



Camp Omega

Youth Servant Leadership - Ministry Description

POSTION TITLE:

Youth Servant Leader (YSL)

PURPOSE:

During the week of service at Camp Omega: To assist the counselors in providing for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of campers attending the Camp Omega Summer Ministry Program. To put others before yourself, seeking to serve the mission of Jesus Christ at Camp Omega. To be a leader in attitude, conduct, and acts of kindness.

Beyond camp: To serve the world and share the love of Jesus Christ.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ◆ Have completed their freshman year of high school OR 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.
- ◆ Completed Leadership Training Camp, having demonstrated the above abilities.

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 NOT considered to be Camp Omega staff but rather, volunteers. Every volunteer at Camp Omega is expected to present him or herself as a responsible, mature, dedicated servant of Jesus Christ.

LENGTH OF SERVICE:

Youth Servant Leaders will be contracted for one week of service. YSLs may be asked to serve multiple weeks, depending on the needs of Camp Omega.

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REQUIREMENTS

Youth Servant Leader applicants must be 15 years of age **OR** must have completed their freshman year of high school prior to their time of service. After Camp Omega receives the Youth Servant Leader application, applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail. Additionally, each volunteer **must** have completed the Leadership Training Camp. **The fee for the training camp is \$200.**

RETURNING YOUTH SERVANT LEADERS

All returning Youth Servant Leaders are expected to attend Leadership Training Camp. Returning YSLs also must fill out a new full application each year but do not need to resubmit reference letters.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications received at Camp Omega by April 30 will be considered first. Applications received after that date will only be considered if there is still a need for volunteers. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by e-mail, or phone. **The application (which includes the documents listed below) must be submitted together by the deadline** in order for the applicant to be considered.

- ◆ Youth Servant Leader Application (pg. 3-4)
- ◆ Personal Letter of Application (pg. 5)
- ◆ Health Form (pg. 6)
- ◆ Letter of Recommendation from Pastor (pg. 7-8)
- ◆ Letter of Recommendation from Teacher (pg. 9-10)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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

PERSONAL LETTER OF APPLICATION

A letter of application must accompany each Youth Servant Leader application. This letter should include: (1) "why" the decision to apply, (2) personal qualifications, and (3) goals to be achieved through the Youth Servant Leader experience.

REFERENCES

Two letters of recommendation are required for the application to be complete. One recommendation should be completed by the applicant's pastor and another from a teacher. **Reference letters must accompany the application form.**

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

Each summer many applications are received for the YSL program. Unfortunately, not all applicants are accepted for week long service. Camp Omega accepts YSLs for each of the sessions during the summer based on perceived needs of each session and abilities of the applicant during the training week.

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

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| ▪ Strength of Application | ▪ Motivation for Service | ▪ References |
| ▪ Character | ▪ Skills and talents | ▪ Availability |

WEEK OF SERVICE

Applicants will be notified about their week of service by email or phone following their participation in the Leadership Training Week.

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Youth Servant Leader Ministry Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name: Mother _____ Father _____

Male Female Age: _____ Grade entering in fall: _____ Birth Date: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Home Church _____ City _____ Denomination _____ Synod _____

Work Experience _____

Hobbies/Special Skills _____

Have you ever been a camper at Camp Omega? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Have you ever served as a YSL at Camp Omega? Yes No If yes, when? _____

What camp program did you serve as a YSL (check all that apply):

Main Teepees Treehouses Ropes Adventure Log Cabins/Lake Excursion Survivor

Creation Firearms Art Other: _____

What were your responsibilities? _____

Do you have any impairment, physical or mental, which might limit or affect your duties? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

List three words that best describe you. 1.) _____ 2.) _____ 3.) _____

Week of Service Information

Week of service scheduling is done to fill the needs of Camp Omega's program. As a result, the more opportunities you are available to serve, the more likely it is that you will be accepted. Rank availability below in order of preference (i.e. 1-9). Place an "X" next to those unavailable. **If there are any changes in availability, please contact Camp Omega immediately.**

Availability of service (Rank all choices): June 16__ June 23__ July 14__ July 21__ July 28__ Aug 4__ Aug 11__

Interested in serving during a weekend: Yes No

Leadership Training Camp Information

Leadership Training Camp, formally known as YSL Training, is mandatory for all individuals applying to serve as a Youth Servant Leader. There are two possible sessions to attend. Youth Servant Leaders are accepted into the ministry program to serve for one week with no cost. Participation in the Leadership Training Camp is a mandatory part of the application process.

Please indicate which Leadership Training Camp you will be attending:

- Leadership Training Session 1: June 9-14
- Leadership Training Session 2: June 16-21

Payment Information

- I will be registering online at www.CampOmega.org. I understand that my application is not complete until I have registered and provided a \$75 deposit.
- I am register below. My \$75 deposit will be submitted with this application by April 30.

A minimum of \$75 per person non-refundable deposit or full payment is required with registration.

I am paying with: Check Check No: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I am paying with Debit/Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover

Credit Card No: _____ CSV #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature (If applicant is under age 18)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Applicant's Signature

**Return this Application To: Camp Omega
 Attn: Program Director
 22750 Lind Ave.
 Waterville, MN 56096**



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Personal Letter of Application

Youth Servant Leader Reference Form

To be filled out by a Pastor/Youth Worker

_____ is applying to serve in a volunteer weeklong Youth Servant Leader (YSL) program at Camp Omega, a LC-MS camp in Waterville, MN. YSLs assist the hired college-aged counselors with daily camp responsibilities of serving youth campers (ages 6-14). It is important that YSLs are positive role models within the camp community.

Please rate the applicant according to the following. Comments may be given in the space provided or on the back.

	POOR		AVERAGE		SUPERIOR	NO OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE
1. ENTHUSIASM Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
2. RELIABILITY Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
3. COOPERATIVENESS Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
4. FAITH LIFE Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
5. HONESTY Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
6. CONCERN FOR OTHERS Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
7. COMMUNICATION SKILLS Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
8. EMOTIONAL MATURITY Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
9. SELF CONFIDENCE Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O
10. LEADERSHIP ABILITY Comments:	1	2	3	4	5	N/O

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Would you be willing to have **your** children under the applicant's supervision (with counselor supervision) for a week in a camp environment?

Yes No

If No, Explain: _____

Is there anything else pertaining to the applicant that Camp Omega should be aware of?

Use this space to write down any additional comments.

Thank you for your time. Please return this form to the YSL applicant at your earliest convenience.

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please return to YSL applicant

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To be filled out by a Teacher

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