

Junior Leadership Program Application Packet Summer Camp 2008

Thank you for your interest in our new Junior Leadership Program (JLP). The Northbrook Park District has designed this summer program for teens entering grades 8 through 10 in the fall of 2008. The goal of the program is to expose our young leaders to many different areas within the Park District and foster new leadership skills and offer practical work experience.

For 12 to 18 hours each week, Junior Leaders will work with Park District staff members, leading recreational activities at summer camp, assisting at the pools or at the golf course. JLP participants will also gather for group meetings and activities on Mondays and Fridays, focusing on team building and developing job-related skills. Practical skills will also be an important part of the program, including filling out employment applications, interview techniques and first aid.

Although JLP will require a significant commitment of time and energy from each participant, in return, Junior Leaders will gain valuable personal and work experience. Best of all, they'll get the inside scoop on summer fun at the Northbrook Park District!

The Junior Leadership Program will be offered both first and second session, with no program on July 4th. The registration fee will be \$100 for residents and non-residents *per session*.

If you would like to be considered for the program, please complete the attached application packet and **return to the Leisure Center no later than May 2nd, 2008**. The packet includes:

1. Junior Leadership Program application
2. A signed parent letter
3. A personal reference form (to be completed by a non-related adult, such as a teacher or coach who knows you well enough to describe your qualifications for the program). **Please write your name on the form before you pass it on to your reference person.**

Once we receive your completed application, you will be contacted by the Northbrook Park District to schedule an interview beginning in March 2008. If you have any questions about the JLP program, please contact Megan Hadler at (847) 291-2995 x123.

NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT
Division of Leisure Services

Junior Leadership Program Application
Summer Camps 2008

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ M/F: _____

School Attending: _____ Entering Grade: _____

I am interesting in JLP... SESSION I and/or SESSION II

1. What are some of your hobbies and interests?

2. Describe any experience you have had working with children.

3. Describe your participation in extracurricular activities.

4. Describe your participation in Northbrook Park District programs.

5. What qualities or skills do you think that you would bring to JLP?

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6. What do you hope to get out of the Junior Leadership Program? Please state at least 3 goals for the summer?

i.

ii.

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7. Please indicate your areas of interest in order of preference (1, 2, 3...). Use an "X" to indicate any areas where you would prefer not to work:

_____ Kids Korner Camp (3-4 year olds / Half Day Camp)

_____ Camp Curiosity (K-2 graders / Half Day Camp)

_____ Kaleidoscope Kids (K-2 graders / Full Day Camp)

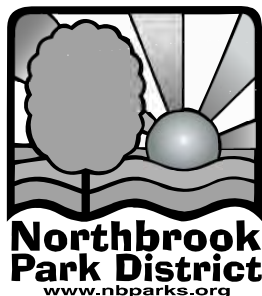
_____ Mighty Mites Sports Camp (1-2 graders / Full Day Camp)

_____ Artistic Adventures (3-6 graders / Full Day Camp)

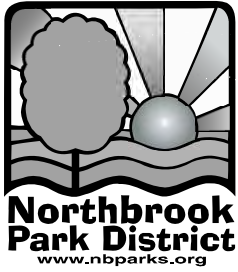
_____ Aquatics Instruction and Water Safety

_____ Golf Operations

Please return your completed application and your signed parent letter to:



Megan W. Hadler
Leisure Services Supervisor
Northbrook Park District
3323 Walters Ave.
Northbrook, IL 60062
mhadler@nbparks.org
Fax: (847) 291-0218



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your teen has expressed interest in the Northbrook Park District's Junior Leadership Program. This new program has been developed for individuals interested in gaining both leadership training and practical work experience while enjoying their summer with the Park District. The JLP is open to students entering grades 8-10 in the fall and will allow participants the opportunity to work in a variety of Park District areas including summer camps, golf, and aquatics. On Mondays and Fridays, the JLP group will focus on building job-related skills such as filling out an employment application, interview techniques and team-building exercises to increase self confidence. In addition, Junior Leaders will be placed with Park District staff to work in settings to demonstrate their newly acquired skills. This may include spending time with various summer camps, assisting at the pools and golf courses, etc., based on their personal interest.

The JLP program will run both first and second session of the Northbrook Park District summer camp program (no program July 4th), and the registration fee will be \$100 per session for residents and non-residents. In order to be considered for this program, each applicant must complete and return:

- 1) JLP Application
- 2) A sign parent letter (this form)
- 3) A personal reference form

Application packets should be returned to the Northbrook Leisure Center no later than May 2nd, 2008. Interviews will be scheduled with applicants once all application materials are complete. The main site for this program will be announced with the rest of the summer camp locations, in May.

Please indicate whether or not your child will be available to participate in our Junior Leadership Program.

_____ My teen will be available to participate in the JLP from 9am - 1pm each day.

_____ My teen will be available to participate in the JLP from 9am - 3pm each day.

_____ My teen will NOT be available to participate in all aspects of JLP.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Questions regarding JLP should be directed to
Megan Hadler at (847) 291-2995 x123 or mhadler@nbparks.org.*

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**Personal Reference Form
Junior Leadership Program**

_____ is applying to the Northbrook Park District's summer Junior Leadership Program. This innovative program will combine a broad-based leadership curriculum with hands-on work experience in one or more Park District program areas. Whether Junior Leaders choose to lead recreational activities, work with summer camps, or assist swim instructors, they will work not only with fellow Junior Leaders and participating children, but also with Northbrook Park District staff members. In addition, the program will include bi-weekly classes in leadership development, job-related skills and team building exercises.

Because the Junior Leadership Program can only accommodate a limited number of participants, the Northbrook Park District will be selecting Junior Leaders based on student applications, adult references and individual interviews. We would very much appreciate your confidential responses to the questions below. If you need additional space, please attach another sheet of paper.

Your Name: _____ (Please Print)

A Contact Number or Email Address: _____

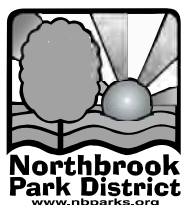
1. How long have you known the applicant? Please describe your relationship with the applicant.

2. What talents, personal qualities or skills will the applicant bring to the program?

3. Do you know of any reason why this applicant should not be considered for the program? If so, please explain.

Completed by: _____

Date: _____



Thank you for your assistance. Please fax or mail this completed form to:

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