



Catching The Spirit Youth Society
An Environmental Stewardship and Leadership Program
By Youth for Youth

Catching the Spirit (CTS) celebrates 18 years! Come challenge your leadership styles while connecting with youth and the environment in Metro Vancouver regional parks this summer. CTS is dedicated to leadership, environmental awareness and stewardship, outdoor recreation, youth ownership, creativity, connections and fun. But mostly it's all about you! That's right, we are run 'By Youth for Youth'.

Calling All Peer Leaders!

Ready for an extra challenge? Ready to lead your peers, aged 12 to 18 in a rewarding experience? CTS is now calling youth aged 15 to 18 to apply as Peer Leaders (or those request to apply by the CTS ED). Challenge your leadership skills and outdoor savvy or dare them to new heights this summer. Peer Leaders applicants must have previously participated in at least 1 summer Spirit Steward Camp program.

So, what is involved with being a CTS Peer Leader:

- Inspire and deliver the CTS program to your peers, rain or shine; your ideas and energy are what fuel us.
- Love the outdoors and like to camp; it's all about being outside.
- Have a positive outlook, dedication and desire to take on a challenge; it's not always easy, but we know you can do it.
- Help us plan program activities, make menu plans and keep us on track; you are the leaders.
- Take ownership of CTS and have fun this summer!
- Help shape and deliver the CTS program under the mentorship of great Program Supervisors.
- Participate for a minimum of 100 hours throughout the summer.
- ***You will become a member of the CTS Youth Council*** and help us plan monthly fall and winter activities and Peer Leader training sessions (and join in on some of these activities)

What else is in it for you?

- You get to be an instrumental part of the Leadership Team that runs CTS.
- You'll receive leadership and outdoor training.
- You'll receive volunteer service hours and exposure to career and community opportunities.
- Best part? You get to hang out with your old buddies, make some new friends and have loads of fun!



Interested and up for the challenge? Please fill out the application below.

First & Last Name _____

Your gender identity? _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

School _____ Grade _____ Birth Date _____

More About You!

Have you been a Peer Leader with CTS in the past? If so, when and where?

CTS runs in the following parks each summer. Circle one or two that you are most interested in participating?

Tynehead Regional Park

Burnaby Lake Regional Park

Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Capilano River Regional Park (Camp Capilano)

Please describe previous experience(s) that will be helpful to this position such as leadership experiences, outdoor activities, community involvement, volunteer work, hobbies, courses, etc.

Please tell us something about your character that would positively contribute to CTS.

Finally, what is one exciting thing that you experienced in the last month and why?



Reference

Please submit one reference letter with this application from someone, other than a family member who can give us the lowdown on who you are. (If you have been a Peer Leader for us in the past, you can submit your CTS reference letter, but an outside reference letter is preferred).

Training

There will be Leadership Training opportunities upcoming November through to June; please keep this in mind when you apply. We would like our Peer Leaders to make this training a priority and try to attend as many sessions as possible as well as help out with planning and delivering CTS Youth Council activities; dates and times TBA.

Some dates for your calendar:

CTS Boot Camp Training at Camp Capilano June 1 - 3, 2018

In Park Training Saturday June 23 & 24, 2018

Camp programs will start June 29 – July 1, 2018 weekend and end August 17 to 19, 2018 weekend

CTS Year End BBQ – Wednesday August 22, 2018

Deadline for Peer Leader applications is December 20TH, 2018

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to hear more at **604-544-1622**.

Scan and Email applications to: info@catchingthespirit.com

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Mail completed applications to: Catching The Spirit Youth Society

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