Dear Staff/Trip Leaders:

We trust you are excited for Leadership Weekend this Labor Day weekend at Saranac.

In short, we hope to give everyone at camp a remarkable experience of the Kingdom of God within the context of our Young Life mission.

*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.* Matthew 13:44

We pray this experience refreshes all in Christ, celebrates what the Lord is doing through Young Life in Greater New York (GNY), and thankfully encourages and equips everyone to deeper levels of leadership in our mission. We have worked especially hard at embracing and unifying our diversity.

The following pages detail items you need to know to best serve your guests. This packet also lists important information we need from each area. A summary checklist is on page 5.

**Work Crew**

We still need more work crew kids. If you have kids who can definitely do work crew, please e-mail Steph Raubenheimer at stephraube@gmail.com. Those who can serve as work crew need to stay until everything is cleaned up on Monday. This is an incredible opportunity to get your sharp Campaigner kids to Leadership weekend. Send only your best. We will build a waitlist as needed.

Work crew should bring appropriate work/kitchen clothes (including close-toed shoes), Bible and notebook and “Italian Night” outfits.

**Summer Staff**

There are limited opportunities for people (18 and over) to come and serve as summer staff. They will work the waterfront, ropes, etc., be able to attend most meetings, and come for no cost! We are in special need of people who are life-guard certified. Please e-mail names of summer staff candidates and their email addresses to Jen Gros at jengros@gmail.com. (Be sure to note if they are life-guard certified.) Jen will inform you if there is room for your candidates.

Summer staff should bring appropriate work clothes (including close-toed shoes and waterfront attire), Italian Night clothes and everything else guests are to pack.

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Administration

- **Numbers Reporting Check-in.** Contact Anneke Brown (203.803.3030 or anneke.younglives@yahoo.com) by noon on Wednesday August 24 with your updated numbers of guests (do not include work crew but do include summer staff and other A-Team members.) This is an important deadline, for we order food based on it.

- **Housing Request** Complete the customized Leadership Weekend A-Form and email it to Anneke by **noon on Wednesday, August 31. Please list the names of all those attending from your area (do not count work crew but do count summer staff and other assignment team members.) Remember to specify male/female for each name on the A-Form.**

- **Arrival** Please plan on arriving at camp between 7:00 and 9:00 pm on Friday. Please work extra travel time for traffic into your planning. Everyone should eat dinner before they get to camp. Please check in at the registration table (you will be directed to its location as you drive into camp) upon arrival. Please do your best to arrive on time and encourage your guests to do the same so no one misses the first session!

- **Departure** We will finish by 11:30am on Monday. Please lead by example in staying for the entire weekend experience. Work Crew will stay until all is cleaned up.

- **Payment & A-Form.** Please bring an updated (noting any changes from what you submit on Aug 31) customized “A-Form” to camp and give it to Anneke by lunch Saturday. Payment will be processed from your area campership account via YL internal transfer in September.

Spiritual Leadership

- **The primary purpose of this weekend is to invest in, spiritually feed, and inspire & equip our guests.** They will be served excellently as followers of Christ. They will be thanked, inspired, and equipped as current or potential leaders in our Young Life mission.

- **Sessions** What we often call “Clubs” on Leadership Weekend will be called “sessions” (so as to not send mixed messages on what “Club” is to those newer to YL) and will consist of worship music, testimonies, program, and talks. All guests should come prepared with a Bible, Notebook, and pen to all Sessions.

- **Devotions** There will be morning devotions and/or prayer times. We really want to encourage everyone to enjoy them. Let’s set the example of what it looks like to get up and spend time with the Lord first thing in the morning and encourage our guest to do the same.
• **Seminars** will focus on specific applications of being a Young Life leader. They will be led by members of the Greater New York Leadership Team (GNYLT).

• **Speakers** We are blessed to have Tim Brown, John Wagner, Karil Greaves and other members of the GNYLT serve as our speakers/teachers. Let’s be praying for them.

• **Prayer** We will lift up prayer by having a prayer room, doing a prayer walk, and offering prayer after sessions.

**From The Program Team**

We are going to have an “Italian Night.” It will be a fun memory-creator for you and your guests. Please set the pace in “getting into this.” **You and your guests need to pack your best “Italian” outfits and gear.** How do you dress “Italian?” Get creative. Have fun. Think any era. Ideas include:

1. 1920s gangsta
2. 1980s 1 piece adidas sweat suits,
3. 2011 Jersey Shore characters,
4. 1950s pinstripes suits,
5. Sopranos style gangsta top hat,
6. Lots of jewelry, slick back hair with sunglasses,
7. Special note for females: females big poofy hair,
8. Cigar and toothpick in mouth
9. Button shirts, unbuttoned
10. Chest hair
11. Toothpick
12. Super Mario and Luigi

**See the “Italian Night Ideas” sheet for some more ideas and MAKE SURE YOU PASS THIS ON TO YOUR GUESTS NOW SO THEY CAN BE PREPARED!** Please be an “example of fun” and get into this and encourage your guests to do the same….don’t be “that camper” who is too cool to have fun! This will be another great night of fun!

**Other Schedule Notes**

• We will have YL “affinity groups” for those interested in learning more about going on staff, Capernaum, YoungLives and Young Life College.

• We want everyone to enjoy lots of **downtime and recreation** through the natural beauty and activities of Saranac. Come ready to enjoy time with your guests.

• **Activities** We will have spots allocated to your areas for parasailing, tubing, wakeboarding/water skiing and the ropes course. Please especially consider guests who have never done these. We hope to
get everyone on the activities who would like to go; at the same time, we realize parameters will be set by the weather, timing and camp staffing. Thanks for your spirit of grace, flexibility and cooperation as we seek to give our guests an amazing time at Saranac.

- **Free Time** You will have plenty of free time throughout the weekend to utilize with your team for any purpose that you need. You may want to pack cards or games to enjoy with your guests.

- **Area Meetings** We encourage you to get some intentional time your guests as a group. We did not build in a formal area meeting slot for there are multiple slots during free time that you could make work.

**Important Information We need from You**
We want to do some special things to celebrate and support the volunteer leaders of GNY. In order to do this, we need important and accurate information from you. Accordingly, we ask that you make time to completely and accurately fill out the Google form (online survey) “What We Need from You.” Thank you for helping us serve you and your guests!

Each area/group should complete this survey by noon August 17.

**With Thanksgiving**
Thank you for all you do as part of mission to reach kids for Jesus Christ. Please contact us with any questions or comments about this Leadership Weekend.

On behalf of the Leadership Weekend team,
Bryan Reaume

**Leadership Weekend Team**
Tim Brown  TK Kennedy  Steph Raubenheimer
John Wagner  Mona Patel  Mike Basile
Karil Greaves  Anneke Brown  Mike Pryor
Paul Coty  Jen Gros  Frank Stretar
Tim Vickers  Marcus Eiland  PW Gopal
Joe Paolella  Carly Funkhouser

(See checklist on next page)
### Staff Checklist

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<td>Pray and work hard to get leaders to sign up for this weekend and follow through with them to attend. Matthew 9:38! Email any Summer Staff names and their email addresses to <a href="mailto:jengros@email.com">jengros@email.com</a> Email potential work crew names to <a href="mailto:stephraube@gmail.com">stephraube@gmail.com</a> Coordinate travel plans as necessary. Pass on arrival/departure, packing and “Italian Night Ideas” sheet to your guests. See separate sample letter you could use to do so.</td>
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<td>Packing</td>
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<td>Check in at the registration table Get housing from Head Leader Get settled in Cabin Head to Club Room for Session I</td>
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