



Dear 2020 Senior Campers,

We are delighted to offer an invitation to our sixteen-year-old campers to apply for a position as a member of the Leader's Corps for the 2021 Belknap summer. While we are all feeling the loss of an in-person summer at camp, maintaining our homegrown leadership program is vital to Belknap's future. As a sixteen-year-old camper who has enrolled for the summer of 2020, we hope that you will take this opportunity to submit an application.

### **What does it mean to be part of the Belknap Leader's Corps?**

Leader Corps (LC's) is the first level of Belknap's leadership program. LC's attend camp for the first month (sessions 1 and 2) or second month (sessions 3 and 4). LC's are not paid staff, but they do receive a reduced tuition rate equivalent to a two-week stay. Twelve LC's live together in the LC Cabin with the LC Director each month. The program consists of close mentoring and training by the LC director and the broader Belknap staff. LC's are deeply engaged across the breadth of the Belknap community. They serve as leaders in camp programming, work in the dining hall, and provide cabin takeovers during leaders' days off once per week. The LC experience is one that all Belknap leaders look back on fondly as a pivotal year of personal growth where deep bonds are formed with the other members of their LC cabin.

### **How do I apply?**

Interested campers should complete the application linked below and submit it by 8:00PM EST on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The application can also be found on the Camp Belknap website under the Leaders & Staff tab. In addition to the camper portion of the application, applicants can choose to submit an optional personal letter of recommendation from an adult outside of their family who knows them well. To include a personal recommendation along with your application, provide your recommender with the link below. The form is also available on the Camp Belknap website under the Leaders & Staff tab. Recommendations are also due by 8:00PM EST on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **How will decisions be made and communicated?**

Applications and personal recommendations will be reviewed and discussed by a committee of Senior Division leaders, our Leader Corps Director, and Leadership Director. Additionally, campers' previous Belknap experiences will be factored into the selection process. We have posted additional information about Senior Recognition criteria under the Leaders & Staff tab on the Camp Belknap website for applicants to refer to throughout the application process. It is our goal to communicate decisions to all applicants via email and USPS by August 17.

***Please note that all sixteen-year-old campers will have the opportunity to return as campers in 2021 if they are not selected for Sr. Recognition.***

Thank you for the time, effort, and attention that will be put into your applications. More importantly, thank you for all that you have given to Belknap over the years. We hope you are able to engage with some of the remote content through our Beyond Belknap program this summer, and we trust that the Belknap spirit will carry you through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Dave Irwin  
Assistant Director and Leadership Director