

## Northern Frontier Core Training Program Application

You have in front of you an application for camp Northern Frontier's "Core Training" Program. You will find these forms easy to complete, but I want to bring a few items to your attention. Please read this cover letter carefully.

**Application:** Please fill out all sections on both pages and be sure to sign the application. Because you are a minor please have your parent or guardian sign the application with you. Both pages of the application must be returned to the **Battalion Program Director – Peter Fowler** whose address is printed on it.

Please read the two paragraphs under "Commitment" carefully and completely. If anything in them troubles you, please give me a call.

**Statement of Faith and Statement of Christian Living:** Read each of these documents carefully. On the application form, please indicate that you have read them and are in full agreement with them. If anything in them troubles you, please give me a call.

**Reference Forms:** In a stamped envelope addressed to the Battalion Program Director, please give the first letter of reference to your pastor to fill out and return. You will find the label "Pastor's Reference" near the top.

In additional stamped envelopes addressed to the Battalion Program Director, please give the other two letters of reference to mature, Christian adults (over 21 years of age) who know you fairly well. Family members are not included. It is your responsibility to make sure that those to whom you have given the references fill them out and mail them to the **Battalion Program Director** in a timely manner.

**Process:** We must receive your full application and references before we can officially accept you to the "Core Training Program". It is important that your references come from people who know you personally. Once we have your application and references we will notify you as to whether or not you have been accepted to the program. There are only six available spots per session so please sign up early. I am going to fill up the first session first, then once that is in place I will work on the second session. While working on the first session I will keep track of the order I received completed applications for the second session of the "Core Training" program. If you have not heard from us in a reasonable time, there is a very good chance that your application is incomplete. It is your responsibility to see that your application is completed in a timely manner. If you have any questions about the status of your application, or problems with the application or application process, please feel free to contact **Peter Fowler** by e-mail or telephone.

**This year "Core Training" dates are from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup> (weeks 1 and 2) and once that is full then we will work on July 21<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup> (weeks 4 and 5).** We will begin making "Core Training" decisions starting the first of February. I urge you to begin the application process for either session without delay. You will hear from **Peter Fowler** after he receives your entire application and all references.

God is putting together a team to glorify Himself at Northern Frontier in 2012 and future years. I have been praying for that team for some time and ask you to join me in that prayer. If it is God who does the work in people's hearts, then our first priority must be to ask Him to work. After that, we surrender ourselves to Him in His holy labor. What a privilege!

Serving Christ with you,

Ralph Essery—Director Northern Frontier Camp  
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# Northern Frontier Camp

## “Core Training” Application 2012

**General Information: (please print legibly)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Home Phone (Include Area Code)</b>	
<b>Home Address</b>	<b>Other Phone (that you want us to know)</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	
	<b>Birth date</b>	

**Camp Experience:**

Camper at:	Years
Counselor/ Other at:	Years

**Church Involvement:**

What church do you regularly attend?
Describe your role and involvement in your local church (Sunday School teacher, CSB, youth group, VBS, etc...)
(Please check one) I am currently involved in Christian Service Brigade (CSB) _____ I have been involved in CSB in the past _____ I have never been involved in CSB If involved in Christian Service Brigade, indicate unit # _____

**Education:**

Circle grade completed by July 1, 2012:      7 8 9 10 11 12      1 2 3 4      1 2 MA Ph.D.      College Major:
High School      College      Post Graduate
Leadership training or other leadership experiences:

**Personal:**

Describe any restrictions which will keep you from participating in hikes or in any other outdoor camp activities:	
Do you use tobacco products? Yes or No      Do you drink alcoholic beverages for pleasure? Yes or No      Do you use illegal drugs? Yes or No	
Have you ever been convicted of any crime, including sex-related or child abuse related offenses? Yes or No (Any comments may be given on an additional sheet.)	
I have read the Statement of Faith and am in agreement with it: Yes or No	I have read the Standard of Christian Living and am in agreement with it: Yes or No

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**Commitment:**

Northern Frontier’s “Core Training” program is seeking committed Christian young men who have experienced salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. All Staff members and those who desire to be are expected to live exemplary Christian lives before both peers, and staff, and must be able to share their faith in Christ with others. To help us evaluate your ability to function in the Northern Frontier Camp environment, please tell us about your experience of salvation and life commitment to Jesus Christ. (Use an additional sheet if necessary.)

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What verse(s) of scripture have been meaningful to you this year? Why?

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Why do you want to be a part of the “Core Training” program at Northern Frontier this summer?

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What skills do you have and want to nurture that might be utilized at Northern Frontier now and in the future?

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I realize that in applying to be a part of the “Core Training” program at Northern Frontier Camp and possibly a future staffer, I am seeking a great responsibility as well as a great opportunity. I realize that while at camp I am subject to camp regulations and will abide by them. My motivation for being in the program and serving is to please Jesus Christ. I am willing to participate and serve wherever needed and will extend myself to attain the goals of Northern Frontier Camp’s “Core Training” program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parents’ Authorization** (for all “Core Training” applicants)

I hereby give permission for my son to participate in the “Core Training” program at Northern Frontier Camp, and to participate in all camp activities. In the event of illness or injury, I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order x-rays, routine tests, and treatment for my son, and in the event I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my son named above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please sign and send this application to the Battalion Program Director. Have the three attached reference questionnaires filled out by your pastor and two other Christian adults, preferably associated with your work in Christian Service Brigade or other church service areas. Have the questionnaires sent directly to the **Battalion Program Director** by those filling them out.

**If you are mailing this out on or before June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012—please mail to:**  
**Peter Fowler**  
**1151 W. Ida Avenue, Apt. #305**  
**Littleton, CO 80120**  
**(516) 640-8968**  
**Peter.d.fowler11@gmail.com**

**On or after June 18<sup>th</sup> mail to:**  
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**(Pastor's Reference)**

**Northern Frontier "Core Training" Program Reference Questionnaire**

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Position for which he is applying: \_\_\_\_\_

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1) How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2) What is your relationship to him? \_\_\_\_\_

3) How well do you know the applicant? (circle one) by name/sight    casually    fairly well    very well

4) List two or three words which best describe his personality: \_\_\_\_\_

5) Select phrases below which best describe the applicant:

6) Put a check in the appropriate columns below:

		Excellent	good	average	poor	unknown
<b>Work with others</b> <input type="checkbox"/> willingly does more than their share <input type="checkbox"/> cooperates and inspires confidence <input type="checkbox"/> works well on a team <input type="checkbox"/> cooperates grudgingly <input type="checkbox"/> would rather work by themselves	<b>Control of emotions</b> <input type="checkbox"/> easily depressed <input type="checkbox"/> quiet <input type="checkbox"/> well-balanced <input type="checkbox"/> excitable <input type="checkbox"/> over-emotional	Appearance and cleanliness	_____	_____	_____	_____
		Honesty and integrity	_____	_____	_____	_____
		Industry and initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____
		Emotional stability	_____	_____	_____	_____
		Willingness to learn	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Responsibility</b> <input type="checkbox"/> irresponsible <input type="checkbox"/> needs constant supervision <input type="checkbox"/> needs detailed instructions <input type="checkbox"/> a conscientious worker <input type="checkbox"/> will get work done on their own	<b>Leadership</b> <input type="checkbox"/> exceptionally good leader <input type="checkbox"/> able to lead others by example <input type="checkbox"/> has leadership potential <input type="checkbox"/> follows other's lead <input type="checkbox"/> likes to give orders	Concern for others	_____	_____	_____	_____
		Attitude towards superiors	_____	_____	_____	_____
		Oral communication skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Spiritual Maturity</b> <input type="checkbox"/> no evidence of life in Christ <input type="checkbox"/> talks it but does not walk it <input type="checkbox"/> a growing Christian <input type="checkbox"/> always stands for convictions <input type="checkbox"/> exceptional maturity	<b>Relationships with others</b> <input type="checkbox"/> selfish <input type="checkbox"/> critical, wise-guy <input type="checkbox"/> friendly, outgoing <input type="checkbox"/> sensitive, empathetic <input type="checkbox"/> has a servant's heart	Knowledge of Bible	_____	_____	_____	_____

7) Comment on his activity and role in their local church: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

8) A "Core Training" applicant must be a positive Christian role-model. Is there anything that we should know about the applicant that you feel would affect him working with children at Northern Frontier? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

9) If you had a son coming to camp, would you want the applicant to be his counselor? (circle if applicable)    Yes    No    Not sure

10) On the basis of my knowledge of this applicant, he is: (check one)  
 Recommended with confidence     Recommended with some reservations     Not recommended

Signature _____	Date _____
Please Print Your Name _____	
Address _____ ( ) _____	
Telephone Number _____	Email address _____

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## **Northern Frontier**

### **Standard of Christian Living**

Members of the Board of Trustees and all Staff members shall subscribe to the following Standard of Christian Living.

The life of the trustees and staff should be positive. A hesitant, uncertain Christian testimony will greatly weaken the effectiveness of the Gospel appeal to boys. They should be certain of their relationship to Christ and joyful in it. Their lives should be without question. All leaders of boys need to be reminded, "Don't look now, but you're being followed!" The serious responsibility of shaping young lives demands high standards of personal conduct. Christian leaders cannot be too careful. Their personal habits must be such that the boys who listen to them at Northern Frontier in the summer can observe them at any other time without losing respect for their testimony.

There is no question about the teaching of the Scriptures concerning standards of honesty, self-control, humility and cleanness of speech and thought. However, there are certain practical problems of conduct, which sometimes cause confusion and disagreement among Christians. Such matters cannot be settled by superimposing commandments that go beyond the Scriptures, but they must be determined by the individual's communion with the Lord based on the Word of God and the witness of the Holy Spirit. God has not given a "thou shalt not" in regard to some things, because Christians are greatly strengthened as they seek an understanding of the will of God for themselves. When Christians face squarely the matter of their daily personal conduct, they have an obligation to obey those standards, which they believe God has given them. The Word of God clearly teaches; "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." (James 4:17) All who are sincerely determined to live according to God's standards will find positive guidance from Romans 12 and 13.

Christian leaders have the additional responsibility of maintaining those habits of conduct, which young fellows can safely follow. It is impossible for them to have one way of living before boys and another when they are presumably away from them. In practice, leaders should weigh their personal habits in the light of whether or not they would be satisfied for boys to do the same. Boys can hardly be expected to achieve a higher standard of Christian conduct than their leaders.

In view of the great responsibility of boys' leadership, Northern Frontier requires its staff members to take a decisive stand on habit-forming practices generally acknowledged to be detrimental. The enslaving tendencies of such habits are clear justification for this stand, especially where the training of youth is involved. Just as men may separate and condition themselves for a particular responsibility or occupation, so leadership in Christian boys' work calls for abstinence from such practices.

The Lord's service requires clean vessels, and He has promised the grace necessary to be such. The Savior calls for men who can stand before boys with a positive, clear-cut Christian testimony and in turn have the joy of watching young men follow them into a similar life.

# **Northern Frontier**

## **Standard of Faith**

Members of the Board of Trustees and all Staff shall subscribe to the following Standard of Faith:

1. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also spiritual death that is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.