



Thank you for your interest in McCallie School's Character Leadership Community Program.

At CLC, we believe that the world is in need of great leadership and that great leaders are not born, but are educated and trained to find and develop their passion to serve. Our goal is to help make the world better by encouraging young leaders to follow a strong moral compass toward their guiding purposes in life. We explore and develop a central idea: that it is meaningful and beneficial to serve others. Using a fun, but intense two week "camp" experience to engage the hearts, minds, and creative energies of rising 8th and 9th grade boys, CLC seeks to encourage young men to take charge in their communities back home and for the rest of their lives to grow the forces for good work on both a neighborhood, national, and global scale.

The model we follow at camp is really very simple. Each day we serve, we learn, and we play. Typically, in the mornings, we head out to work on a service project within the local community here in Chattanooga. One day, we may work at painting a house for Widow's Harvest, another day we may pack boxes at the Food Bank, or we may be found on Lookout Mountain clearing hiking trails with the Lula Lake Land Trust. In our learning components, we visit with doctors, lawyers and judges, social workers, business leaders, members of the clergy, and with educators. We take classes with some of McCallie's most popular teachers. Then we play; and boy, do we play. We play all of the traditional sports, but we are very outdoor and adventure oriented: we climb, we hike, we raft, we jump off of cliffs into deep swimming holes, and we explore caves.

The region and McCallie School are uniquely suited for this program. CLC is built on solid foundations: its program and purpose, its people, and its location.

- * In the unique CLC Program, you will share in experiences designed to stretch your mind, open your heart, and engage your imagination about what the future may hold. You will return home better suited to make a difference in your own community.
- * As the largest all-male secondary school in the United States, McCallie is well known for both its academic rigor and for training leaders among young men. You will share your CLC experiences with a select group of highly talented peers, some of McCallie's most outstanding teachers, some of McCallie's most outstanding older students or recent graduates, and an inspiring array of invited alumni and other guests.
- * The McCallie campus, with its extensive facilities, will be our primary location, but we also will immerse ourselves in the greater Chattanooga region, an area rich in natural beauty and interesting places and people. Regularly noted as a "green" gem and as a "comeback kid" environmentally (*Outside Magazine*, *National Geographic Adventure* and others), Chattanooga is an ideal spot to talk about the role of character, community leadership, tolerance, and stewardship.

If this sounds like something that is right for you, we invite you to follow up on your initial interest and apply to be part of the Character Leadership Community program. We look forward to receiving your application!

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