

The Camp Wekeela Leadership in Training Program

A few years ago, we set out to create a groundbreaking leadership in training (LIT) program to bridge the gap between our campers' senior summer and their junior counselor year. It is uniquely hand-crafted for teens currently in 10th grade. It features four core elements:

- Leadership
- Community Service
- Adventure
- Wekeela!



At Camp Wekeela:

During their time at Wekeela, LIT's will receive hands-on experience working with younger campers. The schedule is designed to create a balance between being the oldest camper and becoming a leader. The LIT's will help instructors in program areas or assist Cabin Leaders two periods per day. This provides the LIT's with valuable community service hours. LIT's will receive the service hours via a formal letter at the end of the summer. For teens, community service is often a requirement for graduating high school, admission into National Honor Society, and/or getting into top notch colleges. It's a great way for students to build their resumes and explore their skill sets. More importantly, volunteer opportunities for teens and high school students can be life-changing experiences that allow teens to expand their horizons and foster meaningful relationships. The social and emotional learning skills that come with volunteering are essential to personal development and lifelong success.

Community Service: In the past examples of community service have been with the following:

- ❖ Camp Wekeela
- ❖ Auburn Food Bank
- ❖ Friends of Casco Bay (Portland, Maine)
- ❖ Red Sneakers for Oakley
- ❖ Greater Androscoggin Animal Shelter
- ❖ Growing to Give
- ❖ Women's Lunch Place
- ❖ Maine Conservation Corps & Portland Trails
- ❖ Friendship Circle
- ❖ Hope for Honduras
- ❖ Pinky Swear Foundation



Leadership in Training:

At Wekeela, LIT's will have an opportunity to enjoy their favorite camp activities two periods a day. The 2023 LIT's will spend another memorable summer with their closest friends leaving a lifelong impact on each other and Wekeela. LIT's will help define their summer. They will:

- ❖ be the liaison between campers and staff.
- ❖ learn skills to help them work with children.
- ❖ have priority to apply to be a Junior Counselor for the 2024 season.



Session dates and fees:



Full Season: June 24th- August 8th: \$13,500

- Cape Cod, Massachusetts: Martha's Vineyard and Plymouth
- Tour of Maine Colleges (Bowdoin #6, Colby #11, and Bates #21)
US Liberal Arts College rankings based on 2022 US News & World Report
- Maine Community Service opportunities
- Two-day tour of Boston area and *top US Universities and Colleges. Some may include: (Harvard Univ #2, Tufts Univ #29, Brandeis Univ, #40, Massachusetts Institute of Technology #3, Boston Univ, #39, Northeastern Univ #40 and Boston College #37). *Rankings based on 2022 US News & World Report*

{Above rate includes all transportation, lodging and meals for overnight trips. Trips and itineraries are subject to change. A \$1,500 deposit (non-refundable) is due upon registration.

L.I.T. past participants were able to accentuate their college application by adding valuable community service hours combined with demonstrating their hard work and continuity at camp. Former LIT's are currently students at:

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| ➤ Princeton University | ➤ George Washington University |
| ➤ Brown University | ➤ University Southern California |
| ➤ Vanderbilt University | ➤ Syracuse University |
| ➤ Northwestern University | ➤ Tulane University |
| ➤ Washington University | ➤ University of Vermont |
| ➤ University California - Berkeley | ➤ Indiana University |
| ➤ Emory College | ➤ University of Miami |
| ➤ Bowdoin College | ➤ New York University |
| ➤ University Michigan | ➤ Maryland University |
| ➤ Boston University | ➤ University of Florida |
| ➤ Tufts University | ➤ University of Colorado |
| ➤ Colgate University | ➤ Bates College |
| ➤ Northeastern University | ➤ Arizona State University |
| ➤ Cornell University | ➤ American University |
| ➤ University of Wisconsin | ➤ University of Texas |
| ➤ Duke University | ➤ Central Florida University |
| ➤ Penn State | ➤ Elon University |
| ➤ Elon University | ➤ Colorado College |
| ➤ United States Military Academy (West Point) | ➤ Hofstra University |
| | ➤ Florida State University |

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