

YDLP #2017

Youth Development & Leadership Information

"Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day."
Psalm 25:4-5

Be challenged, serve and learn for life



CREW

ROOTs

REACH

The purpose of IAWAH is to plant seeds of faith, nurture disciples and cultivate leadership.

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Introduction



Youth Development and Leadership invites youth on a journey of becoming men and women of God -- deeply-rooted followers of Jesus. In these challenging programs, participants can expect to engage in topics such as: work habits and skills, community life, personal character development and spiritual formation. Participants generally begin at the end of Grade 9 with CREW and continue through ROOTs. For those wishing to take their personal leadership development to the next level in an international context, REACH Costa Rica, is for those that have completed grade 11.

Participants can expect to:

- pursue depth of character through an environment of honesty, accountability and committed community;
- gain an understanding of what it means to serve;
- experience the conviction and empowerment of God's Spirit;
- develop a Godly foundation of truth, disciplines and principles;

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Leadership Application.**



IAWAH Youth Development at a Glance

Year One: CREW Growth Through Service

Youth ages 15/16,
Completed grade 9
3 Week Program

Introduces participants to:

- Christian community
- Basic work skills & habits
- Learning and growing in faith with God
- Structured bible study
- Early mornings

Criteria:

- Desire to develop healthy work habits
- Willingness to work and live within a Christian community
- A desire to form Godly character
- Be willing to engage God's Truth and experience biblical teaching

Crew Wild Option:

- Includes a one week canoe trip

Receive 72 volunteers hours upon completion

Year Two: ROOTs Building Personal Character

Youth ages 16/17,
Completed grade 10
4 Week Program

Introduces participants to:

- Service in a Christian community - working with children in a church or community context
- Spiritual disciplines that allow God to build and transform personal character
- Structured bible teaching as the foundation for interpretation of modern culture
- Discover and use their skills and abilities
- Learning through challenge and experience

Criteria:

- Desire to serve in Christian community with a focus toward children
- Desire for spiritual growth
- Willingness to develop their skills and abilities

One Program - Three Options

ROOTs Arts
ROOTs Wild
ROOTs Altitude

Receive 40 volunteer hours upon completion

Year Three: REACH Expanding Horizons

Youth ages 17+
Completed grade 11
3 Week Program

Introduces participants to:

- Service in an International Christian community (Costa Rica) - working with children in a camp context.
- Scriptural teaching as a bases for understanding our role as Christians in a global context
- An opportunity to enhance skills and abilities
- Learning through cultural challenges

Criteria:

- Desire to learn through experience in a challenging environment
- Desire for spiritual growth
- Adequate level of physical fitness to be able to handle a challenging hike and live at 2400m above sea level.



Year One: CREW

Growth Through Service

CREW Applicants must have completed grade 9 by June 2017.

CREW is the first year of personal development training within the Youth Development and Leadership Program at IAWAH. It is a three week program for 15/16 year olds. CREW is based on volunteer work and focuses on excellence in work, healthy habits and living in Christian community. Because CREW provides foundations for Godly character and personal discovery of scripture, it is the ideal place to begin to develop yourself as a future leader.

CREW's first week begins with a three day canoe trip and three days of training followed by two weeks of service. CREW is an intensive 21 day program and full attendance is required. During the two weeks of work, there is a day of rest that will be intentionally programmed by the CREW Staff.

Each CREW participant will work up to six hours daily in food service (dining room/dishes), housekeeping (bathrooms/general cleaning) and grounds keeping. CREW is structured with plenty of time to interact with each other through organized team challenges, camp activities and free time.

Criteria: A desire to develop healthy work habits; willingness to work and live in a Christian community; a desire to form Godly character; willingness to engage God's Truth and experience biblical teaching.

Maximum Capacity: 16 participants per session.

Volunteer Hours: 72 hours (with full participation)

Cost: \$715 + tax

Option: CREW Wild!

CREW Wild gives youth interested in outdoor adventure and tripping the opportunity to participate in a CREW program which focuses on these "Wild" aspects of leadership development. CREW Wild is the same length as the other CREW programs, but it has an extended canoe trip and an added emphasis on learning outdoor skills. While not a necessary prerequisite for ROOTs Wild, CREW Wild is a great option for those who might be interested in going on to ROOTs Wild.

"This was the best part of my summer by far and I just want to thank everyone at IAWAH for making this possible!" -CREW participant



Year Two: ROOTs

Building Personal Character

ROOTs Applicants must have completed gr. 10 by June 2017.

Volunteer Hours: 40

Cost: \$1545 + tax

ROOTs is a four week program for 16/17 year old youth. It focuses on character development, healthy community and spiritual growth in a leadership context.

Participants choose to learn in one of three distinct environments: "Arts", "Wild" or "Altitude"

General Program Outline:

Days 1-7: All participants begin together and learn foundational truths in scripture through experiential based teaching and group study.

Days 8-17: The group splits into one of three streams;

ROOTs Arts (max. 14 participants)

...begins with time at camp to work on the production of a Biblical story, through drama, art and music. For those interested in the more artistic and creative side of camp, this is the program for you. Day trips to support the production may take place. Participants will also have the opportunity to help lead camp worship times and teach camp activities. All Roots Arts students will still participate on a 4-day canoe trip, meeting up with the Roots Altitude group.

ROOTs Wild (max. 8 participants)

For those that love the outdoors and a more challenging canoe trip, the team will venture out for 10 days. An extended river trip provides the water conditions necessary for learning the right foundations for participants to consider becoming trip guides in the IAWAH context or elsewhere. The wilderness provides a natural structure and rhythm in which to learn. It requires learning how to adapt and respond to its conditions.

ROOTs Altitude (max. 10 participants)

We begin with an out-trip to an exciting outdoor adventure playground to explore different peaks, practice outdoor climbing, mountaineering and other wilderness skills and learn how to teach in the wild. Although the exact location is to be determined, possibilities include the High Peaks Region of the Adirondack Mountains, Lake Placid, NY, Mount Washington in New Hampshire, or the beautiful shores of Lake Superior. Roots Altitude is an excellent introduction and foundation for those interested in leadership through experiential and outdoor education for teaching camp activities.

Days 18-21: All 3 groups return to IAWAH and work together in preparing and planning for their final project--the delivery of a week-long day camp in a church or community setting.

Day 22: Visitors Day

Days 23-27: The group will divide and run a day camp in two locations.

Days 27 and 28 After their week of service, participants finish the program with an intensive debrief, time to reflect on what God has taught them and sessions to help prepare them for success post-ROOTs.

Criteria

- Desire to serve in Christian community with a focus toward working with children
- Desire for spiritual maturity - being willing to engage God's Truth and experience biblical teaching
- Willingness to develop skills and abilities in a variety of areas.
- Willingness to be challenged spiritually, socially, intellectually and physically.



"I had a great four weeks. I learned so much about myself, God and the life that I am expected to live as a disciple of Jesus. I really enjoyed going to Chesterville for a week and helping out with the VBS. It really helped boost my confidence as a leader. I made lots of new friends at ROOTs and I am very thankful for the opportunity I had to come." -ROOTs participant



Year Three: REACH

Expanding Horizons

REACH is a program designed to expose participants to and challenge them in their understanding of Christian leadership in an international context. By joining the leadership team of Camp La Cumbre, (www.lacumbredota.org) we will prepare for and assist in running a children's and youth camp. Time in San José will be spent learning how God is working in that city through visiting and participating in various strategic ministries to students and the most vulnerable. We will take on a physical challenge through an incredible journey from Continental divide to the beautiful rain forest of the Pacific coast.

Be prepared for a learning experience like no other.

Cost: \$2760 + tax. Includes flight and airport fees, and all program related expenses while on the trip.

*Does not cover personal international medical insurance (required) or any needed vaccinations.

Prerequisites:

1. Must have completed grade 11, and born in the year 2000 or earlier.
2. Must have international medical insurance that includes emergency evacuation.
3. Must be up to date on routine vaccinations (see <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/costa-rica> for more information). Must also have up to date HEP A and Typhoid vaccinations. Malaria and Yellow Fever are not present in Costa Rica - no need for these vaccinations.
4. A passport that does not expire within 6 months from the last date of the program.
5. Be in good physical and mental health to take on the demands of this program.

Non-Requirements

1. Completion of CREW or ROOTs is *not a requirement*.
2. Spanish Language is an asset but *not required*.
3. Participation in the program is *not a requirement* to work as staff at IAWAH. You may work as staff for the first part of the summer and still participate in this program.

Sunday 6	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wed 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12
Arrival IAWAH Orientation Pack Sessions	Leave for T.O. 9am Arrive San Jose 4:10pm Sleep - AMCA Guest House	Leave for Camp La Cumbre Orientation Sessions Planning Sleep - La Cumbre	Leave for Continental Divide Sunrise at 5:00am Breakfast on Mountain Top Hike to Camp-9km Sleep - La Cumbre	Activities Training Day - La Cumbre Sleep - La Cumbre	Prep for Kids Camp Kids Arrive Sleep - La Cumbre	Work with La Cumbre Leadership Team running camp Sleep - La Cumbre
Sunday 13	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wed 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19
Continue with Camp Kids leave PM Sleep - La Cumbre	Waterfall Hike Valley School Training Sessions Sleep - La Cumbre	Hike - La Cumbre to Providencia Sleep - Providencia	Hike - Providencia to La Chaqueta Sleep - La Chaqueta	Hike - La Chaqueta to Piedras Blancas - Sugar Cane Production Piedras Blancas to En Brujo Sleep - IAWAH	Hike - El Brujo to the coast Head to Beach Antonio. Hotel Mono Azul Sleep - IAWAH	Day of rest Explore Park Antonio. Hotel Mono Azul Sleep - IAWAH
Sunday 20	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wed 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26
To San Jose Church Service Sessions Sleep - AMCA	Visit and serve in Communities of the kids that we ran camp with Sleep - AMCA	Torchbearers Ministry Kzona Youth Ministry Sleep - AMCA	Youth Detention Centre Final Evening Dinner out Sleep - AMCA	Flight Home To IAWAH Sleep - IAWAH	Debrief Sessions Closing Program Sleep - IAWAH	Pick-up 10:00am Sleep - IAWAH



Guidelines for YDLP Participants

Understanding that there is a time to set aside certain things in our lives for the purposes of learning, growing and experiencing different things, IAWAH expects that participants, while enrolled, will:

- participate in healthy, God-honouring relationships;
- set aside starting “to date” while at IAWAH;
- adhere to guidelines set by IAWAH staff when using cell phones. Use of cell phones will be restricted and are for communication only.
- for listening to music and watching videos, ensure that they promote God- honouring values and habits--leave all other music and media at home;
- avoid situations and circumstances that compromise integrity;
- present themselves in a manner that respects and values themselves and the rest of the community;
- be law-abiding citizens, including abstinence from alcohol, illegal drugs and substances;
- fully participate, respect curfew, be punctual, value the privacy and dignity of others;
- abide by rules that may be implemented during the Program—there will be situations and circumstances where specific rules may be implemented.

Creating work/service groups and residence assignments is the responsibility of the Program Leaders. The goal is to provide participants with the opportunity to meet new people, develop interpersonal skills and excel in a group setting. Decisions are made in an effort to provide an environment that is safe and equitable for all.

YDLP - All Programs

1. Begin your application for the program of your choice by visiting <http://www.iawah.com/index.cfm/youth-development/how-to-apply/>
2. Complete the supplemental forms as specified in your auto-reply email

CREW

CREW 1	July 2-22, 2017	Maximum CREW participants per session: 16
CREW 2	July 16-August 5, 2017	
CREW 3	July 30-August 19, 2017	
CREW WILD	August 6-26, 2017	Maximum CREW WILD participants: 16

CREW Application Process:

Applications will be processed twice monthly. Each CREW applicant will be screened for suitability. This may include contacting the pastor identified and/or references listed. Confirmation of acceptance will be communicated by March 31, 2017.

ROOTs

All ROOTs programs: July 2 – August 30, 2017

Maximum ROOTs Arts participants: 14
Maximum ROOTs Wild participants: 8
Maximum ROOTs Altitude participants: 10

ROOTs Application Process:

Applications will be processed twice monthly. Each ROOTs applicant will be screened for suitability including contacting the pastor identified and/or references listed. Applicants can expect to be contacted within three weeks of receipt of application to arrange for a personal interview. Confirmation of acceptance will be communicated by March 31, 2017.

REACH

REACH: August 6-26 Maximum REACH participants: 12

REACH Application Process:

- Step 1: Fill out the application and have in it by December 31. Applications will be processed in order of date received.
- Step 2: Each REACH applicant will be screened for suitability including contacting the pastor identified and/or references listed. If granted, and Interview will take place beginning in January
- Step 3: Upon meeting all the requirements, successful candidates will be informed by February 1st upon which time a non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required. A second non-refundable deposit of \$600 will be required in April just before flights are purchased.
- Step 4: A mandatory orientation day will take place on Sunday May 21st, at IAWAH, to inform participants about cultural expectations, planning for the camps and how to raise prayer support and funding.

A successful candidate will be mature enough to handle the cultural challenges of doing ministry related work in an international context; physically able to handle a challenging hike and will have the ability to work well in a team environment, with a willingness to participate and learn as much as possible.