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## Youth Leadership Academy 2019

# PARENT GUIDE

### **WELCOME TO THE TWO RIVERS YMCA YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY!**

Summer is a special time for children and young adults to enjoy the outdoors, to learn, to have fun and build new relationships. It is also a time when working parents are concerned about the care and security of their children. Youth Leadership Academy offers a wide range of activities to ensure that YLA participants are productive, safe and having fun. Our Mentors are carefully chosen for their maturity, understanding of what it takes to enrich and enlighten each YLA participant's self-esteem, and their character traits that make them positive role models.

Youth Leadership Academy is different from any Two Rivers YMCA summer camp. So, please read the following information carefully so that you are familiar with our policies and procedures. Our staff is available to answer questions and help solve any problems you may encounter. Have a great summer!

### **Weekly Activities**

YLA participants and parents will have access to a calendar of scheduled activities and field trips. (Schedule subject to change due to weather)

### **Requirements to Begin Youth Leadership Academy**

- ✓ Completed registration forms for each child
- ✓ First week pre-paid or draft set up before first week of academy

### **Financial Assistance**

No person is denied care due to the inability to pay fees. The Y provides assistance on a sliding fee scale and we also accept state agency payments.

We must have this information before May 15th to qualify for assistance. Families may only be on Y Assistance or State Assistance (cannot use both at one time).

### **State Assistance**

These accounts will still need to register and pay the appropriate activity fee to be considered registered. If we do not receive your co-payment information from the state before camp begins, you will be required to pay \$25 per week per child until that information is received.

### **Non-Draft Payment Policy**

Payments with credit cards, cash, check or money order must be received in advance at the Y front desk or online before the session begins for non-draft accounts. Previous session(s) must be paid in full before registering for upcoming sessions.

#### **YMCA MISSION**

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT**

Each child shall be recognized as an individual whose gender, ability, differences, personal privacy, choices of activities, cultural, ethnic and religious background will be acknowledged and respected.

## **Draft Payment Policy**

If you choose to allow us to draft your credit, debit, savings or checking account at the middle and end of the month you will not need to notify the Y Front desk or our staff. If your card or account is declined for any reason when we draft there will be a \$10 service fee for each incident.

## **Refund Policy**

If your child does not attend the program for the session you registered for and paid for in advanced, you will not be re-funded unless you cancel in advance at least one week before the session starts. **The activity fee is non-refundable.**

## **Early Drop-off and Late Pick-up**

Even if YLA participants are not members of the Two Rivers YMCA, they may be dropped off as early as 6:30am and stay as late as 5:30pm. We only ask that during the times when the Academy is not operating that the YLA participants follows the facility rules and regulations of the Two Rivers YMCA.

## **Dress Code**

Youth Leaders must be prepared for the elements each day. We ask our members to always wear a pair of tennis shoes also, pack sunscreen, swimming attire and flip flops, dress for the day and always have fun.

## **Medication and Applications**

We are not your typical camp, we are a Leadership Academy! We treat each member with respect and help form them into leaders. Part of leadership is also being responsible. We will remind members to put on sunscreen or bug spray but, we will not apply it for them. YLA participants are responsible for their own medication. YLA Mentors will be responsible to remind the member of a time they need to take them, but we are not responsible for administrating or lost medication.

## **Lost and Found**

The Youth Leadership Academy is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Since this program is constantly going places in and around the Quad Cities we encourage Y Leaders to be responsible for their own items. If items are lost inside or around the Two Rivers YMCA facility, you could check the North Service Center. After 30 days we will donate items to the Goodwill.

## **Food Program and Snacks**

The Two Rivers YMCA provides a lunch and a snack daily. However, your child is welcome to bring a sack lunch if you chose. This program also makes stops at small convenient stores and gas stations throughout the week and many places we go offer things to purchase. So it is up to your discretion to allow your child to carry money. However, Y Mentors will not carry money for YLA participants and are not responsible for lost or stolen money.

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