

Camp Rising Sun

A Full-Scholarship, International
Leadership Program



Our Goals

- Foster an appreciation of both diversity and our common humanity
- Expand intellectual horizons and heighten artistic sensibilities
- Develop leadership abilities and self-reliance in a safe environment
- Offer and demonstrate a philosophy of living to serve society through the pursuit of humanitarian goals



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Our History

- Founded in 1930 in Rhinebeck, NY
- Originally boys only, girls camp started in 1989
- The idea was to inspire youth to build a better world
- The Louis August Jonas Foundation is responsible for running camp



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International Selection

- About half or more of our campers come from countries other than the US
- We have representation from countries as varied as:



- Barbados
- Bulgaria
- China
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iran
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Palestine
- Peru
- Poland
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Zambia



What does a day look like?

- Teamworks
- Project time
- Instruction time
- Self-structured time
- Evening program



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Project Time

- Peer-led groups work on self-chosen construction and other projects to benefit the community
- Learn to plan, budget for, and execute a project



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Instructions

- Instructions are daily and given by counselors, campers, or guests
- They range in topics. They can be about world affairs, music, art, culture, athletics, ethics, etc.
- Plan and deliver your own instruction



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Other Program Areas

- Our counselors are skilled in the arts, drama, nature, music, athletics, STEM, swimming, journalism, etc.
- Over 60 acres of land to explore, including a stargazing tower, tree house, sports fields, swimming pool, and more!



Hiking

- Campers go on a multi-day hike in the Catskill mountains
- They carry everything in and out with them on their backs
- In addition, the campuses have trails for hiking



What makes us different?

- What sets us apart is our emphasis on camper leadership. Campers lead almost every aspect of our program
- Each day, a different camper leads the camp. They also lead hikes, projects, and instructions



Service

- We try to foster a service ethic in our campers
- Emphasis is placed on responsible and effective servant leadership
- How can you take what you learn at Camp into your own life and into the future?



Outcomes

By the end of the summer, campers will:

- Experience intellectual and personal growth
- Leave with a commitment to the value of diversity
- Develop leadership skills and different approaches to problem solving
- Become passionate leaders
- Have lifetime friendships with campers around the world



Alumni Community

- Over 6,000 alumni in 95 countries
- World reunions every 4-5 years
- Searchable alumni database
- Alumni events
- College / Career mentorship



Selection

- We choose 60 young men and 60 young women from across the world
- The goal is to form a diverse group of campers with valuable perspectives
- We look for interesting people with the following attributes:
 - Leadership Potential
 - Character
 - Individuality
 - Intellect
 - Ability to learn from the past
 - Compassion



How do you apply?

- Apply online through www.lajf.org
- A combination of short answer and essay questions
- 2 References from teachers, coaches, etc.
- School transcript
- Applications are due on January 1st for NYC applicants



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Questions?

