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⇒ Challenge & Teamwork

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⇒ Self-Reliance

⇒ Further Develop Your Potential

2010 Leadership Lab

Want to stay involved with MYE, but not sure what is next? For CA alumni, MYExplore, with it's Outdoor Retreats and other workshops is the obvious step. All MYE alumni can apply for MYE scholarships.

But, what if you want to come back to Montana and take up where you left off from your Wilderness Challenge Course (WCC)? For motivated and committed MYE alumni keen to do this, the Leadership Lab may be the next step for you....

The Leadership Lab is MYE 2.0 and takes exceptional MYE alumni to the next level of leadership, self reliance, and self reflection.

The aim of this program is to help students further develop a sense of who they are, what they value, and how they can use their strengths and skills to have a positive impact in their world, and reach their goals.

Successful applicants will have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to their own learning and development since attending their WCC in Montana. It is an advantage for applicants to have had regular attendance and contributions to MYExplore events, and/or be involved in community service projects or taking on leadership roles in some other facet of their life.

The Leadership Lab has two phases – one is a 25-day outdoor pursuits course in Montana. This phase is a 25-day program comprising of a mix of outdoor and practical sessions, theoretical workshops, and an extended expedition. Participants can expect to learn more technical outdoor skills, and further explore sustainability, in theory and as a practice. They will also explore leadership, communication and team building concepts and applications, to a deeper level than the WCC took them. While Leadership Lab students will still climb mountains; descend rivers; and climb rock; they will also have more responsibility for the quality of their experience, and that of their team members.

The second phase kicks off after students arrive home. In CA, this phase will involve several workshops and practical workshops that will build on the MYE summer program, and challenge Leadership Lab students to ask more of themselves. For Leadership Lab students in other areas, we will set up a 'distance learning' module, and support this by email and telephone conferences.

Questions?

Visit our website:

www.myeconnect.org

Or contact
Ellen Sagmyr at:

Email: leadlab@myeconnect.org

MYEF is intending to run two full-scholarship Leadership Lab's in Montana during the 2010 summer season.

These programs will include an extended expedition, a 4-day rock climbing workshop, a service component, advanced river skills, and an ascent of a local peak.

Applications for the 2010 Leadership Lab open on February 22, close on March 12, and you will know by March 17 whether you have a place on one of the MYE 2010 Leadership Labs.

Course Information & Selection Criteria (please keep this page for your records)

What are the differences between the MYE Leadership Lab and the MYE Wilderness Challenge Course?

- ▶ Participants will have increased responsibility for the implementation and successful outcomes of the program; as well as planning and running a multi-day expedition
- ▶ Students are expected to take leadership roles in all aspects of the program, stepping up to a higher level than was expected on the WCC
- ▶ Students will be expected to help facilitate group discussions, actively sharing their ideas and perceptions with other group members
- ▶ Self and peer feedback will be used in some aspects of the program
- ▶ Workshops teaching theoretical frameworks underpin field learning



You will be an MYE Ambassador:

Participating in a Leadership Lab means you will become an MYE Ambassador. As an Ambassador, you will help us let other students know about MYE by spreading the word at your school and in your community.

If you're up for this new challenge, here's how to apply:

MYE 2010 Leadership Lab Dates:

Course One: June 19th - July 13th
Course Two: July 22nd - August 15th

Selection Criteria:

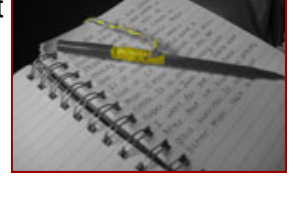
MYE selects students using the following criteria as a base. Our programs are in high demand and we do our best to serve as many students as possible, but we cannot guarantee acceptance.

To apply for the Leadership Lab you must:

- Have attended and completed a 25-day MYE Wilderness Challenge Course.
- Be attaining passing grades at school.
- Have no active judicial or criminal record.
- Complete an MYE Leadership Lab application, including all supporting material, and return it to MYE by the due date.
- Have high energy, a positive attitude, the ability and willingness to work long hours and multiple days in a row.
- Be physically fit and active.
- Be able to be in Montana for the dates of the program, and be committed to being an active participant during the subsequent school year.
- Have written permission from your legal guardian to attend the course.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from someone who is not a relative.

It would benefit your application if you:

- Were 16 years of age or older.
- Could show demonstrated leadership abilities, community service involvement and/or participation in outdoor activities since your MYE Wilderness Challenge Course.
- Have kept in touch with MYE after your Montana program (this could be through the MYExplore program, newsletter contributions, MYEarth contact, contacting us to tell us what you are up to in terms of leadership/community service etc).



Application Process & Instructions (please keep this page for your records)

Process:

Application to MYE is through the following process:

- ⇒ Submit this application, completed and including all supporting documents listed below, to MYE at the address supplied. We will accept applications from **February 22nd, 2010**.
- ⇒ Applications close **March 12th, 2010**.
- ⇒ Letters of Acceptance and Program Information Packets will be sent by mail **March 17th, 2010**.
- ⇒ All Program Information Packet documents must be returned to MYE **no later than April 17th, 2010**.

If we need to interview applicants to clarify any part of their application, we will do this by telephone between February 22nd - March 17th.

Final acceptance, decline or wait-list status will be determined by MYE staff, and based on MYE's stated selection criteria compared across all applicants.

Instructions & What to Send to MYE:

- Complete the application form - Personal and Health Information in your own legible handwriting. The Personal Questionnaire can be typed on a separate sheet of paper.
- Make sure you have signed the application form, and answered all the questions.
- Make sure your parents understand the information and have signed the application.
- Attach a copy of your health insurance card (front and back).
- Attach one letter of recommendation.
- Attach a copy of your most recent report card or school transcript.
- Attach or email a current photo of yourself.
- The Personal Questionnaire is an opportunity for you to help us get to know you. Make sure you include any information that will help us make our decision - a log of activities you have been involved with since your Montana course; MYE retreats and workshops; community service projects; examples of leadership roles you have taken; sports teams you play in; outdoor experiences (outside MYE); your work experience - are all examples of things we are interested in. We are also interested in knowing what you think you will gain from this program, and what you think you will contribute.
- Indicate your program date preference at the bottom of the questionnaire on page 5 of this application.

Check your email often to keep current with your application status.

All MYE applicants must have an active email address and access to the internet at home, school or elsewhere.

Please let us know if this requirement is going to be a problem for you.

Send your completed application, and all supporting materials to:

Montana Yellowstone Expeditions
c/o The Orfalea Foundations
Attn: MYE Leadership Lab Applications
1283 Coast Village Circle
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Or fax from anywhere to:
888-280-5261

Personal Information & Questionnaire

Please return this page, completed, to MYE.

Full Name: _____ Preferred First Name: _____

School: _____ Grade/Class: _____ (2009-10)

Date of Birth _____ MYE group: _____ (circle) 04 05 06 07 08

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Mother/Guardian: _____ Occupation: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone:() _____ Cell Phone:() _____ email: _____

Father/Guardian: _____ Occupation: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone:() _____ Cell Phone:() _____ email: _____

Please send correspondence to: (Circle one) Mother/Guardian Father/Guardian Both

Personal Questionnaire

This section is for you to share more about yourself, and provide us with a better understanding of why you would like to take the next step with MYE.

Please type your answers on a separate sheet, with your name and the date at the top.

Why do you want to participate on the Leadership lab? What do you expect to gain, over and above your WCC experience? What do you anticipate your major contribution to the group will be?

How do you think a LL will differ from a WCC?

Identify at least two things you have learned about yourself in your first MYE course (one strength and one opportunity for change) and describe how you have worked on or used these since. How will you use this learning to maximize your Leadership Lab experience - for yourself and your team-mates?

What is your favorite MYE memory and why?

How has MYE made a difference in your life (if it has)?

What activities have you been involved with since your MYE course that have given you further opportunities to develop your leadership skills, perform community service, work on your own development, recreate in the outdoors and/or learn more about sustainability?

How will you help us to spread the word and work of MYE after your Lab experience?

Current Health Information & Course Dates

Please return this page, completed, to MYE.

Current Health Information

Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: F M Height: _____ Weight: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Circle your level of fitness: I'm not Fit I Can Walk 1 Mile I Can Run 1 Mile I'm In Top Form

What do you currently do to stay physically active (sports, exercise, work-out) and how often?

Describe any medical conditions (physical or emotional) which MYE should be aware of:

Have you been treated by a physician or taken any prescribed medication in the last 2 years? Yes No
If yes, describe the treatment and/or medication:

Health Insurance Company Name: _____ Policy #: _____

MYE 2009 Leadership Lab Date Preferences:

Please indicate which date better suits you by putting a '1' next to it. If you are able to attend the alternate course please indicate that by putting a '2' next to it.

___ LL course 1 - June 19th - July 13th

___ LL course 2 - July 22nd - August 15th

Applicants Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Parents or Guardians

"I have read the information about the MYE Leadership Lab course contained in this application, and the attached FAQ sheet and parent letter, and give permission for my son/daughter/legal charge to apply for this course."

Parent/Guardian:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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