



YOUTH INSTITUTE APPLICATION 2021

(Turn in at YMCA Membership Desk, Youth Institute, or scan and email to rcyimedia@gmail.com)

This program is made possible by funding from the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program of the SD DOE

Applications will be followed up with an in-person interview with YI Staff and tour. Applicants can expect to hear acceptance status (after interview) beginning April 5th. Latest deadline to apply is May 28th, 2021.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TEEN'S NAME _____ NAME LIKE TO BE CALLED _____
First Last

GENDER: M ___ F ___ AGE ___ BIRTHDATE ___/___/___ ETHNICITY _____

TEEN'S CELL PHONE (Optional) (____) _____ OKAY TO TEXT CELL PHONES? Y N

TEEN'S EMAIL (Optional) _____

PRIMARY PHONE TO CONTACT FAMILY (____) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

IN FALL 2021, What school and grade for teen: SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

1st PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____ PHONE: (____) _____

2nd PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____ PHONE: (____) _____

PRIMARY EMAIL FOR FAMILY _____

TEEN LIVES WITH _____

NON-PARENT EMERGENCY CONTACT _____
 PHONE (____) _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN PERMISSION STATEMENT

I, _____ give my son / daughter _____
Parent/ Guardian Teen's Name

permission to participate in the YMCA Youth Institute, a five-day wilderness retreat, field trips, and computer class time from June 7 to July 30, 2021. I understand that 100% attendance is crucial to my child's success in the program. I understand that my child is in good health and able to participate in all activities. I understand that my child will be under direct adult supervision at all times. I understand that my child may be suspended or terminated from the Youth Institute for violating any rules or the Code of Conduct or unexcused absences. I understand that my child will be terminated from the program for more than two unexcused absences. I understand that the YMCA is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen personal articles that my child may bring to the program. I give my permission for responsible adult leaders to seek out any necessary medical care for my child in the event of an emergency and I cannot be reached. I authorize the YMCA to have and use photographs, slides, and video of the person named on this application as may be needed for its public relations program. I agree to waive any claims against the YMCA and its members, volunteers, and consultants for injuries or damages that may result from the conduct of other participants in this program.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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QUESTIONNAIRE

(TO BE WRITTEN AND COMPLETED BY TEENS ONLY)

Teens, answer each question as honestly as possible:

1. Describe yourself, interests, family, and background:

2. What personal obstacles and challenges have you faced in your life that might qualify you for this program?



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3. What activities/sports/clubs/groups have you participated in?

4. Why do you want to be a part of the Youth Institute?

5. What do you expect and hope for out of the Youth Institute?



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6. How did you hear about the Youth Institute?

7. Were you referred to the Youth Institute by someone? If so, who? _____

8. Please attach your latest transcript or report card. *You do not have to get good grades to participate in this program.*

USE THIS EXTRA SPACE IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE TO WRITE



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YOUTH INSTITUTE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- I understand the Youth Institute is eight (8) full weeks, including a week-long Wilderness Retreat June 7th – June 11th, followed by seven weeks of Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, June 14th, through July 30th, 2020.
- I understand that 100% attendance is essential to my success in the program. Having less than 100% attendance may result in consequences including not graduating. This includes being on time.
- I also understand that more than two (2) unexcused absences are grounds for termination from the Youth Institute.
- I understand that I must be present for the full length of the Wilderness Retreat, as it is a vital time for relationship and team building. Choosing to leave early (or having to leave as a result of behavior issues) will mean forfeiture of my position in the rest of the Summer Program.
- I understand that I am expected to use appropriate language, am not allowed to smoke, chew tobacco, possess any smoking materials, possess alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs while a participant in the Youth Institute.
- I understand that possession of illegal weapons or firearms is immediate grounds for expulsion.
- I understand that I will be terminated immediately if I access any sexual content or hate websites while attending the Youth Institute or using their computers or Internet hookups.
- I understand that there is a dress code. No suggestive low cut halter-tops. No clothing with suggestive or derogatory logos. Casual dress is allowed.
- I understand that as a participant, I am encouraged to develop friendships with other members of the program, but displays of affection (hand-holding, kissing, excessive hugging, etc.) and starting new dating relationships with other YI members are NOT permitted *during* the 8 week summer of Youth Institute. Violation of this may result in termination from the program.
- I understand that I may not bring cell phones, tablets, video games, or other electronic devices to the Youth Institute Wilderness Retreat. Any devices (including cell phones) brought during the day will be safely stowed away by YI Staff and returned at the end of the day.
- I understand that I may also be suspended or terminated for fighting, threatening, stealing, disrespecting any staff member's authority, or being disruptive to the learning environment of the Youth Institute.
- I understand that messing with or deleting another person's files on a computer is grounds for expulsion from the program.
- I understand that I may be terminated for not following any staff member's instructions while in the Youth Institute class or on the Wilderness Retreat.
- I understand that all of my personal belongings while attending the Youth Institute are my sole responsibility and that the YMCA is not responsible for damaged, stolen or lost possessions.
- I agree to attend the school year's Youth Institute program at a minimum of 22 days during the school year. *(Required for those wanting to be part of future summers and gain higher rankings within YI)*
- I understand that I am committed to helping YI with 10hrs of YI Projects between September 2020 and May 2021 after I graduate the Youth Institute Summer Program. *(Required for those wanting to be part of future summers and gain higher rankings within YI)*
- I understand that I will have the opportunity to help with Youth Institute's Perspective and other in-house projects as needed.



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I have read and understand this Code of Conduct for the YMCA Youth Institute. I also understand that these are primarily the basic rules of participation. There are other rules that may apply. I will abide by all of the above regulations or may risk termination from the Youth Institute.

Teen's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____