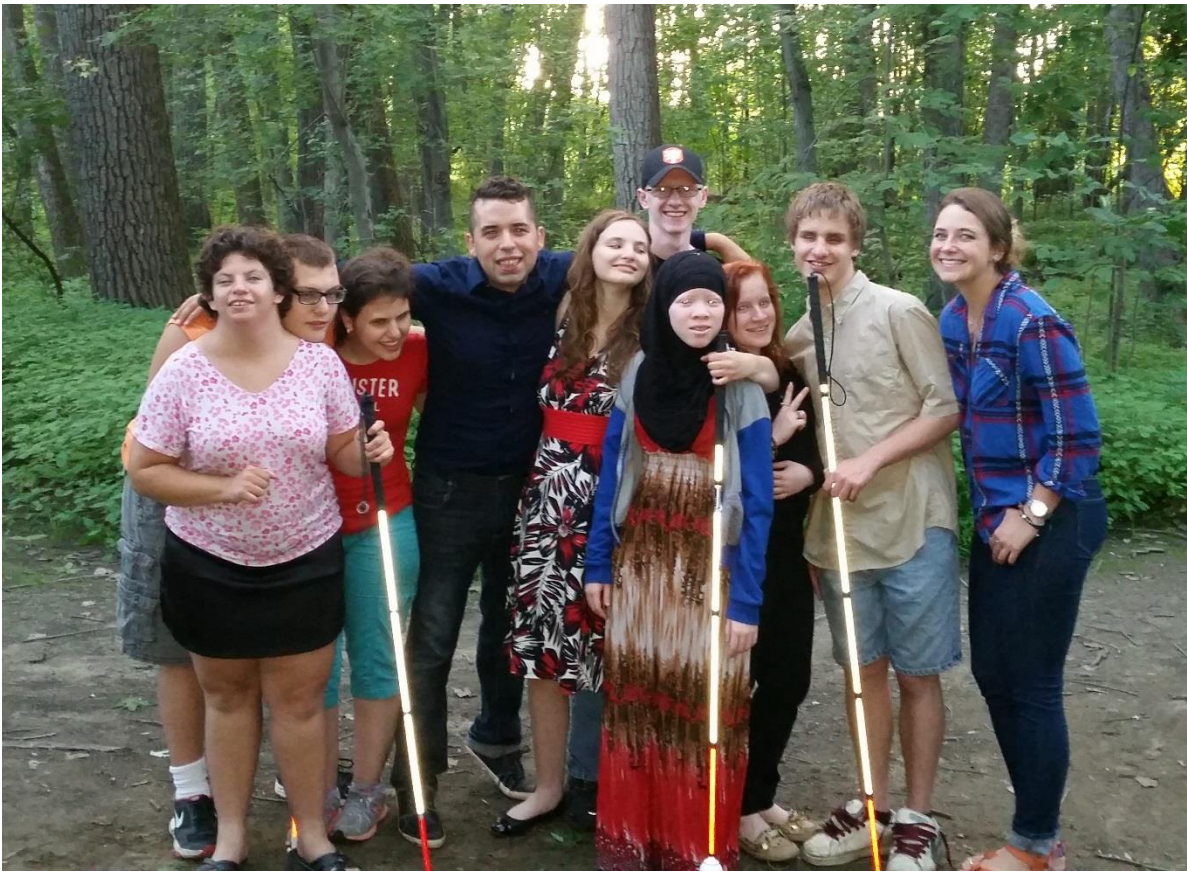


Learn Earn and Prosper
LEAP



Summer Sessions:
June 17th – July 7th 2017
&
July 15th -August 10th 2017

The LEAP Experience



Thank you for your interest in the LEAP program! The LEAP Program is an opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun while earning money this summer!

Joining LEAP is an experience that can change your life. LEAP provides youth who are blind or visually impaired the opportunity to gain skills needed to be independent, confident and productive, with the outcome of increased employability. LEAP is a workforce development program which is structured around the guidelines of the Expanded Core Curriculum. LEAP utilizes work experiences, internships and workshops to teach employable skills.

LEAP provides an intensive summer, residential experience which includes living in community housing and focuses on independent life skills, leadership, working with others, and achieving working 40 hours a week.

The LEAP program is an intense and challenging experience and it is also a wonderfully rich experience with lots of room for fun, growth and education. Be prepared to work hard and learn more than you could possibly imagine. If you join LEAP, you can be assured of meaningful projects, new friends, educational activities, and high quality leaders. We look forward to receiving your application!

To apply contact Kaelyn Modrak at kmodrak@resourcevt.org or 585-755-8064.

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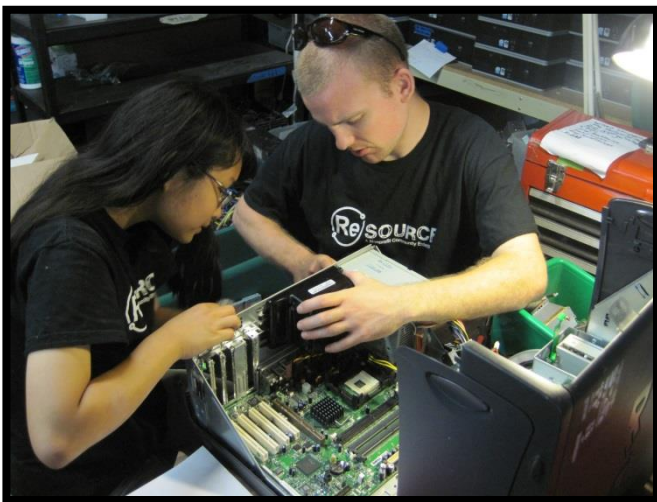
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LEAP is an intensive program where a team of 8 Corps Members will have a chance to practice living independently under the guidance of two experienced Crew Leaders.



The LEAP Crew will participate in a work experience three days a week at their choice of three different work sites, work with a local farm one day a week, and participate in weekly career and college and career readiness workshops.

Weekends on a LEAP Crew are spent together with your crew doing fun and educational activities in the Burlington area. The crew can explore its surroundings and participate in activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, the theatre, visiting museums, playing games, and more. Throughout this whole experience the crew will live in an apartment near Burlington, Vermont where they can practice independent living skills, build a healthy community and explore the many opportunities Burlington has to offer.



ReSOURCE

At ReSOURCE Corps Members receive job training which in turn helps ReSOURCE to continue its mission of teaching individuals in transition valuable job skills and technical training. Many tasks and projects must be completed in order to help ReSOURCE run efficiently and effectively, to learn more visit www.resourcevt.org.

Corps members may receive job training in one or more areas including customer service, working in the home goods store, disassembling computers, small appliance repair, carpentry, and office administration.

The Overlook Café

The Overlook Café is a Randolph Sheppard site and serves as the other LEAP Crew training site.

At the Overlook Café Corps Members learn job skills including customer service, food preparation, menu pricing, cash register use, and office administration.



The Farm at VYCC

The LEAP crew also has a chance to help Vermont communities in a meaningful way by working with the Farm at VYCC. Corps Member may choose this as their 3 day a week work experience to focus on customer service, sustainable agriculture, and food insecurity.

One day a week the crew will travel to Richmond, VT to work with farm staff packing vegetables for the VYCC Health Care Shares. Health Care Shares are a program to donate food to families in need. <http://www.farmatvycc.org/>

Typical Day for the LEAP Crew

6:30am: Rise and shine! Corps Members in charge of breakfas

7:30am: Eat breakfast together

8:00am: WoRD Circle, discussion of relevant life topics

8:30: Take the bus to work—learn how to use public transportation

9:00am: Clock in and start your morning tasks at ReSOURCE, the Farm at VYCC, or the Overlook Café

10:30am: Snack

10:30pm: Continue learning important job skills

12:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm: Return to job skills training

4:00pm: Clock out!

5:00pm: Start preparing dinner—learn how

to cook new food—Corps Members have fun in the LEAP kitchen!

6:00pm: Dinner time

7:00pm: Corps Members have free time to occupy themselves: play games, hang with their crew, or attend a planned workshop or activity

LEAP Crew Details

Corps Member Responsibilities

- Work hard as part of a team
- Participate in all activities, including WoRD, group training exercises, and community activities
- Respect fellow crew members and the natural environment
- Share all cooking and cleaning duties
- Complete safe, high quality work on all projects
- Abide by all ReSOURCE rules and policies



Qualifications

- 16 - 24 years of age
- Strong desire to join LEAP and work with others
- Willingness to learn, receive feedback, and work hard

Salary: \$9.60/hour- VT minimum wage



Information for Out of State Corps Member Applicants

Tuition includes room & board

Session 1 (3 weeks)- \$4100

Session 2 (4 weeks)-\$5400

Logistics

Each Corps Member in the program is responsible for their transportation to and from the program. The program will start and end at dormitories at the University of Vermont, Burlington.

**LEAP Program is a program of ReSOURCE
and a partnership between the following organizations:**

The Overlook Café

State of Vermont Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps

The Gibney Family Foundation

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15th, 2017

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