

NLC Class Leader Description

DiscoveryBound's National Leadership Council (NLC) is a four-year service-based leadership program for Christian Science youth. We believe this program cultivates in youth a life-long love for living Christian Science and sharing it with the world and a natural desire to give – as individuals, church members, and contributors to a wider community. NLC Class Leaders are integral to this program, acting as the primary guide for up to 20 students throughout the four years. Class Leaders facilitate monthly conference calls, teach the NLC curriculum, plan, budget and guide summer trips, create a supportive community of teens, mentors, and parents, and act as Christian Science role models.

Leader Qualifications

- ❖ Practicing Christian Scientist, Mother Church member, preferably Class-taught
- ❖ Self-motivated by dedication to NLC's mission
- ❖ Rapport with high school teens
- ❖ Four-year time commitment to class of maximum 20 high school teens
- ❖ Available for two-week summer experience in June / July (first three years) and annual All Class Retreat during a long weekend in winter. (5 years)
- ❖ Dedicated and flexible team member (with NLC staff and other class leaders)
- ❖ First aid and CPR Certified, can be completed any time before first summer

The National Leadership Council (NLC) is a multi-year servant leadership program dedicated to fostering spiritual growth and servant leadership qualities. The leadership curriculum is based on a Biblical model of service to God and mankind. NLC encourages young people to be active in their communities, church and DiscoveryBound. In addition, NLC teens are expected to grow in their demonstration of Christian Science and servant leadership in personal and educational pursuits and beyond throughout the country and world.

Dedication to Christian Science

- ❖ Class instruction generally required
- ❖ Commitment to development of moral and spiritual growth in oneself and others
- ❖ Spiritually reliant approach to all aspects of the program
- ❖ Live according to the DiscoveryBound Community Atmosphere and Code of Conduct (see last page)

Communication Skills

- ❖ Good listener and able to communicate clearly, concisely, and effectively with co-leader, teens and adults
- ❖ Good public speaking skills or a willingness to improve
- ❖ Google Drive, email, texting and webinar proficient

Leadership Qualifications

- ❖ Able to successfully motivate and work with high school teens
- ❖ Able to coach and work with mentors
- ❖ Able to easily communicate with parents
- ❖ Relate well to people of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities



Leader Responsibilities

- ❖ Available to give approx. 15-20 hours / month to this position; varies from month to month
- ❖ Maintain regular communication with class teens, parents, and mentors via email, phone and class site in order to provide guidance and coaching
- ❖ Hold monthly conference calls (Zoom Videoconference service) on Sunday evenings with teens and mentors (on same evening) and send agendas and call recaps; hold periodic parent, mentor and individual check-in calls (10/year)
- ❖ Manage and encourage each mentor as an integral part of the teen's success through monthly calls and ongoing communication. (6-8/year)
- ❖ Lead summer experiences – Orientation Summer at the A/U Ranches Year 1; Adventure Trip Year 2; Service Trip Year 3; help place students in internships Year 4 (though you won't be with them)
- ❖ Facilitate your class in the annual All Class Retreat in the winter (5 in all)
- ❖ Participate in the annual Leader Retreat in early November (Friday – Sunday)
- ❖ Participate in regular NLC class leader training or leader check-ins with NLC office
- ❖ Monitor all common NLC tasks, paperwork and class expenses; track individual class assignments
- ❖ Maintain Google Drive (provided by NLC office), which houses all class assignments and information
- ❖ Facilitate all curriculum and /or work with other facilitators
- ❖ Understand and clarify Congressional Award; encourage direct support from the CA office
- ❖ Support capstone projects, CSPS writing project, reading and other assignments
- ❖ Develop content for individual class time at the annual All Class Retreat
- ❖ Plan for and facilitate a Wrap-Up weekend the fall of students' senior year – debrief NLC program, share from summer internships, and plan for hosting mentors and parents at ACR graduation
- ❖ Monitor teen 'In Good Standing', keep parents informed, initiate and monitor probation, as needed
- ❖ Keep NLC office informed in a timely way of all assignments and projects

Compensation

- ❖ Annual stipend for volunteer leaders (currently \$3,500 and increasing), paid in two installments.
- ❖ Professional development training in curriculum areas
- ❖ All expenses paid for travel, accommodations, etc. for any NLC-related activities

Commitment to the purpose of DiscoveryBound and Adventure Unlimited

- ❖ Demonstrate a deep love for the Christian Science community, especially as it relates to young people
- ❖ Understand and support our purpose; remain committed to the purpose in the face of challenge
- ❖ Experience with DiscoveryBound, A/U, other CS camps and / or youth related activities desired

Purpose of DiscoveryBound: DiscoveryBound is a year-round program for youth, adults, families, and friends that provides inspiring recreational, leadership, and service activities on local, regional, national, and international levels. Our mission is to create an atmosphere where individuals experience Christian Science in action.

Purpose of Adventure Unlimited: A/U's purpose is to provide recreational adventure, leadership, service, educational, and community activities that foster spiritual growth and healing in an environment where Christian Science is lived.



Approximate Timeline

Pre-work

- Fall
 - Online applications accepted
 - NLC office conducts interviews, selects classes
 - New Leader Selection and training
 - Announce classes; send email to new families and schedule welcome call
 - Leader Retreat, early November
 - Welcome call with new students and parents (with support from NLC staff)
 - Support students vetting mentors and signing up for Congressional Award
 - Additional training with new leader teams in the NLC office before or after retreat; set up class website, classroom and email*

Year 1

- Dec/Jan
 - First Teen only call – welcome; prep for ACR
 - All Class Retreat – holiday winter weekend
- March
 - Attend New Parent / Mentor Training call facilitated by NLC staff
 - Teen Call – assign reading / discussion and prep for Orientation Summer
- April
 - First Mentor Call – introductions and solidifying mentor community / roles
 - Individual calls to parents or mentors, per need – answering initial questions
 - Prep for Orientation Summer
- May
 - Conduct Metaphysical call for Orientation Summer
 - Communications Curriculum training call for summer (1 hour)
- June
 - Orientation Summer (with week or less of pre-camp training with staff prior)
- July
 - Summer hiatus; debrief Orientation Summer with NLC Office
- August
 - Summer break & fruitage all; prep to kick off new school year
- September
 - Teen and Mentor calls – new curriculum
- September / October
 - Annual Mentor Training Call for all Mentors (led by NLC office)
- October
 - Teen and Mentor calls – new curriculum
- November
 - Leader Retreat, early-mid November; gratitude call with families
- December
 - Consider the holidays in scheduling; begin gearing up for ACR;
 - Summer trips announced early December

Year 2 to 4

- January
 - Teen and Mentor calls – gearing up for ACR
 - ACR over a holiday winter weekend
- March
 - Annual evaluations; student-led mentor / parent meetings; confirm with leader,
 - Teen and Mentor calls – new curriculum; begin prep for summer
- April
 - Teen and Mentor calls – curriculum; prep for summer
 - Assess annual evals
- May
 - Teen and Mentor calls – curriculum; prep for summer
- June / July
 - Summer Experience – Adventure Trip, Service Trip, Internships
- July / August
 - Summer break and camp time; debrief summer experience & hold fruitage call
- Early Fall
 - (Year 4 only) Host Wrap Up Weekend – debrief program, plan graduation
- September / October
 - Annual Mentor Training Call: all Mentors (led by NLC office);
 - Teen / Mentor calls
- November
 - Leader Retreat, early-mid November; gratitude call with families
- December
 - Begin gearing up for ACR; summer trips announced



Community Atmosphere & Code of Conduct

NLC Teen, Leader and Mentor

Community Atmosphere

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. - Mark 12:30,31

At Adventure Unlimited, we strive to create a loving and inclusive healing atmosphere, grounded in Christian Science principles, that is respectful of each individual. It is each community member's responsibility to strive for elevated thought, speech and action while upholding and supporting others through the expression of divine Love.

Code of Conduct

As an organization that serves the broader Christian Science community, Adventure Unlimited (inclusive of the A/U Ranches and DiscoveryBound) expects its community members to strive to follow a code of conduct that supports an environment focused on spiritual growth and healing.

The following outlines a code of conduct to observe while preparing for and during the entire program:

1. I am an active student of Christian Science. I will strive daily to live in accordance with its teachings, to demonstrate its principles and to be metaphysically prepared.
2. I will strive to support and uphold others in the spirit of the Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12).
3. I will be free from the use or possession of tobacco, vape pens, marijuana, alcohol and illegal drugs.
4. I will refrain from sharing explicit pictures, materials and stories, as well as excessive public displays of affection and sexual activity outside of marriage.
5. I will not use offensive language.
6. I will not intimidate, harass or foster an unsafe environment through any physical, sexual, psychological or verbal harassment or abuse.
7. I will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, age, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, political opinion, economic status, social group or ethnic origin

I understand that if I should violate the trust inherent in this Code of Conduct that I will be held accountable for my choices and actions.

