

CAMP: Destination LIT Application

Thank you for your interest in the Leadership in Training program. It is the goal of the LIT program to create individuals that can flourish as staff members at Camp: Destination in the future.

Becoming an LIT is an experience very different in its expectations than that of a camper. All accepted LITs are expected to:

- Undergo a staff training with the goal of providing LITs the tools needed to work with campers.
- Present themselves as role models to staff and campers and exemplify the core values of Camp: Destination.
- Be willing to participate fully in all the camp programs and activities and be a positive influence on the camp community.
- Work cooperatively with the camp staff to provide the best possible environment for you, your fellow LITs and campers.
- Participants must have a positive attitude and be willing to perform any task assigned by a counselor or director.
- Participants should like being involved with all types of volunteerism, leadership and life skills training.
- Participants must be willing to go above and beyond the call of duty and be willing to “think outside the box”.

Before filling out the application, please note the following bullet points regarding the 2023 LIT program:

- Submission of an application does not indicate an acceptance into the LIT program.
- This is an application form and should not be confused with a registration form. The registration form is only required upon acceptance to the LIT program.
- No payment will be taken until the formal acceptance of the applicant into the LIT program.
- Acceptance into the LIT program does not guarantee employment in the following summers.
- Camp Directors might schedule an in person interview with any and all LIT applicants as a stage of the application process
- **All LIT Applicants must be entering 10th grade through 12th grade to be considered.**

LIT Applicant Name:

Years at a day camp and/or resident camp: _____

Name of day camp and/or resident camp: _____

LIT Applicant Phone: _____

LIT Applicant Email: _____

Current Grade: _____

Name of Current High School: _____

Please describe why you would like to be an LIT. Why should you be chosen as a participant in this program?

Camp: Destination strives to apply Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Caring into all aspects of their program. Explain how you can apply this to your LIT experience.

Please think for a moment about the best youth leader that you've ever met. This could be a camp counselor, a community or religious group leader, a teacher or any other person that could be viewed as a role model. What does this person do or say that makes you think that she or he is so good? There are no right or wrong answers. Just give us examples of why you believe this person was the best you've seen.

If accepted to the LIT Program, what will you do to follow this person's example? What aspects of your own personality will help to make you a great leader?

What do you expect to gain from the LIT program?

What do you think is the most important thing about being an LIT?

Describe any extra-curricular school, team or club activities that you lead or volunteer for:

How can you help to change the experience of a camper?

What is your availability for the summer of 2022-2023? Do you have any dates/other commitments that will make you unavailable? Please list your availability below:

Our LIT program is very selective. We have high expectations for all participants. Please read and consider the following before submitting this application.

- We have reserved these slots for campers who truly show leadership potential and have a desire to excel in the camp setting. This is demonstrated through day to day performance, the application, and a formal interview.
- All communications and forms should be the work of the LIT applicant.
- There are a set amount of spots available in the LIT program.
- Submission of an application does not indicate an acceptance into the LIT program.
- Acceptance into the LIT program does not guarantee employment in future summers.
- No registration fee will be accepted unless the applicant is offered a position in the LIT program.

Please return the completed application packet to Emily Zappa or David Rivas by email or mail no later than May 20, 2023.

Email: emily@desertja.org or david@desertja.org

Mailing Address: 3400 N. Dobson Rd. Chandler, Az. 85224

Once your application has been read by a director, you will be contacted via email to set up your in person interview.

If you and your guardian agree and understand these terms, please sign below

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____