

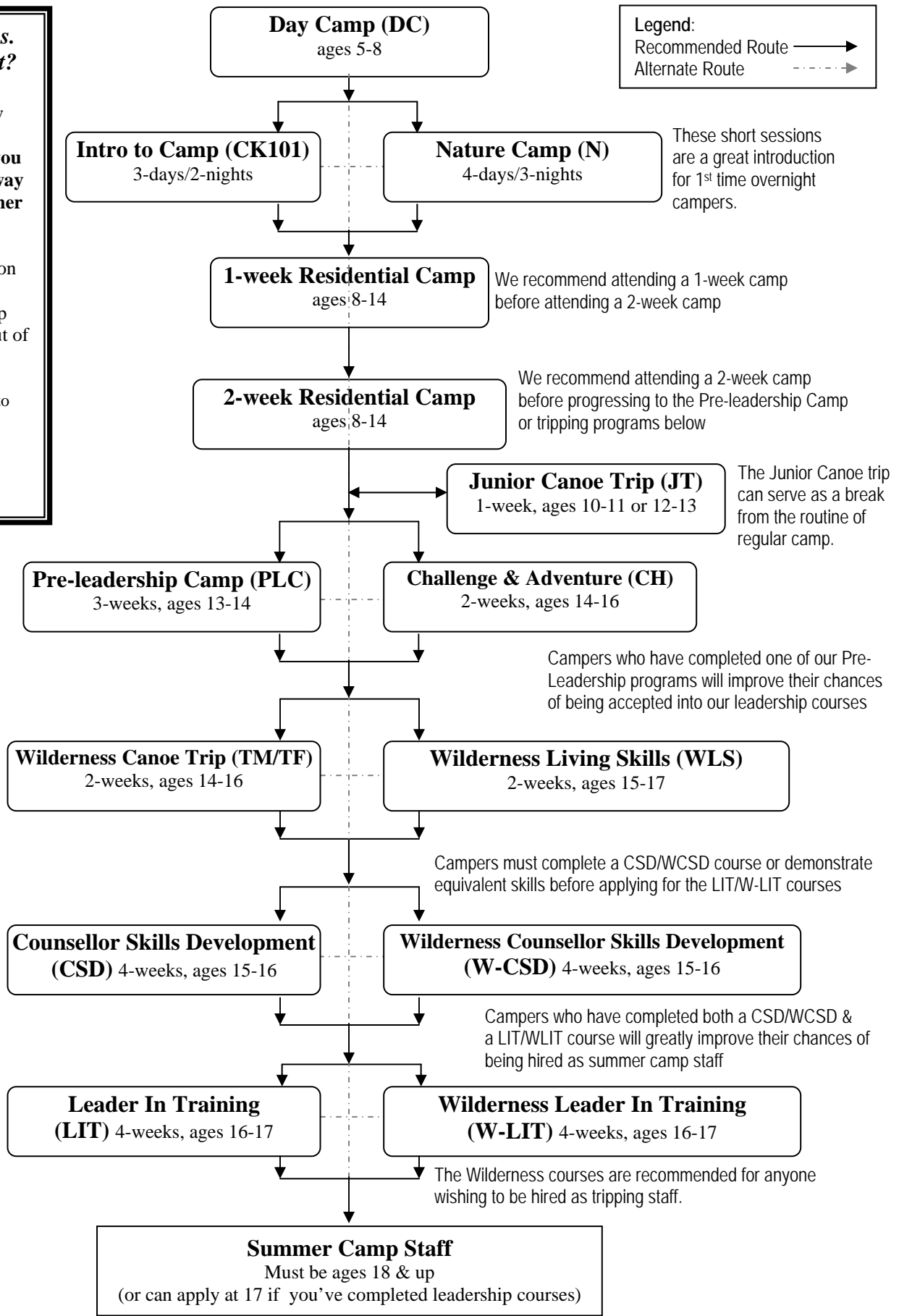
So many choices. Where do I start?

The following flow chart serves as a guideline to help you choose your pathway through our summer camp programs.

The order is based on age and suggested prerequisites to help you get the most out of each camp session.

We reserve the right to suggest an alternate pathway to campers based on their experience, skills and goals.

Legend:
 Recommended Route ———→
 Alternate Route - - - - -→



NOTE:
 A Leadership Application Form must be completed to apply for these Leadership Training Courses

Leadership at Camp Kawartha

How important is leadership as a concept at a summer camp, and how does one define leadership? Leadership is an ongoing process, and this process is as personal as one's fingerprint.

At Camp Kawartha, leadership is displayed by having the courage of being away from home for the first time, of remembering to brush one's teeth, and help set and clear tables in the dining hall. It's about respecting one's self, others and the environment. It's about standing in line at tuck rather than pushing even though you're at the back and the candy looks so good. It's about helping others, and making another camper's first experience memorable. It's about participation, and trying even when it seems too hard.

As a parent or a camper, where does one start their journey at Camp Kawartha?

Our youngest campers are the **Day Campers** (ages 5-8). They get to experience the phenomenon of a camp environment while returning home at night.

When they are ready, campers take the plunge into **Residential Camp** (for ages 8-14) as either a 1-week or a 2-week camper. Those not quite ready for a full week may take advantage of our 4-day/3-night **Nature Camp** (for ages 7-14) at the end of the summer before committing to a longer session.

Young campers who want to experience more of the wilderness or want a break from the routine of regular camp can join our 1-week **Junior Canoe Trip** programs for 10-11 year olds and 12-13 year olds.

After a few years of 1 or 2 week sessions, campers can take advantage of a longer, more intensive program. Our **Pre-Leadership Camp** (PLC) for ages 13-14 runs for three weeks and helps prepare campers for our leadership training courses.

Following PLC and regular residential camp, campers have the choice of further building their skills towards CSD by participating in our 2-week **Wilderness Canoe Trip** and/or **Challenge and Adventure** programs for ages 14-16 or applying directly to one of our 4-week **Counsellor Skills Development** (CSD or WCSD) Programs for ages 15-16.

Our **Leader In Training** programs (ages 16-17) are the final step towards staff. This is the ultimate camper experience! LITs are usually chosen from the pool of campers who have successfully completed CSD, but those who have completed the Wilderness Canoe Trip and/or Challenge and Adventure, or a similar program may also apply.

Our regular LIT program focuses on the soft skills required to be a successful counsellor. Our **Wilderness LIT** program with a greater focus on tripping skills. All successful LITs on completing their programs will be invited back to volunteer for our Nature Camp at the end of the summer.

Then it's off to staff, and a lifetime of leadership opportunities that will include model citizenship, a heightened awareness for the Earth, a strong work ethic, and reward through action!

At Camp Kawartha, we continue to work hard to improve and develop our leadership programs, and methods. We encourage feedback, suggestions, and all inquiries into our process! Good luck with your decisions, and we look forward to working with you this upcoming summer.