



**JACKSON HOLE LEADERSHIP  
PROGRAM – SUMMER 2009**

**Phase I (ages 10-12)**

Session 1: June 15-19

Session 2: June 22-26

Session 3: July 13-17

Session 4: August 3-7

Session 5: August 10-14

Session 6: August 17-21

**Phase II (ages 12-14)**

GROWL (girls): July 6-10

BOLD (boys): July 27-31

**Prices**

Phase I: \$200/week

Phase II: \$250/week

Registration begins May 4. Print and complete the following pages to apply.  
\$50 deposit due June 5th. Balance due by the first day of the camp.

Scholarships Available

Ropes Course and Climbing Gym release forms are available at the Van Vleck House.  
Please submit them with your deposit.

For more information,  
Contact Emily at Van Vleck at 733-6440



Greetings!

Enclosed you will find information, application, and release forms for the Jackson Hole Leadership Program 2009 summer season. Please return completed application packets to the Van Vleck House on or before June 5<sup>th</sup> with a \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure your child's spot in the session they desire. You may also mail it to:

VAN VLECK HOUSE  
JHLP  
PO BOX 2631  
JACKSON, WY 83001

The full payment (\$150+ \$50 deposit for Phase One **or** \$200+ \$50 deposit for Phase Two) is due on the first day your child attends JHLP. Scholarships are available upon request. It is important to us to keep our fees down. We rely heavily on private gifts and donations to do so. If you would like to donate money to the program or help pay for a child to attend camp this summer, please include your donation with your deposit. Your generosity is invaluable to us.

The leadership program consists of two phases. Phase one is open to 10 – 12 year olds. If your child is 12 – 14, and they have participated in phase one in a previous year, they may participate in a more challenging and exciting second phase!

Thank you so much for taking the time to thoroughly read this packet with your child. **All participants are expected to attend everyday and to their full capability!** If this is not possible, please choose a different week that will not interfere with alternate engagements. We can't wait to see you this summer!

Sincerely,

Emily Sustick  
JHLP Coordinator  
esustick@tyfs.org  
(307) 733-6440

## **Jackson Hole Leadership Program Parent Information**

The Jackson Hole Leadership Program (JHLP) is open to all youth in Teton County between the ages of 10 and 16. Phase One is designed for 10 -12 year olds, Phase Two for 12-14 year olds. The program is funded primarily by grants and donations. If you would like to make a donation please speak with one of our program leaders or include a gift with your program fee.

We aim to have lots of FUN doing a variety of outdoor activities that utilize the vast outdoor recreational resources in the valley. These include canoeing, hiking, rock climbing, camping, and using the Doug Walker Challenge Course (the high ropes course behind the middle school). JHLP operates on a “Challenge by Choice” philosophy, allowing campers to take risks they are comfortable taking in a safe environment. We hope this will help provide a sound base for participants’ future risk-taking and decision-making.

One of our focus areas is substance use/abuse prevention. Studies show that substance use dramatically increases in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Our program targets youth before they reach this critical stage and we strive to develop resiliency and skills that young people will need in order to avoid problems in the future. To accomplish this, JHLP encourages the development of life skills using meaningful activities designed to develop teamwork, communication, decision-making, and problem-solving skills. Furthermore, participants will be in a group-oriented environment that fosters the development of friendships and a positive peer support group.

Since the program works hard to relay a drug prevention message, it is important that we have a “no-use” contract signed. This is not intended to reflect on your child or on any of the participants in JHLP. Rather, it is a preventative measure that strengthens our message regarding the use/abuse of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

This year’s program leaders are Emily Sustick, Curtis Taylor, and Amy Kallaugher. Emily is an outdoor enthusiast and has worked with several different programs at the Van Vleck House for the past three years, including JHLP and Kid’s Club. She has extensive experience working with youth in outdoor and experiential education and is a three-time world champion in rubber-chicken-water-polo. Amy has been working at Van Vleck for the past year and with teenagers in the outdoors for the past 5 years. Amy also works with local conservation groups to help educate the public on key environmental issues facing the community and is very excited to put her energy, experience and passion for fun, young people and the outdoors into her work with JHLP. Amy’s dog Hopi recently won the coolest-dog-in-the-world competition, but she still secretly wishes he was a mini-dragon and could fly. Curtis has been working with youth both in and out of the classroom for the past four years. He has a strong background in outdoor and environmental education, along with a comprehensive knowledge of teambuilding initiatives and games. Curtis would like his life to have a soundtrack, and therefore, he often bursts out into random song, unannounced. All JHLP leaders are CPR certified, have a minimum certification of Wilderness First Aid, have been trained on the ropes course and in the rock gym, and have experience in substance abuse prevention.

Enclosed you will find the JHLP application. There are FOUR different forms to complete and sign in addition to a schedule for your reference. We will meet at the Van Vleck House at 9 A.M. and will return to VVH by 4 P.M. We look forward to having an exciting week with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at the Van Vleck House at 733-6440 or email us at [esustick@tyfs.org](mailto:esustick@tyfs.org).

**Jackson Hole Leadership Program**  
**2009 Youth Application**  
**PO Box 2631 Jackson, WY 83001**

*Circle your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices and label them accordingly*

**Phase One (ages 10-12)**

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\_\_\_ Session 4: August 3-7      \_\_\_ Session 5: August 10-14      \_\_\_ Session 6: August 17-21

**Phase Two (ages 12-14)**

\_\_\_ GROWL (girls) July 6-10      \_\_\_ BOLD (boys) July 27-31

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact (other than parents):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health concerns: Is youth taking any medication(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is youth limited to any physical activity? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does youth know how to swim? (circle one) YES      NO      SOMEWHAT

Does youth have any allergies? (Medications, food, bee stings) YES      NO

If yes, please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any other concerns you would like to bring to our attention?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does youth have a history of: (circle)

- |                                     |     |    |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. Emotional / behavioral problems? | YES | NO |
| 2. Family problems?                 | YES | NO |
| 3. School problems?                 | YES | NO |
| 4. Substance use?                   | YES | NO |

If yes to any of the above, please discuss further with a program leader so we can be aware of your child's needs.

# Jackson Hole Leadership Program Guidelines

1. Attendance: Attend all activities as scheduled. Be on time and prepared for positive participation.
2. Abstinence: No use of any non-prescribed, mood altering chemicals (alcohol and other drugs) while participating in this program.
3. Respect: Respect the rules. Respect the safety rights of all participants and group leaders. No abusive language, threatening or physical violence.
4. Dress Code: Please leave jewelry at home. No sexual, violent, alcohol, or drug related clothing.
5. Participation: Actively participate in group assignments, activities, and discussions.
6. Tobacco-Free: There will be no tobacco use during group sessions.
7. Follow group rules as set by leaders and participants.

I have read and understand the guidelines for the Jackson Hole Leadership Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **JHLP No-Use Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree not to use any non-prescribed mood-altering chemicals (i.e. alcohol and other drugs) during my participation in the Jackson Hole Leadership Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **JHLP Consent Form**

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, as parent(s) and/or guardian(s) hereby give consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Jackson Hole Leadership Program.

I am aware that neither the Curran-Seeley Foundation, the Van Vleck House, nor the Jackson Hole Leadership youth leaders will be liable for property destruction, injuries, or accidents that occur while my son/daughter is involved in any activities that are related to or sponsored by the Jackson Hole Leadership Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I give permission for my child's photo to be used in future promotions for the Jackson Hole Leadership Program (slide shows, pamphlets, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# JACKSON HOLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## PHASE ONE SCHEDULE

### Things to bring everyday:

Small backpack  
Lunch  
Water!!!  
Tennis shoes (no open-toed shoes)  
Jacket / Raingear  
Sunscreen and hat

### Schedule:

\*\*Subject to change due to weather\*\*

**Monday through Thursday: Meet at the Van Vleck House at 9A.M.**  
(VVH is located at 510 S. Cache St. between Karns and Snow King)  
Pick-up is at 4P.M.

### **Monday:**

Low Ropes Elements Doug Walker Challenge Course  
(course located behind the Middle School)

### **Tuesday:**

Enclosure Climbing Gym in the morning,  
High Ropes Elements at the Doug Walker Challenge Course in the afternoon.

### **Wednesday:**

Canoeing and kayaking at String Lake  
(Wear swimsuits and water shoes.)

### **Thursday:**

Tobacco Awareness art project.  
Camping at Red Hills campground in the Gros Ventre (Please refer to camping list you will receive on Wednesday)

### **Friday:**

Hike in Grand Teton National Park  
\*\*We will return to Mike Yokel Park for a ceremony at 4:00pm.  
Parents are encouraged to attend.\*\*

# JACKSON HOLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## PHASE TWO SCHEDULE

Phase Two is for 12 -14 year olds who have completed Phase One in a previous year.

**G.R.O.W.L.** (Girls Reaching Out  
With Leadership)  
July 6-10

**B.O.L.D.** (Boys Outdoor  
Leadership Development)  
July 27 – 31

### **Monday**

- ⊕ High ropes elements at the Doug Walker Challenge Course
- ⊕ Camp at Red Hills campground

### **Tuesday**

- ⊕ Hike to Blue Minor Lake
- ⊕ Camp at Blue Minor Lake

### **Wednesday**

- ⊕ Summit Sheep Mountain (Sleeping Indian)
- ⊕ Camp at Blue Minor Lake

### **Thursday**

- ⊕ Descend from Blue Minor Lake
- ⊕ Camp at Red Hills campground

### **Friday**

- ⊕ White Water rafting on Snake River
- ⊕ 4:00pm closing ceremony at Mike Yokel Park

GROWL and BOLD are all girl/all boy programs designed to further enhance social skills and character development through wilderness and adventure curriculums. These are physically demanding trips! Campers will carry their own heavy packs a rigorous trek in and out of the wilderness. It will be beneficial to campers to get some hikes in before the JHLP experience!

More information about the trips will be sent out two weeks prior to take off!