



# Cave Springs Camp

## Servanthood Leadership Program

### INFORMATION

The Servanthood Leadership program is an opportunity for youth to gain additional camp knowledge and valuable leadership experience. The program teaches practical camp skills such as leading activities, practical counselling, and group leadership. It also focuses on faith building sessions and opportunities to serve peers, children, and the community. The intent of SLP is to develop a servant-like attitude in youth, as well as create a unique and individual understanding of what it means to be a mentor to campers through camp activity training and behind-the-scenes projects.

The recommended age for SLP participants is 14-15 years old. Participants must be at least 14 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year to qualify for the program. Our 2020 SLP offering includes 2 options for youth to apply for:

#### OPTION 1

**SLP Part 1** (up to 16 spots available)

Program cost: **\$425**

Program dates: **July 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

Participants will attend a single week of training at camp. This week will focus on “soft skill” training for young leaders. SLP Part 1 program components include practical counselling and faith sessions, team building and leadership activities, and a hike and overnight campout at Balls Falls conservation area. SLP Part 1 participants deemed sufficiently ready will be offered up to 2 weeks of volunteer placement at camp (see “Placement Week” below).

#### OPTION 2

**SLP Part 1 AND Part 2** (up to 8 spots available)

SLP candidates **must complete SLP Part 1 in order to attend Part 2**

Program cost: **\$750**

Program dates: **July 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> AND July 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

Participants will attend 1 week of “soft skills training” (as outlined above) and return to camp for an additional training week that will focus on “hard skills” training. SLP Part 2 program components include belaying for high ropes, steering canoes, the “SLP Olympics” and working closely with campers in a group. It will include an extended canoe camping trip, as well as an Emergency First-Aid Certification. We are very excited to offer teen leaders the amazing opportunity to work more closely with staff and find practical ways to share their faith with children. SLP Part 2 participants deemed sufficiently ready will be offered up to 4 weeks of volunteer placement at camp (see “Placement Week” below).



## **PLACEMENT WEEK**

If SLP participants show sufficient leadership abilities, they will be offered at least one of the following volunteer placements at camp:

**July 26-31<sup>st</sup>:** Overnight Counsellor, Day Camp Counsellor, Bridge Camp Counsellor, or Kitchen Helper

**Aug. 4-7<sup>th</sup>:** Overnight Counsellor, Day Camp Counsellor, Bridge Camp Counsellor, or Kitchen Helper

**Aug. 9-14<sup>th</sup>:** Day Camp Counsellor, Bridge Camp Counsellor, or Kitchen Helper

**Aug. 16-21<sup>st</sup>:** Overnight Counsellor, Day Camp Counsellor, Bridge Camp Counsellor, or Kitchen Helper

*SLP participants who are interested in completing multiple placement weeks will be considered for assignment to more than 1 session. Part 1 participants are eligible for up to 2 weeks of volunteer placement. Part 2 participants are eligible for all 4 weeks of volunteer placement.*

## **APPLY TODAY!**

*Application packages can be downloaded from our website or requested via email by contacting [director@cavespringscamp.on.ca](mailto:director@cavespringscamp.on.ca)*

There are a limited number of spaces in the Servanthood Leadership Program. Youth are selected based on the submission of a completed application package including:

- 1) Completed personal and contact information
- 2) Completed reflection questions
- 3) Two (2) completed reference forms

Application packages, including reference sheets, are due by end of day  
**Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

Applications can be submitted electronically to [director@cavespringscamp.on.ca](mailto:director@cavespringscamp.on.ca), or by mail to **SLP, 4410 Cave Spring Rd, Beamsville, ON, L0R 1B1**. Only applicants selected for participation in the 2020 program will be invited to register online for SLP. Please do not fill out a registration via our online portal prior to receiving your acceptance to the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Millar (Director) or Maggie Stoyles (Assistant Director) at (905) 563-8487, or email the camp at [director@cavespringscamp.on.ca](mailto:director@cavespringscamp.on.ca)

**(See the next page for some frequently asked questions from prospective SLP participants)**



## SLP FAQ's

### When is my application due?

Applications are due by end of day Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and must include your written answers and 2 reference forms.

### How will I know if I have been selected for SLP?

We will inform you by phone or email (usually both!) by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### What do you look for when selecting SLPs?

We are looking for youth who are mature, responsible, and excited to develop their leadership and explore their faith. It is essential that you have an interest in working with children and serving others. We expect participants to take the experience seriously and to try their best at everything they do.

### What is the time commitment for SLP?

On training weeks (July 5-10 and July 12-17) SLP participants will arrive at camp on Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm to register and will remain at camp until Friday evening at 7:00pm for pick up. Arrival and departure times for placement weeks will be communicated to SLPs based on the position they are assigned that week.

### What if I have a time conflict or am unavailable for part of the week?

We encourage SLP applicants to reach out to us to discuss potential time conflicts. The SLP schedule is jam packed with learning and activities! Like any camp program we know that participants who attend the entirety of the program will take the most away from the experience. Should you require a slightly late arrival or early departure please let us know as early as possible so that we can aim to accommodate your absence. *A time conflict should not be the reason you choose not to apply for SLP*, however it should be noted that in a large applicant pool time away from the program will be a factor of consideration.

### Where will I sleep?

During training weeks SLPs will be assigned to cabin spaces that they share with other SLP participants. Everyone will sleep in a bunkbed. One night of each training week SLPs will sleep in tents on campout trips. SLPs are responsible for bringing bedding appropriate to both indoor and outdoor sleep settings.

### Am I considered a camper or a staff member in SLP?

What a great question! The short answer is that SLP is considered to be a *camper* program. There is a fee for the training weeks that you attend, and our staff supervise and program for the SLP group throughout their time onsite. The longer answer is that SLPs are acknowledged to be transitioning between classic camper and future staff roles. There are opportunities in SLP to try things our regular camper programs do not offer. If you are offered a volunteer placement week(s) at camp you will be assigned to work on a team with our staff members and will be mentored by them to provide programming and care for younger camp participants.

### Is SLP fun?

SLP is the best! It is the perfect stepping stone between a regular camper week and an eventual position on staff. It is also well suited for those who have never been to camp before but want to develop their leadership while enjoying the beautiful outdoors and building long lasting friendships. We hope that this experience will be one of fun, learning and growth for all involved.