
Dear Parent,



Your youth is considering a unique opportunity in leadership training and social creativity. It will challenge and grow them in a time of their lives when they are invested in "growing up", expressing their individuality and proving they are capable. Our empowering program directly addresses their need and goal to individuate in a healthy way.

We want your teen to have other adults to learn from as we acknowledge that they start to look to other role models in addition to their parents. We do that honorably and thoughtfully and provide learning opportunities that will challenge them and give them great sense of pride and accomplishment.

These youth will feel what it is like to shepherd a clan of 5 or 6 younger children aged 9 to 12. They will get a glimpse into the adult world of responsibility. They are supervised and supported by adult staff of the Sahale Summer Camp program.

Each morning at camp, we meet as staff and fine tune the design of the day. This creative process emerges out of the authentic interests and requests of the participants and which draws on skills sets of the staff. We share concerns and appreciations allowing the program to self correct and allowing the teens to learn from this collaborative process.

They also spend time each day with their clan alone, talking with them and learning about who each child is and helping them have fun at camp. They provide a very personal connection with the young campers, creating a special bond.

Your teen will find the experience very rewarding on a personal level at the same time he/she is learning valuable life skills.

Please read the rest of the flyer to see what the training program entails.

Warmly,
Irene Perler

About the Summer Camp

Upon arrival we are oriented to the buildings and the beautiful land of Sahale. In our village, we form clans and set up a cluster of tents among shade trees.

After our opening meal, we play some get-acquainted games and, as it gets dark, we gather around our campfire to sing, tell stories and jokes, and roast marshmallows. As night settles over the valley, the frogs at the pond begin to sing, bats come out to eat twilight flies, and soon the coyotes howl and stars twinkle. We settle into our tents for a sound sleep, to be awakened in the morning by the sound of the conch shell calling us to breakfast. After we eat, we work with our clan for awhile and each of us has a role to fill. Our morning offers a chance to learn a new craft, more about nature, and more about each other. After lunch, we have an hour of quiet time for rest, our journals, artwork, and reading. The conch shell calls us to the afternoon's activities: swimming at the river, archery in the meadow, exploring the land, and of course, our favorite crafts. In the late afternoon, each clan takes a turn preparing dinner.

After our evening meal, we meet with our clans to talk about how the day has gone and how we could make it even better the next day. We end the day gazing into the fire and up to the star-filled sky.



Want to be an effective teen leader?

Want to work in Summer Camps?

Want to make a difference in the lives of younger people?

Do you enjoy camping and being in nature?

2008 Sahale Summer Camp

Presents...

Junior Staff Summer Camp

Training Program

for teens aged 15 to 17

Offered by the staff of
Sahale Summer Camp



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- ◆ Certificate Program
 - ◆ Earn community service credit for high school
 - ◆ Comprehensive training in the skills needed to guide youth in overnight camp experiences.
 - ◆ Have fun outdoors!
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The Junior Staff training program is a great opportunity to learn about yourself and learn valuable skills. Youth today are seeking meaningful activities and want to make a difference in the world. Our program will give you skills to lead from and create friendships in your life that you can really enjoy and feel proud of in addition to confidence in the job market.

Our unique program will cover areas of learning in these areas:

- ◆ Human development: the 9 to 12 year old
- ◆ Self expression
- ◆ Getting to know another person in friendship
- ◆ Designing and leading fun games and group activities
- ◆ First Aid and Safety
- ◆ Communication skills
- ◆ Social inclusion: Bullying and Teasing and what to do about it
- ◆ Taking guidance and working with adult supervisors
- ◆ Time management

The Training is a series of 2 hour sessions to be held monthly March-June.

Training options include applying your learning at 2 different camp experience during this summer.

You will earn a certificate of training and a letter of recommendation at completion of the training program of your choice.

Your hours of participation in the Summer Camp option or the Human Relations Laboratory option may fulfill the requirements for Community Service hours. Please check with your high school for details on their requirements. We are happy to fill out any forms to document the hours you work. We are a non-profit educational organization.

You will also receive an honorarium, room and board for options B, C and D.

There is a fee of \$100 for the Training program which includes materials. Some scholarship is available and negotiable. Please direct your questions to Irene Perler.

Deadline for application is March 15th, 2008.

Training is held at dates to be announced during March, April, May and June.

Training options include four packages:

- A. Spring Training process with certificate and job reference
- B. Training plus staffing at Sahale Summer Camp, July 5 to 10th, Sahale Retreat Center, Tahuya Wa
- C. Training plus youth program staffing at Human Relations Laboratory held August 16-23, Sahale Retreat Center
- D. All of the above

About our Faculty...

The key training of our program is designed and taught by **Dr. John L. Hoff** and wife **Colette Hoff**. They are trained Marriage and Family Counselors with over 30 years experience in private practice in Seattle. Founders of an intentional multi-generational non-residential community, they take seriously the role that our generation has in building a sustainable way of life for the future. With this commitment to the generations to come, they invite people of all ages to lifelong learning and passionate living. They help each person learn how to develop themselves to their highest potential with joy and reverence for life and how to create peaceful and creative group cultures that inspire and take responsibility for our planets future. In addition to their own experience, they draw on a variety of sources: Michael Gurian, Virginia Satir, John Gottman, Mary Pipher, Rudolf Steiner and many others in the area of child development.

Facilitation and program support is offered by **Irene Perler**. Parent of two teens aged 15 and 17; she is also a teacher of outdoor education and gardening at Three Cedars School in Bellevue. She is the Camp Manager for Sahale Summer Camp and contact person for questions related to the camp and the training. Please contact Irene at irene_perler@hotmail.com or 206-419-3477.

Registration Form – 2008 Junior Staff Training at Sahale Summer Camp

Name and Age _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Telephone Day(_____) _____ Evening(_____) _____

Payment Method Check _____ (amount) _____ OR MasterCard Visa _____ (amount) _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

To register, send this form, and **\$25** deposit payable to the Goodenough Community, 2007 33rd Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98144