

YMCA of the Rockies Information Sheet

Participation in Colorado LT is contingent upon acceptance by both the YMCA and GCM/LT. There are two separate applications (one for the YMCA, one for GCM/LT). Do the YMCA one first. We recommend by Feb. 1. This will help ensure your spot at the YMCA. The program fills, so get your application in!

Apply to work at the Estes Park Center online. The website is ymcaoftherockies.org, look under employment.

When filling out the YMCA application, be sure to put GCM after your last name. For example, “Last name: Peterson – GCM”

- **DO A GOOD JOB** filling out the application carefully, thoughtfully and legibly. Applying as part of the GCM-LT program doesn't guarantee you a job - the YMCA reviews each application in detail before hiring. We hope to have a considerable number of students work at the Day Camp. If this is your desire, we would suggest sending in your application ASAP. These positions are highly coveted, and will be filled fast.

- **May 24 – Aug. 13** are the dates of the LT program. You must be employed by the Y during the 11 weeks of the LT program. You have the option of working longer at the camp, but be sure the duration of your employment includes the 11 weeks of the LT program. On your application, enter the beginning and ending dates you actually plan to work, making sure the 11 weeks of the LT program fall within the dates you specify. They do accept earlier employment dates if you would like to arrive early. **Notice: Be careful when choosing your start and end dates.** Pick dates that you plan to honor. This is particularly important on your leave date.

-If you know of a prior commitment during the summer for which you will need days off (such as a wedding, a family reunion, etc.), include a letter with your application describing your situation and the dates you would like to have off. We recommend you call the camp two weeks after mailing your application to clarify any questions and to see if your request has been approved. The phone number is 970-586-3341 ext 1032.

- **The YMCA requires 3 reference forms, and they WILL NOT PROCESS** your application until they receive all three. This has been a common problem in past years. Do all you can to ensure that your references are sent to the camp in a timely manner. Reference forms work like this: 1) You supply the Y with the email addresses of your 3 chosen references. The Y sends them an email with a link to it. They fill out the reference online for the Y. 2.) You can also print out a copy of the form and send it to your references. Send them a pre-addressed envelope and a reminder to “Please mail by ____.” References can also be faxed to 970-577-8322. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND DOING IT ONLINE.**

- If you're hired by the YMCA, they will mail you a work agreement. Be looking for it.

Call them repeatedly and consistently to find out the status of your application- if your references are in and where they are in process.

- Most first-year jobs are in food service and housekeeping. Don't be surprised if you're offered a job in one of these departments, even if your first three choices were in other areas. There are advantages to working food service or housekeeping, including getting to know a wider circle of friends, camaraderie working together as a crew or shift, and more opportunities to share your faith.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT YOUR GCM/LT APPLICATION

- Your registration fee for the GCM/LT application is \$25 if postmarked by 2/15, \$50 if postmarked by 3/15.

For your GCM/LT application, one of the reference forms must be filled out by a GCM staff member from your campus.

If you are accepted for LT, you'll receive a confirmation letter from GCM with more information.
My hope is that every CO LT participant can raise their total support for the program (about \$700).

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