

2012 Year-Round Youth Leadership Programs



Winter Charity Sale: The Youth Leaders will have a chance to put together a Charity Sale to benefit service projects that the teens will complete later in the year. A planning process is completed with the CITs & ACE IIs. All of the Youth Leaders are able to support the event through volunteer efforts or by working to bring in donations and customers. This event will likely occur in January or February.

February Follow-Up: a 2-day follow-up. Teens will apply to be in one of the 3 Youth Leadership programs. They will do a service project for camp or off camp grounds. We will begin the interview process after applications have been completed.

March Follow-Up: a 3-day follow up. Teens finish the interviewing process for Youth Leadership. They will also help to organize the activities surrounding Spring into Wellness, our community wellness initiative and kick-off summer camp registration. Teens assist with summer camp registration, greeting/welcoming families, food, and planning and leading games and activities during Spring into Wellness.



Alternative Spring Break Trip: An 8-day long service trip. A group of 8 teens are selected from a pool of our Youth Leaders who apply (Youth Leaders must have spent at least one year in the program). Teens are selected based on follow-up attendance, program level, and staff behavior ratings. Teens will go to the Gulf Shores area to complete service projects for families and the local community. YL's will also get a chance to see Gulf Shores and experience the area. Trip began as a service effort to benefit hurricane victims in the Gulf Shores area.

College Visit I & II: Two day-long trips. We offer this to any of our Youth Leaders, grades 9-12. Visits are strategically placed. For example, one smaller school and one larger school so the teens can get a feel for both types of colleges. Through the university's admissions program, teens receive tours, an admissions presentation, and any other programming. Teens eat on campus and explore the buildings and grounds to obtain a sense of the university feel/setting. We hope to visit Marian University and Vincennes University in 2012.

Halloween Follow Up I: Current Youth Leaders return to camp after having been away for the summer. A two-day follow up, teens are oriented to the 2012/13 program, and there is a focus on planning for the Haunted Happening to occur the following weekend.

Halloween Follow Up II: Current Youth Leaders continue to plan and initiate projects for the Haunted Happening to be held on Saturday. Planning teams include Haunted House Team, Fun House Team, Gory Games Team, Haunted Trail Team, Snacks Team, and Costume contest/trick-or-treating Team. Teens will set up their plans and then implement them during the Haunted Happening on Saturday.

November Follow Up: Current Youth Leaders come to this follow up, but Potential Youth Leaders, teens 13 and up who were recommended by counselors over the summer, are invited in to this follow up. There is a focus on team-building and orientation with the new recruits. A service project is also completed at camp. Preparations for the Holiday Party are begun by wrapping gifts or other event preparations.

December Follow Up: A 3-day follow up. Youth Leaders split up into teams to help plan and implement the Holiday Party, our annual Christmas event to which we invite all of our families. Typically held at a movie theatre, a pair of movie screens are reserved in conjunction with Variety, the Children's Charity, and the teens help to man and clean up the theatres, hand out popcorn/pop, hand out gifts to all of the children, take pics with santa, and raffle off food baskets. Typically, the teens then have a pizza party after the event. Upon return to camp on Saturday, the Youth Leaders are able to relax, participating in a white elephant gift exchange.

- ☆ At all Follow Up events, there will be a targeted Leadership learning activity. These are often called Leadership Workshops and include topics such as Responsibility, Respect, Initiative, Planning, and many others.
- ☆ Special programming and presentations will be brought in where available to include topics such as Drug/Alcohol Prevention, Sex Education, and Healthy Nutrition and Living Choices.