



Leadership Development!!!



Summer 2013



Leadership development is one of our primary core values at Westlawn Youth Network (WYN) and is a key element in all of our programs and especially in our 5 week summer day camp, Camp Champ! Past campers become Junior Leaders, Junior Leaders become Senior Leaders and Senior Leaders often return as Adult Leaders! Kristen has participated in Camp Champ in every capacity and this year will be directing the Junior Leaders program! We've asked Kristen to introduce us to one of our Junior Leaders!

Director Kristen "Corneisha was a fresh-

man in High School when she applied to work as a junior leader in 2011. She was quiet but showed great promise in her interview and during the pre-camp week long training. It became evident early on that she possessed a maturity that we were not used to seeing in a teenager. Corneisha did a great job that first year and has returned to serve each summer since, growing and developing as a leader! She has matured and blossomed and I've watched her grow into a beautiful, caring, intelligent, and mature young lady. This year she will be promoted to Junior Leader Assistant Manager. Please listen to Corneisha as she shares about her Camp Champ experience!"



Junior Leader Corneisha "Before working at Camp Champ I was a quiet and timid person. I had just graduated from eighth grade and I was only looking for employment; I had no idea I was going to be entering a family. Family might sound cliché, but that is exactly what Camp Champ is, a Family. This family is led by extraordinary and influential people: Papa Shannon, Pastor Derrick, Kristen, Amy, Aaron & Uncle Soda Pop,. The campers are all like siblings. Dickson Valley was always like a big family reunion. I knew most of the campers from around the neighborhood and it was great to see them in such a silly playful environment. Growing up in the North Lawndale community you have to grow up pretty fast. You don't have the privilege of being a kid. Camp Champ gives neighborhood kids a rare opportunity, the opportunity to be a child. During my first year as a junior leader everyone at camp played a part in breaking me out of my shell. I am now an energetic, outspoken and more outgoing person. I want to further my experience with Camp Champ continuing to influence young lives."



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**Westlawn Youth Network
is in need of a 12 to 15 passenger van!**

Do you know of someone that wants to donate a van?



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Camp Champ
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\$450 per Camper
for 4 weeks



Camp Champ Leadership Scholarships!

Leadership Development Program's
Scholarship Costs

12 Junior Leaders—\$5,500

9 Adult Leaders— \$12,576



A Word From Derrick & Mark

Neighborhood Scout, a
real-estate neighbor-

hood search website recently analyzed FBI data from 17,000 local law enforcement agencies to find the specific neighborhoods in America with the highest rates of violent crime. And yes, you guessed it...our beloved North Lawndale made the top 25! In fact, we were ranked 13th! Reading all the stats and descriptions that contribute to our inclusion in this category can be discouraging. For us, the numbers represent neighbors, friends, family and church members! But, we also know these numbers only tell part of the story! Kristen, Corneisha, the rest of the staff along with the Camp Champ campers represent lives and stories that the numbers don't tell! Thank you for your ongoing support for Camp Champ and WYN as we join with God in His ongoing story of redemption and transformation right here in North Lawndale!

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