LAKETRAILS BASE CAMP

Military Family Campership Policy

Definition: A Laketrails **military family campership** provides a portion of the camper fee for a session at Laketrails. It generally does not provide the full camper fee, but the full fee may be considered in appropriate cases.

I. Purpose of Policy

Laketrails has a special concern for serving the needs of teens who may not have the ability to pay the regular camping fees. In addition, the military family campership is a small way to say thank you to you, a family serving our country. We believe that the Laketrails experience is important to all youth and do not wish anyone to be disqualified by an inability to pay. The information gathered in the campership application is held in the strictest confidence and is seen only by the Camp Director and a small committee of 2-3 board members who review the application to determine grants.

II. Determination

Military camperships are determined on the basis of two main criteria:

- Veteran and serving military family (Thank you)
- Personal need (i.e. benefit to the individual teenager)

III. Distribution

A. Military camperships are given on a first come-first served basis.
B. Military camperships are divided as evenly as possible between sessions, but may not be available for all sessions.
C. Military camperships are limited to funds available.
D. Military campership recipients are asked to do volunteer service in their community to help “pay” for their award.

IV. Guidelines for Military Campership Recommendations

A. Military campership recommendations may be made by any interested party including: alumni, teachers, social workers, etc.
B. Military camperships are awarded by the Camp Director in consultation with committee.
C. Because military camperships are based on recommendations, it is essential that the person making a recommendation do the following:
    1. Know or get to know the individual you are recommending.
    2. Understand that military camperships are offered only if funds and space are available.
    3. Help the teen/family complete an application. (It is important to know why the teen wants to attend camp, what the family’s total income is, and how much they feel they can afford.)
    4. Complete & sign the recommendation section of the form.

V. Procedures

A. Submit a completed application and a registration form to the Camp Director.
B. Pay registration deposit. (The registration deposit may be reduced or waived if pre-authorized.)
C. You will normally receive a response in 1-2 weeks.
D. If accepted, complete a health history form.
E. Pay any additional fees by the appropriate date(s).

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Military Family Campership Application

—To be completed by the prospective camper AND a representative adult—

A. Applicant Information:

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____
(P.O./Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Desired camp session: _____ **Registration must be attached.**

Please explain why you would like to attend Laketrails: _____

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How many members are there in your household (including adults)? _____

What is your family's annual income from all sources? _____

How much are you able to pay towards a session at Laketrails? _____

Would you like to speak with a Veteran Family to hear their experience? _____

In return for your military campership award, you are expected to perform volunteer service in your local community. What will you do? _____

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B. Recommendation: To be completed by someone who knows the applicant well. (*NOT a parent or household member).* Please provide information on the need of the applicant and why you think this youth would benefit from the Laketrails experience.

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Name of person making recommendation: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

_____ _____
(Signature) (Date)