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## Girls Rock Charleston Summer 2017 Teen Leader Application

Thank you for your interest in being a Teen Leader at Girls Rock Charleston's summer camp! No music experience is necessary. Please read and complete this application carefully. Contact us if you have any questions. Teen Leaders will participate in pre-camp meetings, as well as Teen Leader Orientation on **Sunday, June 25, 2017** from 2pm to 6pm at **North Charleston High School, 1087 E Montague Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405**. Camp will take place at **North Charleston High School** from **Monday, June 26, 2017 to Friday, June 30, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** All teen leaders will participate at the showcase on **Saturday, July 1** at the Charleston Music Hall.

Girls Rock Charleston's Summer Camp is the longest running program of the Carolina Youth Action Project. **CYAP** is a grassroots nonprofit that uses music as a vehicle for social change and builds power among girls and transgender youth in Charleston, South Carolina. We develop feminist and anti-racist youth leaders through cultural organizing practices that blend music education, political education, and DIY media making.

### Application Timeline

<b>May 12</b>	Teen Leader applications due
<b>May 15</b>	Acceptance Notification
<b>June 3, 10, 17</b>	Teen Leader Trainings (Teen Leader forms due at first training)
<b>June 25</b>	Teen Leader Orientation
<b>June 26</b>	FIRST DAY OF CAMP!
<b>July 1</b>	Showcase

Applications can be mailed to:

Girls Rock Charleston P.O. BOX 20971, Charleston, SC 29413

Or e-mailed to: [camp@girlsrockcharleston.org](mailto:camp@girlsrockcharleston.org)

You may also fill out or application online at <http://girlsrockcharleston.org/>

## **Teen Leader Information**

Camp will be held at North Charleston High School. A typical day at camp includes instrument classes, morning and afternoon assemblies, workshops, band practices, performances by female-identified musicians, and often a dance party!

The Teen Leader program is open to girls and transgender youth who are of high school age (14-17). This year, we want our Teen Leaders to have a role in hands-on organizing alongside adult organizers. The goal is for young people to emerge as facilitators and organizers of youth-centered feminist and anti-racist work. Teen Leaders will work in groups of 3-4 to set up their own workshop tracks about topics that are important to them and inform campers about real-world issues and actions affecting young people. In three Saturday meet-ups (June 3, 10, and 17 from 10am to 1pm), Teen Leaders will meet with adult organizers to plan their workshop sessions, learn about facilitation and lesson planning. It is required that you attend these three pre-camp meetings.

Teen Leaders will also be able to take on other roles during camp, which might include instrument instruction, documentation, participating in assemblies, or emceeding our end-of-camp showcase.

It is imperative to our mission and vision that we ensure our programs are accessible to and inclusive of youth and families of all backgrounds regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, community, geographic location, age, ability, and experience. In an effort to create a Teen Leader and camper population that reflects the diversity of the Charleston community, Girls Rock Charleston does not select campers and Teen Leaders strictly on a first come, first serve basis. Please understand that we cannot guarantee you a spot or notify you of acceptance until after the application deadline. We cannot guarantee spots to applicants who have already been involved in camp.

### **Being a Teen Leader is free!**

There is no tuition fee for being a Teen Leader. However, if you and your family would like to make a donation to our scholarship fund, this will assist Girls Rock Charleston in making sure our camp is accessible to all campers who would like to attend. All donations to Girls Rock Charleston are tax-deductible.

## Contact Information

Teen Leader legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Gender Pronouns (She/her/hers, he/him/his, they/them/theirs): \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Leader Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Leader Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Parent/Caregiver 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Teen Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of communication:  phone  e-mail  snail mail

Would you like to be added to our mailing list to learn about future events? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver 2 (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Teen Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of communication:  phone  e-mail  snail mail

Would you like to be added to our mailing list to learn about future events? \_\_\_\_\_

## Teen Leader Information

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please list and elaborate on any medical conditions or allergies of which we should be aware:

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Please list and elaborate on any behavioral, emotional or developmental issues of which we should be aware:

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Please list any and all medications the Teen Leader is taking to treat the above-mentioned conditions:

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Let us know if there are any significant circumstances or family situations affecting the Teen Leader that you would like to let us know about (for example: recent move or parents going through a divorce):

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Will the teen leader drive themselves to camp? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the teen leader need help with transportation to get to camp? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in helping others with transportation to camp? \_\_\_\_\_

What school does the teen leader attend? What grade will they be in next year?

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T-shirt size (circle one):          youth x-small          youth small          youth medium  
   youth large          adult small          adult medium          adult large          adult x-large

How did you hear about Girls Rock Charleston? \_\_\_\_\_

If not accepted as a Teen Leader, would they be interested in participating as a camper this year?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes!    \_\_\_\_\_ Not this summer!

### **Nondiscrimination Policy**

Please read and sign below to acknowledge that you have read our nondiscrimination policy. If you have any questions about our nondiscrimination policy or the core-values of our organization, please contact us.

Carolina Youth Action Project values diversity and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, economic status, gender expression, size, physical ability, developmental ability, musical interests, learning styles, nationality, religion, thought, citizenship status, and sexual orientation in the administration of its educational programs, admissions policies, scholarships and other camp related policies and programs, as well as volunteer and employment related policies and activities.

Signature of Teen Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Media Release Form**

Please sign below to acknowledge that you agree to our media release statement.

Any photos, recorded (audio or video) and written materials created for and/or during camp are Girls Rock Charleston property and may be used for promotional purposes in the future by Girls Rock Charleston and the Girls Rock Camp Alliance.

Signature of Teen Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **GRC Teen Leader Application**

This portion of the application should be filled out by the Teen Leader.

We want to learn about you and what you want to contribute to camp this summer. You may use one of the following formats: an essay, video presentation, song (written or performed), idea map or flowchart, visual art piece. Please respond to the following questions in the format of your choice!

**What do you believe makes a safe community for girls, queer/trans youth and people of color? How would you begin to create a safe community in Charleston?**

You can submit your response to our PO Box or via email. If you are unsure of the format or file type that you are sending, please contact us at [camp@girlsrockcharleston.org](mailto:camp@girlsrockcharleston.org)

## **Other Camp Roles!**

In addition to facilitating your workshop, there will also be opportunities to fill other roles at camp. Please indicate which position(s) you are interested in by checking all that apply (you may be on more than one team):

### **Band Member**

This summer, we are not requiring teen leaders to perform in a band.

Would you like to perform in a band?  Yes  No

If you are in a band, what instrument would you like to play?

**(Please mark a 1 by your first choice, 2 by your second choice, and a 3 by your third choice.)**

Guitar  Bass  Keyboard  Drums

What musical experience do you have with these instruments?

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### **Instrument Instructor**

Teen Leaders who sign up for this role will have the opportunity to co-teach a class of 3-6 campers. Instructors are responsible for planning lessons, teaching the instrument, and creating a supportive learning environment for the campers. **Helpful skills:** epic music experience, experience working with youth, and knowledge and creativity in accommodating differently abled youth.

Please indicate which instrument you would prefer to teach (Electric Guitar, Electric Bass, Drum Kit, Keyboards). If you are able to teach more than one, please number them in order of preference (1 being the most desirable).

\_\_\_\_\_ Ready to shred it!

<b>Instrument:</b>	<b>Preference:</b>				
Electric Guitar	1	2	3	4	0
Keyboard	1	2	3	4	0
Drum Kit	1	2	3	4	0
Electric Bass	1	2	3	4	0

What musical experience do you have with these instruments?

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### **Assembly Team**

Assembly Team members will help plan and run morning assembly for the duration of camp week. They will also help introduce guest lunch bands and run the question & answer segment at the end of each performance. Do you enjoy planning and acting out skits? Want to engage the campers in morning activities that jump start the day? Are you familiar with punk rock aerobics or other exercises that get our bodies + minds moving? Helpful skills: mad joke telling, improvisation skills, and the ability to engage an audience/comfortable speaking in front of groups of people.

\_\_\_\_\_ I put the pun in punny!

### **Emcee Team**

The Emcee Team will work with the Showcase Coordinators during camp week to plan the performance schedule for the end of camp Showcase. Teen Leaders will have the opportunity to announce camper bands, create skits, and get the crowd energized. Helpful skills: improvisation skills, a knack for joke telling, and the ability to engage an audience/comfortable speaking in front of groups of people.

\_\_\_\_\_ Let's get this show started!

## **Documentation Team**

The documentation team will be responsible for capturing the magic of camp and sharing what's going on with the outside world. You will take photos and video, post on Instagram and Facebook, and even write blog posts or articles. Experience with photo and video editing and tech skills a plus!

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm a Snapchat pro!

## **Why I Rock!**

We really want to get to know you! These are some questions that will help us know what you're interested in learning and what sorts of leadership roles might be best for you to take on at camp.

## **What identities are important to you?**

We recognize that people are coming to Girls Rock Charleston from a multitude of identities and experiences. We would love to know who is coming to camp and what identities are important to our volunteers. For example: immigrant, person of color [black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous], working class, genderqueer/Two-Spirit, LGBTQ, artist/musician, parent/caregiver, femme, butch, boi, etc.

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Have you ever attended Girls Rock Charleston Summer Camp or another Rock Camp before?

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If yes, please tell us about your experience (when was it held, what instrument you played, what you liked and didn't like, etc.)

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Name your top three bands or musicians:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Name three songs you want to hear at camp:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What has inspired you to apply to be a Teen Leader at camp?

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What skills, talents, passions, and experiences do you have that might come in useful as a Teen Leader? (This doesn't need to be music related!)

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What experience do you have working with younger children?

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