below verifies that you have completed this application form, that all information is true to the best of your knowledge, and you are herewith submitting it to Camp Omega on your behalf. If accepted into a position, any false statements on this form are grounds for immediate dismissal.

I give my permission to contact any previous employer and/or reference and I will hold harmless any such employer/reference for any information they release about me relative to my volunteering at Camp Omega.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Camp Omega Available Dates to Serve – Summer 2012

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Youth Servant Leader (YSL) at Camp Omega.

Weeks of service are contingent upon favorable application, references, training, as well as camper registration and program need. Please note we cannot guarantee that you will be invited to serve as a YSL this summer, even if you complete a weekend of training.

Listed below are the weeklong camp sessions for summer 2012. Place a check mark next to the dates that you **CANNOT** serve. We will do our best to accommodate your availability.

NAME: _____

Preferred Week: _____

Second Choice Week: _____

I CANNOT serve these sessions:

- June 17-22
- June 24- 29
- July 8-13
- July 15-20 (full & split sessions)
- July 22-27 (full & split sessions)
- July 29-August 3
- August 5-10
- August 12-15

I am willing to help with weekend programs from Friday – Sunday

I have served as a YSL previous to this summer