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SLSCC 15–17 Years Youth Leadership Program

Audience: Club Presidents, Administrators, Member Services Coordinators and Interested members

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Summary	Outlines the Surf Life Saving Central Coast 2014/2015 Youth Leadership Program and nomination process.
Objective	To support the personal development of 15-17 year members, expand their understanding and awareness of current issues, pathways and opportunities, and create encouraging and fun learning experiences for exchanging of ideas and self-challenges.

Surf Life Saving Central Coast invites nominations for the 2014/2015 Youth Leadership Program. The Youth Leaders Program targets 15-17 year old members who have qualities that can be developed to enhance their future and that of Surf Lifesaving. It is also geared toward creating greater awareness of opportunities for these members. Potential participants can come from a range of different backgrounds, interests and areas of focus within the club environment.

Participants will take part in workshops and presentations for focussed learning, in addition to some physical activities and challenges. They will also complete problem solving exercises, face personal challenges and participate in team based activities; all delivered under the guidance of active leaders from Surf Life Saving and the community.

Clubs are encouraged to use this program as a method of recognising members who have the potential to develop skills further by working with like-minded youth.

Clubs will be allocated two (2) positions in the program and should rank all other interested applicants in preferential order. It would be ideal to have one male and one female applicant per club. Positions not filled will be allocated to the most promising applicants from other clubs.

Please forward to all members that may be interested in participating in this program.

Yours in Surf Lifesaving,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Camp'.

Aaron Camp
Director of Member Services
Surf Life Saving Central Coast

2014/2015 Youth Leadership Program (15-17 years)

Overview

Leadership is a vital factor in the continued development of Australian communities. Surf Life Saving Central Coast (SLSCC) is committed to the personal development of identified leaders within its membership and the wider community.









This year, SLSCC is conducting their seventh (7th) *Youth Leadership Program* targeting 15-17 year old members. It was recognised that this age bracket was vital in completing an effective Leadership and Development Pathway for SLSCC, and thus the Program was developed.

The Program

The program this year will consist of one (1) afternoon/evening workshop and two (2) overnight development camps which will be held throughout the season that are aimed at members who have qualities that can be developed to enhance their future and that of Surf Lifesaving.

Participants will take part in workshops and presentations for focussed learning, in addition to some physical activities and challenges. They will also complete problem solving exercises, face personal challenges and participate in team based activities all delivered under the guidance of active leaders from Surf Life Saving and the community.

Aims of the 2014/2015 Youth Leaders Program include:

-  To provide basic training in leadership and development
-  To create situations that promote fun learning experiences
-  To create an awareness of current issues, pathways and opportunities
-  To promote teamwork, communication skills, networking and goal setting
-  To develop confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment whilst positively recognising members
-  Provide opportunities for ideas to be exchanged
-  To gain knowledge of the structure of surf lifesaving
-  Have fun! 😊

Commitment

It is expected that each participant will be fully committed and available for all of the *2014/2015 Youth Leadership Program* activities.

Who Can Apply?

The Youth Leadership Program targets 15-17 year old members who have qualities that can be developed to enhance their future and that of Surf Lifesaving. It is also geared toward creating greater awareness of opportunities for these members. Potential participants can come from a range of different backgrounds, interests and areas of focus within the club environment.

Applicants must be:

- between 15 and 17 years of age
- a member of a Central Coast Branch SLSC
- available for the program dates
- committed to full participation in the program

Clubs will be allocated two (2) positions in the Program and should rank all other interested applicants in preferential order. It would be ideal to have one male and one female applicant per club. Should all positions not be filled, the most promising applicants from other clubs may be offered these positions.

Application Process

The application process is as follows:

- Read through all information thoroughly
- Fill out the application forms, questions and medical detail
- Ensure application has club endorsement
- Forward completed applications attention to:

Applications close on Monday 6th October 2014

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Selection Process

Successful applicants will be informed of their selection by Friday 17th October 2014.

Cost

A subsidised fee has been arranged and SLSCC will invoice the clubs \$110.00 for each participant. It is up to each club and participant to agree on how much each party will contribute.

Program Calendar

Please see important dates as listed below. All participants are expected to be available for each of the Programs:

Key Dates	Date	Month	Year
Applications close	Mon 6	October	2014
Successful candidates notified	Fri 17	October	2014
2014/15 Youth Leadership Program # 1 Workshop	Fri 31	October	2014
2014/15 Youth Leadership Program # 2 Overnight Camp	Sat 6 Sun 7	December	2014
2014/15 Youth Leadership Program # 3 Overnight Camp	Sat 28 Sun 29	March	2015

Additional Information

Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact Mel Ives on (02) 4353 0299 or office@slscc.com.au.

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Given Name: _____ Surname: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____

Phone (H): _____ Mobile: _____

Club: _____

Adult Shirt Sizes (circle): Mens: XS S M L XL XXL

Ladies: 8 10 12 14 16 18

Participants consent

I _____ (*participants name*) agree to abide by the SLSA Member Safety and Well-being policy and Child Protection policy, found at www.slsa.com.au and the SLSA Code of Conduct listed below.

SLSA Code of Conduct

1. Once registered, there are no departures from the Program without the approval of the Program Coordinator. Participants will be given permission to leave the Program only in extenuating circumstances.
2. As a participant, you will be role models for Surf Life Saving Central Coast and act in an appropriate manner.
3. No disrespect will be tolerated under any circumstances.
4. Any concerns or disagreements should be reported to the Program Coordinator or the designated Member Protection Officer immediately.
5. All instructions from the Program Manager and leaders are to be adhered to.
6. Breaches of the SLSA Member Safety and Well-being policy and Child Protection policy and this Code of Conduct may result in immediate expulsion from the Program.

In signing this form I acknowledge that:

- ☒ The information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ☒ I am keen to participate in the Youth Leadership Program.
- ☒ I will attend all Youth Leadership Program dates.
- ☒ This is a nomination form and does not guarantee selection.
- ☒ Program photos and footage may be used by SLSCC.

Signed (*Participant*) _____ Date ____/____/____

Signed (*Parent/Guardian*) _____ Date ____/____/____

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Application Questions

1. How long have you been involved in SLS? Do you hold any current roles at your club?

2. What is your definition of leadership?

3. Describe a time when you displayed leadership qualities?

4. How do you feel your involvement in SLS has benefited you and could continue to fulfil you in the future?

5. What would you like to achieve from the 15-17s Leadership Program?

6. If you could make one change in Surf Life Saving, what would it be and why?

Club Endorsement

Club: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Contact: _____

Position: _____ Signature: _____

Please rank applicants in preferential order:

1 2 3 4 5

All nominations are due at SLSCC by **Monday 6th October 2014** marked attention to:

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