



2016 Colorado Youth Leadership Initiative Application

Please complete the information below, attach a recent photo (optional), and return to The Rev'd Canon Ken Malcolm c/o the Episcopal Church in Colorado, or email to kmalcolm@coloradodiocese.org.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Gender: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Birth Date: _____ Grade in September 2016: _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION:

Church: _____ City: _____
Church Reference: _____ Position: _____ Phone Number: _____

The Youth Leadership Institute is an experiential outdoor education and leadership program that involves, challenge course elements, rock climbing, hiking, and rafting. It is a physically demanding program that requires a moderate level of fitness. Do you commit to being prepared physically for the challenge by engaging in moderate exercise 3-5 times per week? Yes____; No____

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE: *Please list any situations in which you have had a leadership role. Include any classes or workshops you may have attended. Please use an additional sheet if necessary.*

Camp experience:

Non-Camp experience:

Leadership roles at school or church:

What are your favorite activities to participate in or to lead?

REFERENCES: Please provide the names and phone numbers of two people with whom you have worked closely, and their position and/or relation to you. These references should be different than the one listed in the Church Affiliation portion of the application. Include a letter of recommendation from each reference, or ask them to email a reference to kmalcolm@coloradodiocese.org

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The mission of the Diocese of Colorado is *Proclamation, Discipleship, and Servanthood*. We envision children, youth, and young adults being raised up into Jesus Christ to seek, to know and to love Him more, to worship Him, to serve Him in newness of heart, and to reach out to those who do not know Christ. Cathedral Ridge advocates for and assists in implementing this mission by providing camping experiences for children and youth that:

Build Christ-like relationship

- Explore Biblical teaching
- Worship in the Anglican tradition
- Serve neighbors in love
- Commune with God in creation
- Engage in Christian leadership
- Recreate through sport, art and leisure

QUESTIONS: Knowing the purpose of Cathedral Ridge and the program for which you are applying, please use a separate piece of paper to answer the following questions. Please attach your answers to this application.

1. Why do you want to participate in the Youth Leadership Institute? What do you hope to gain from this experience?
2. Please describe an experience you have had leading children or peers. What is your favorite part of this kind of work?
3. In your own words, what is a team?
4. What gifts do you bring to a leadership team?
5. What is the most important thing about your church youth group? If you do not have a youth group, what would you hope it to be?

DISCLOSURE:

Have you ever been convicted of any crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

The Full Value Contract is an agreement where individuals seek to create the most effective learning environment for everyone present. As participant in the **Youth Leadership Institute** you are being asked to agree to these guidelines as a way of insuring that everyone understands what is expected and what is accepted.

The Full Value Contract asks that all members of this community will:

Show Up

Be present mentally, physically and emotionally throughout our time together. Always honor the commitments of others by giving fully of yourself.

Pay Attention

Listen to what others say and focus on understanding their ideas without judging. Try to minimize distractions that take your focus away from the program content. If distractions occur, bring your attention back to the present as quickly as possible. Listen to your inner voice, hear what it says and assess its significance.

Speak the Truth

Share your thoughts and opinions openly and honestly. The “truth” is the world as you see it, and your opinion is just as valid as anyone else’s. Be careful about holding back opinions and ideas – what you withhold may be the critical piece of knowledge the group needs at the moment.

Be Open to Outcomes

Try not to prejudge what is happening. If you have preconceived notions about what you will learn or what you will experience, you certainly may discover those ideas, but you may limit your ability to perceive other insights and awareness’. Allow the training and the summer to come to a completion before making your judgments.

Attend to Safety

Be aware and sensitive to the impact of what you say, what you do and what you may not do. Create a level of safety for others to allow them to relax and feel comfortable. Always point out any issues and concerns that may effect this safe environment.

I have read the above and agree to live by these standards.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for taking the time to apply for this exciting leadership program in the Diocese of Colorado. Your application and references will be reviewed and you will be contacted for a follow up conversation.

If you have any further questions please contact:

The Rev’d Canon Ken Malcolm: kmalcolm@coloradodiocese.org or 303.837.2029

**Youth Leadership Institute
Consent, Release, and Assumption of Risk**

I, _____, understand that the outdoor program in which I am applying to participate involves certain natural and uncontrollable risks and dangers associated with the forest and water. I understand that all or part of this program occurs in isolated wilderness conditions. During all or part of the program, because of its location or program, it is possible that I will not see or have contact with other persons, except for other Youth Leadership Institute participants and staff.

I understand that the very nature of the activities of this program, which may include rock climbing, hiking, ropes course, canoeing, rappelling, camping, swimming, caving, and other outdoor activities, involve certain real risks, both physical and psychological. I understand and agree to accept the risks of this programs activities and any other natural risks that may occur in the course of the program.

I agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and standards of conduct for this program as set by the Youth Leadership Institute staff.

In consideration of, and as payment for the right to participate in this program and related activities, I willingly accept and assume all the risks known and unknown that may be involved in this event. ***I agree to hold the Youth Leadership Institute, the Diocese of Colorado, The Center at Cathedral Ridge and their agents and employees harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims, and demands of any kind and nature whatsoever, known and unknown, which I now have or which may arise from or in connection with my participation in this program and its activities.***

This agreement shall also serve as a release and assumption of risk binding my heirs, executors, administrators, and all members of my family. I have carefully read this document and I am willing to sign it of my own free will and volition, and have not been induced or coerced in any way to sign it. I represent that I have had the opportunity to have the terms of this document fully explained to me and I have had the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel as to whether or not I should sign it.

If I am under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian's signature below indicates that he/she has read, understood, and agreed to all the representations, terms and conditions of this document.

Participant's Signature

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

_____ Date: _____