



**Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program
Application Form for
CO-OP CAMP 2010 - ALUMNI STAFF**

Name: _____ Male Female Sask. Health Number: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Telephone: Work: _____ Home: _____ Fax: _____

Age:
17-19 20-25 26-30 31-35 36-40 41-50 51 +

Any health problems (including allergies)? _____

Are you vegetarian? Yes No If yes, what won't you eat? _____

Do you have First Aid training? Yes No If so, what type? _____ Exp. Date: _____

Do you have any lifeguard qualifications? Yes No If so, what level? _____ Exp. Date: _____

List the year(s) and level(s) of previous Co-op Camps you have staffed

What years were you a participant? _____

What other youth-related work have you done? (Also, please list your recreational interests and hobbies.)

Would you be willing to co-ordinate a camp? Yes No

Would you be willing to be a co-ordinator's assistant? Yes No

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Please indicate your first, second and third choice of camps:

Junior

Intermediate

_____ July 2 – 5, Candle Lake
_____ July 14 – 17, Candle Lake

_____ July 9 – 14, Candle Lake
_____ July 25 – 30, Candle Lake

Introductory

Graduate

_____ July 5 – 9, Candle Lake
_____ July 17 – 21, Candle Lake
_____ July 21 – 25, Candle Lake

_____ August 3 – 8, Last Mountain Lake

List the dates you are definitely not available to staff: _____

Are you available to attend the mandatory Staff Training session from June 2 – 4, 2010? Yes No
(June 2 is for Junior Staff and Newer Staff only)

We want staffing to be the best experience for all staff. Please advise the SCYP Program Officer of major personality conflicts or other strong preferences regarding your potential staff team-mates. This information will be confidential and used to help the Program Officer put together the best staff teams possible.

I voluntarily choose to participate in a camp of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program with full knowledge that there will be some risks inherent in activities of camp, and I hereby release Saskatchewan Co-operative Association, its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers (collectively the "Releasees") from all claims in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to my person and/or property arising from participation in or connection to the activities of camp notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by any act or failure to act of the Releasees, singly or collectively. I consent to emergency treatment of my person in the event of injury or illness. I also consent to the use of my name and photograph in connection with the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program. I also consent to the use of my personal information in compliance with *The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*.* I also consent to provide a Police Record Check prior to my participation at a camp of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program. I further acknowledge that I have read this release and I understand its effect.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____
(If the staff person is under the age of 18 years:)

Date: _____

Date: _____

Deadline for applications is March 19th, 2010.

You will be notified by the end of April if you have been selected as alumni staff.

Return application to:

Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program
#120 – 128, 4th Avenue South
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Staffing At Co-op Camp

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE! THIS SUMMER DISCOVER CO-OP CAMP!

In 2010, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program will be offering eight summer camps for young people ages 12 - 18. These camps are staffed by co-operative and credit union sector employees and program alumni, who volunteer to spend a week sharing their knowledge and experience with Saskatchewan youth.

Approximately 60 staff will be required this summer— **could this include you?**

Staffing at Co-op Camp is a great experience. It is a chance to meet new people and make a difference in the lives of a group of Saskatchewan youth. This information package answers the most frequently asked questions about staffing. Please read it carefully and if you have any other questions call the Youth Program office for more information.

What is the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program?

The Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program (SCYP) is a program of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association. Its aim is to contribute to the personal development of youth and encourage their active involvement in community and co-operative organizations.

The program teaches young people about co-ops, and helps them gain the self-confidence, leadership, and communication skills they need to become the co-operative leaders of the future. SCYP is funded by the Saskatchewan co-operative sector, while local co-operatives or credit unions sponsor every young person who attends a camp.

What is a Co-op Camp?

It is a four, five, or six-day getaway at a summer camp facility in Saskatchewan that involves 20 to 40 participants and approximately seven staff, including a co-ordinator. The Graduate seminar is usually larger and has a larger staff team.

Over the course of each camp, participants and staff take part in games, canoeing, swimming and campfires. They also participate in fun, hands-on educational sessions on topics such as leadership, communication, co-operatives, values, and more.

What is the role of a staff member?

Responsibilities include: working with your staff team to plan the camp, planning and leading a session, participating in all sessions, social and recreational events, supervising the participants throughout the time at camp, being involved in cooking and cleanup, and daily meetings with your staff group. You will be provided with a curriculum manual that will contain all the information you need to plan your session. Don't worry – all other responsibilities will be fully outlined for you at Staff Training.

What qualifications are you looking for in staff people?

- Personable—able to get along with people
- Like young people
- Open-minded, enthusiastic and energetic
- Co-operative and a team player
- Strong communication skills
- Enjoy "camp-like" environment
- Good organizational skills
- Committed to being a good role model

All staff must be dedicated to advancing the aim of the Youth Program: "*to contribute to the personal development of youth and encourage their active involvement in community and co-operative organizations.*"

I don't have experience working with young people. Should I staff?

If you have enthusiasm and an open mind, limited experience working with youth is not a barrier to your participation. The Staff Training workshop in June will provide you with all the resources and information you need for your camp. As well, each staff team has a co-ordinator and experienced staff members, so you will have lots of guidance and support throughout the week.

What will I get out of staffing?

There are many reasons to staff: to help make a difference in the lives of youth, to meet and work with co-operative sector employees from around Saskatchewan, to polish presentation and leadership skills, to share information about your co-operative or credit union, and to have an amazing, unique experience with a great group of people!

What do staff say about their experience?

Some quotes from previous staff members:

"My children and others had tried to tell me about the CY experience and now I fully understand why and how CY gets you moved to the core." – *Marilyn, Federated Co-operatives Limited*

"I had a blast with our staff team and I met some pretty amazing kids. It gives me great hope for our future." – *Lesley, Saskatchewan Co-operative Association*

"What I like best about the seminar, that somehow I feel my time here makes a difference in the participants. I love to see them grow and open up." – *Sherelle, The Co-operators*

"It was amazing to meet this many special people and learn about their lives and have them really open up and trust each other." – *Tara, Spectra Credit Union*

"I had an awesome time and cannot believe the warm fuzzy feelings I had. From Staff Training to camp I have NEVER felt so accepted, ALL THE TIME. I never felt bad; left out; disappointed and saw only "positive" vibes passing between staff and participants. I feel so renewed and refreshed as a "person" upon going home. I hope to come back soon!!!" – *Brenda, Innovation Credit Union*

How certain do I have to be about my decision and my attendance at Staff Training if I choose to staff?

Certain! In order to make up the staff teams, the Youth Program office has to plan early and know that commitments are firm.

Staff Training is an important time to meet your staff team, learn about your role as a staff person and work as a team to plan your seminar. **Therefore, attendance at the entire Staff Training workshop is a prerequisite for staffing (no exceptions).**

I've decided to staff. What's the next step?

1. Seek the approval of your supervisor. Be sure they understand the need for a firm commitment.
2. Fill out the attached application form.
3. Reserve June 2-4, 2010 for the Staff Training workshop at Shekinah Retreat Centre, located near Waldheim, Saskatchewan. (The workshop will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2nd (for New and Junior Staff) and conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4th).
4. Submit your application to the Youth Program office.

The deadline for applications is March 19th, 2010.

CHOOSING A CAMP

Please consider the following descriptions when deciding which level you'd like to staff.

Note: If you are a new staff member, you do not have to choose a Junior or Introductory level. The responsibilities of staff members are very similar at every level. Each staff team will have a combination of experienced and new staff members, so your level of experience should have no bearing on your choice of camps.

Junior – Ages 12 and 13 – averages 15-30 participants, with a maximum of 35

- For 12 and 13 year olds who are new to the program.
- Participants will explore how they belong to the world of co-operatives, the media, friendships and groups.
- Includes sessions on deconstructing the media, consensus building, and co-operatives – locally and globally.

Two camp dates for Junior are: ▪ July 2 – 5 ▪ July 14 – 17

Introductory - Ages 14 and 15 – averages 15-30 participants, with a maximum 45

- For 14 and 15 year olds who are new to the program or participants who have attended the Junior level.
- Includes sessions on individuals, groups, communication, community, co-operatives, and global development.
- Participants form and run a co-operative canteen under staff supervision.

Camp dates for Introductory are: ▪ July 5 – 9 ▪ July 17-21 ▪ July 21-25

Intermediate - Ages 16 to 18 - averages 15-30 participants, with a maximum 45

- For 16 - 18 year olds who are new to the Program or participants who have attended the Introductory level.
- Purpose is to form a co-operative community. The participants set the goals and design the week's schedule.
- Also includes sessions on the co-operative principles, leadership, human differences and understanding, trust and openness, and more.

Camp dates for Intermediate are: ▪ July 9 – 14 ▪ July 25 – 30

Graduate - Ages 16 - 18 – approximately 30-40 participants

- For participants who have successfully completed the Intermediate level.
- Participants set the goals and design the week's schedule.
- Provides participants with an opportunity to voice their opinions on co-operative issues, particularly youth involvement. Other sessions include Canadian unity, values and more.

One camp date for the Graduate level: ▪ August 3 – 8

All Junior, Introductory, and Intermediate camps are held at Hannin Creek Camp, Candle Lake. The Grad camp is held at Strasbourg Bible Camp, Last Mountain Lake. Both locations have indoor washrooms and showers. Charter bus transportation is provided to all camps from Saskatoon.

If you have any questions about staffing at Co-op Camp, please contact the Program Officer at:

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We hope to see you this summer!