Learn, Earn and Prosper
LEAP Summer Work Experience
Session 1: June 20 – July 9th, 2020
Session 2: July 12 – July 30th, 2020

ReSOURCE
A Nonprofit Community Enterprise
What is LEAP?

LEAP is a life-changing experience. It is an opportunity to be pushed outside of your comfort zone, learn job skills, make new friends, and have fun while earning money this summer.

LEAP provides youth who are blind or visually impaired the opportunity to gain the skills needed to be independent, confident and productive with the outcome of increased employability. LEAP is a workforce development program that 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 32 hours a week.

The LEAP program is an intense and challenging experience with room for fun, growth, and education. Be prepared to work hard and learn more than you could imagine. If you join LEAP, you will have meaningful projects, new friends, educational activities, and high-quality leaders.

To apply, contact Kaelyn Modrak at kmodrak@resourcevt.org or 802-777-1921.
The LEAP Experience

LEAP is an intensive program where a team of Crew Members practices living independently under the guidance of two experienced Summer Facilitators.

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

On weekends, the crew explores the Burlington area with activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, the theatre, visiting museums, playing games, and more. Students live in dorms near Burlington where they practice independent living skills, build a healthy community and explore the many opportunities in the city.

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Worksites

**ReSOURCE**
At ReSOURCE Household Goods Store, Crew Members 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. A great work site for students interested in retail and customer service.

**The Overlook Café**
The Overlook Café is a Randolph Sheppard site where Crew Members learn job skills including customer service, food preparation, menu pricing, cash register use, and office administration. This is a great worksite for students interested in food and customer service.

**Vermont Community Garden Network**
The LEAP crew supports Vermont communities in a meaningful way by working with the VT Community Garden Network. The Crew spends each Tuesday with the Network cooking with fresh vegetables, learning about healthy foods and gardening. Crew members will also learn about, sustainable agriculture, and food insecurity. A great worksite for students interested in being outside, getting dirty and hard work.
Typical Day for the LEAP Crew

6:30am: Rise and shine! Crew Members make breakfast
7:30am: Eat breakfast together
8:30am: Public transportation to work
9:00am: Clock in and start your morning tasks at ReSOURCE, Overlook Café or Vermont Community Gardens
12:00pm: Lunch
1:00pm: Job skills training
4:00pm: Clock out!
5:00pm: Dinner preparation and kitchen education
6:00pm: Dinner time
6:30pm: Clean up and make lunch for the next day
7:30pm: Listening and discussion of relevant life topics.
8:30pm: Crew Members have free time to play games, hang with their crew, or attend a workshop or activity
10:00pm: Lights out

LEAP Crew Details

Crew Member Responsibilities
- Work hard as part of a team
- Participate in all activities, 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 LEAP policies

Qualifications
- 16 - 24 years of age
- Strong desire to join LEAP and work with others
- Willingness to learn, receive feedback, and work hard
Information for Out of State Crew Member Applicants

Tuition is dependent on the length of the program. Please ask your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor about your state’s ability to provide tuition.

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Logistics
Each Intern is responsible for their transportation to and from the program which starts and ends in Burlington.

LEAP is a program of ReSOURCE and partners with the following organizations:
Vermont Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired
The Gibney Family Foundation
Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 20th, 2020

Email Application:  kmodrak@resourcevt.org
OR
Mail application:
The Overlook Cafe
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