

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks Advanced Leadership Development Program (ALDP)



12-16 individuals will be selected to participate in an intensive leadership development program unique to A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP). This program was originally designed for seminary and graduate students but has been expanded to include exceptional undergraduates and non-students. ALDP participants will focus on the practical exploration and development of their Christian leadership capacities as identified through the Lion's Lead Leadership Assessment, spearhead a ministry project in their assigned park, assist with the ACMNP National Training Conference, and invest effort in significant reflection throughout their season. Participants will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, training, and support from ACMNP National Staff, Ministry Support Committee, and mentor where available.

Application Process

1. Apply to ACMNP's ministry program online at www.acmnp.com/apply-now/. **ACMNP assumes that you will be involved in the ministry program even if you are not chosen to participate in the ALDP. You may be offered a summer placement before the ALDP participants are chosen.**
2. After completing your ACMNP application, send an email to ddegler@acmnp.com indicating that you intend to apply for the Advanced Leadership Development Program. Dave will send you an application. You may be contacted for a phone interview after receiving your ALDP application.
3. Your ALDP application must be received on or before **Wednesday, March 16**. Before is preferred.
4. Final decisions on participants in this program will be made on or before **Friday, March 18**.

Program Details – Please read carefully.

1. You must be available to participate in the ALDP Training event on **April 20-22** in Estes Park, CO. Exceptions are not made.
2. You must attend the ACMNP National Training Conference from **April 20-24**.
3. You are responsible for the \$350 ACMNP Program Fee (ACMNP alum \$275). This fee includes the ALDP training, assessment, the National Training Conference, a post-season debrief, ministry materials, summer staff visit, and much more.
4. You must take the LeadRight Leadership Assessment through Sunday, **April 10**. The assessment, valued at \$400, will be paid for by ACMNP.
5. You will be trained to interpret the Successful Student Profile assessments that are given to all ACMNP Ministry Team Members.
6. You will lead an ACMNP Ministry Team.
7. You will work a full time job in the park as part of the ACMNP ministry experience.
8. You will complete a significant and personalized ministry project in the park with training, assistance, and support from the National Office.
9. You will participate in an end-of-season questionnaire and a end-of-year online debrief.
10. You will receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon completion of your commitments to ACMNP and your employer.

Timeline Overview

- March 16 midnight – All applications received
- March 18 – Final placements offered
- April 10 – Take the LeadRight leadership assessment
- April 20 4pm – ALDP training begins
- April 22 6pm – National Training Conference begins

Contact

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