



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

Catching the Spirit (CTS) celebrates 16 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! You in?

Ready for an extra challenge? Ready to lead your peers, aged 12 to 18 in a rewarding summer experience? CTS is now calling youth aged 15 to 18 to apply as Peer Leaders. Challenge your leadership skills and outdoor savvy or dare them to new heights this summer. Peer Leader 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!
- Help shape and deliver the CTS program under the mentorship of great Program Supervisors.
- Participate for a minimum of 100 hours throughout the summer of 2016.
- Support the CTS Youth Council and help them with fall and winter CTS events and activities.
- Participating in training activities throughout the year.

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.
- If you don't have it already, you'll get Emergency Level First Aid.
- You'll receive volunteer service hours and exposure to career and community opportunities.
- Best part? You get to hang out with your 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 _____ Gender Male Female

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

School _____ Grade _____ Birth Date _____



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More About You!

Have you been a Peer Leader with CTS in the past? If so, what year(s) and where?

CTS runs in the following parks this summer. Check 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

Week Day Programs (various locations)

Please note: All 2016 Peer Leaders will be required to lead at least 1 weekday afternoon Spirit Ranger program. Spirit Steward Camps program will be offered on weekends only in 2016 (with 1 possible weekday camp at Camp Capilano in August).

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.

Tell us one experience you had attending a CTS program that help you grow as a person and would make you a strong Peer Leader?

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



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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 (even if you have been a Peer Leader for us in the past).

Training

There will be leadership-training activities upcoming November to June; please keep this in mind when you apply. We would like our Peer Leaders to make training a priority and to attend as many sessions as possible; dates and times TBA.

Some dates for your calendar:

CTS Boot Camp Training at Camp Capilano: Saturday June 4 and Sunday June 5, 2016
In Park Training (PL's at Burnaby Lake, Pacific Spirit & Tynehead: Saturday June 25 & 26, 2016
Camp programs will start July 1-3, 2016 weekend and end August 19 to 21, 2016 weekend

Deadline for Peer Leader applications is November 2, 2015

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

or

Mail completed applications to: Catching The Spirit Youth Society

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JOIN US AND HELP MAKE CTS 2016 AN AMAZING YEAR!