

## NLC Application Instructions

DiscoveryBound's NLC program is designed for Christian Science teens. It is dedicated to fostering spiritual growth and developing servant leadership skills – all within a family of supportive peers.

With more opportunities available to teens than ever before, you have wonderful choices ahead of you! As a student of Christian Science, you already know that discovering and using spiritual truths help you experience a more harmonious and rewarding life. Many students find what's most rewarding about NLC is it's strong community of Christian Science teens who approach life in the same way you do – a unique opportunity you won't often find in your school community. This 4 year program includes exciting summer adventures and trips; an annual retreat with all the other NLC classes; your own personal Christian Science adult mentor; and regular conference calls each month with your class family. In addition, you can make lifelong friendships, earn a Congressional Award, and gain tools that empower you to help others and feel the confidence to lead within your community, and the world.

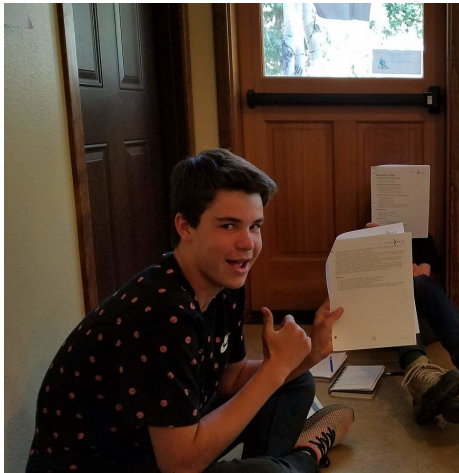


### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Confirm eligibility – you must be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall.
2. Complete the application by the due date. (available online mid-Aug)
  - *Note: Find further instructions and participation requirements below or on the NLC website*
3. Share reference form with both references requested within the application:
  - *Personal Reference: To be filled out by a core-subject teacher. (Homeschooled teens may choose a coach, troop leader or family friend who can speak to the teen's work ethic.)*
  - *Sunday School Reference: To be filled out online by the Applicant's Sunday School teacher.*
4. If selected, the NLC staff will contact you and your parents to set up an interview.
5. There will be a final follow-up assignment for those teens selected to be interviewed.
6. The new classes and the class leaders will be announced in late fall.

Each year we select two classes of up to 20 students each, so we do narrow down the number of teens moving on at each stage of the selection process. Please prayerfully consider the commitment to this type of multi-year program before applying. If you choose to apply, please take care in filling out your application, and of course, don't hesitate to contact the NLC Office with any questions.





### **APPLICATION PREVIEW – ESSAY QUESTIONS**

1. Why are you a student of Christian Science?
2. Please share a recent healing experience.
3. How do you bring Christian Science into your daily life?
4. What three things do you know without a doubt?
5. What are the biggest challenges facing Christian Science youth today?
6. Why do you want to be a part of DB's National Leadership Council?
7. What strengths, skills, and/or experience will you bring to NLC?
8. What does it mean to be a good team member?
9. What is your definition of servant leadership?
10. NLC communicates heavily through email. Do you have your own email address? and would you be allowed to get one if not?

### **NLC APPLICANT EXPECTATIONS**

- **Make NLC a Priority** – NLC needs to be one of your top three extra-curricular priorities (sports, music, clubs, etc.), apart from your primary responsibilities to family, church, and school
- **Communicate** – Read and respond to communications from leaders and mentors in a timely fashion – emails, texts, and other messages, at least twice a week. Access program pieces regularly as well.
- **Mentors** – Establish and carry out a plan for meeting with your mentor at least twice a month
- **Program Requirements** – No less than 80% adherence to the following:
  - meet program deadlines
  - respond to class leader assignments (written and oral)
  - attend and participate in class conference calls
  - *Communicate to class leaders before a conflict arises in any of these areas.*
- **Class Trips** – Attend all class trips and the All Class Retreats
- **Congressional Award** – Achieve one new level of the Congressional Award per year, or a minimum of Bronze Medal by graduation
- **Sunday School** – Attend Sunday School at least 75% of the time
- **GPA** – Strive to maintain a 2.75 GPA and achieve a cumulative 2.75 GPA by graduation
- **DiscoveryBound NLC Standards** – Abide by the NLC Participant Statement of Understanding



## 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:

- 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.
- I will strive to support and uphold others in the spirit of the Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12).
- I will be free from the use or possession of tobacco, vape pens, marijuana, alcohol and illegal drugs.
- I will refrain from sharing explicit pictures, materials and stories, as well as excessive public displays of affection and sexual activity outside of marriage.
- I will not use offensive language.
- I will not intimidate, harass or foster an unsafe environment through any physical, sexual, psychological or verbal harassment or abuse.
- 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 violate the trust inherent in this Code of Conduct that I will be held accountable for my choices and actions. Any needed travel arrangements will be made by the parent(s).

**Questions?** Please call 888-416-7348 ext 135 or email [nlc@discoverybound.org](mailto:nlc@discoverybound.org)

