

2009 YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CAMP

In August 2000, The Central States Troopers Coalition (CSTC) of Louisiana founded the Young Men's Leadership Development Camp. Although originally intended to inspire young men, the camp's name was changed to Youth Leadership Development Camp in 2001 when young women were invited to participate. By becoming a more diversified residential camp, CSTC hoped to inspire young people to gain a positive attitude towards life and to become successful contributing members of their community. Consequently, by following CSTC's principle, "Moving Forward to Make a Positive Difference," the camp has evolved into a community enhancement project.

There is no cost for the 60 young people from various cities and towns throughout Louisiana who embark on this experience of a lifetime. For one week, young people can be given a touch of hope and desire of a better tomorrow by forging long lasting friendships with a Trooper.

CSTC's Youth Leadership Development Camp is based at Camp Chicota Youth Camp, St. Landry, La., which is owned and operated by Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge F & AM of Louisiana. The camp is located in rural Evangeline Parish near Chicot State Park and situated on 130 acres, which includes an 8- acre lake and several spacious cabins.

The Camp's Mission

CSTC's Youth Leadership Development Camp's mission is to assist in the academic and social growth and development of young people by offering a quality residential camping experience within a safe and nurturing environment.

The goal of the camp is to create an experience that will equip young men and women with the skills to acquire a positive and healthy attitude towards life and to become successful contributing members of their community.

The Youth Leadership Development experience is a process of combining philosophy, education, recreation and culture. Our intent is to facilitate the process of young men and women encountering themselves and their environment in an intensive, perceptive and experimental manner. The program uses natural ways to teach sensitivity, shape values and strengthen personalities. The ultimate goal is that every camper will expand their understanding about their future responsibilities, their positive goals and their contribution to social, economical and diversified dimensions of our world. CSTC aspires to produce well- rounded, diverse, open minded and confident future leaders for our world. In order to meet this goal, funding is the key.

As expected of any organization embarking on a task such as this, CSTC will contribute manpower- 25 dedicated Louisiana State Troopers for the duration of the camp. In addition, CSTC will provide instructors, motivational speakers, meals, housing accommodations, t-shirts and continued mentoring programs. However, our contributions are not enough. Therefore, we are asking for your support and contributions. We visualize a program where every child age 11-13 years old that has a desire to attend our camp will have a place in the future with us. Please assist us in making our vision a success.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Robert F. Guilbeaux
Camp Director
Central State Troopers Coalition

PLEDGE FORM

I/We/ _____

Pledge a contribution in the amount of:

\$50.00 ___ \$100.00 ___ \$200.00 ___ \$300.00 ___ \$400.00 ___

\$500.00 ___ \$600.00 ___ \$700.00 ___ \$800.00 ___ \$900.00 ___

\$1000.00 ___

Make contributions payable to:

Central States Troopers Coalition
Youth Leadership Development Camp
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