

2021 Youth Leadership Academy Fact Sheet



The Leadership Lake County 2021 Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is a monthly program for **students who will be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade in August 2020**. The program day topics include goal setting, public speaking, effective communication, time management, positive motivation and community service skills. It is a unique opportunity designed to guide students to reach his or her full leadership potential. ***The class of 2021 will participate in eight monthly program days. There will be no program day in January.***

The Youth Leadership Academy focuses on skill development as it relates to:

Leadership	Critical Thinking & Problem Solving	Goal Setting	Public Speaking
Working with Others	Communication Skills	Service in the Community	

Expectations of students:

- ✓ Fully participate in all program days located in community-based sites for experiential learning
- ✓ Set a personal goal for the year and work with a peer for support and encouragement
- ✓ Complete a career research poster to share with the class
- ✓ Actively contribute to the class service project, *S.S. Kids*, and achieve fundraising goals



YLA sessions:

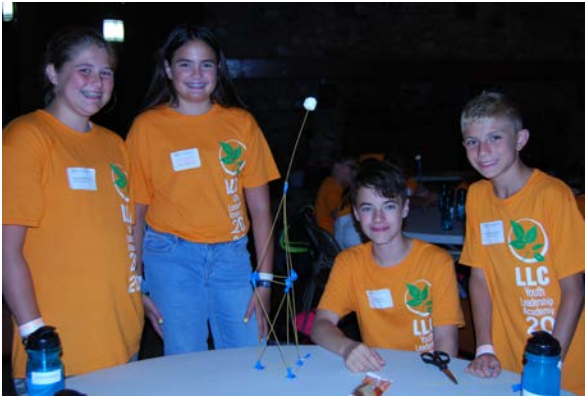
- ✓ Meet at various locations in Lake County the 1st Tuesday in August and September, and the 2nd Tuesday October through April. There is **no program day in January**. School absences are considered field experience and are excused absences.
- ✓ All sessions begin at **7:30 am and conclude at 2:30 pm unless otherwise noted**. Light snacks and lunch will be provided each day.
 - Students may be dropped off at the site locations as early as 7:15 am on program days.
- ✓ Sessions include leadership skill activities, guest speakers, career panels, service project meetings, goal setting, student career presentations, and small group leadership discussions.

Dates to remember

Application Due	Monday	March 31, 2020
Orientation and Tuition Due	Tuesday	May 12, 2020 (6pm-7:30pm)
Everyday Leadership	Tuesday	August 4, 2020
Understanding Leadership	Tuesday	September 1, 2020
Leaders and Followers	Tuesday	October 13, 2020
Communicating as Leaders	Tuesday	November 10, 2020
Turning Conflict into Cooperation	Tuesday	December 8, 2020
Collaboration is Leadership	Tuesday	February 9, 2021
Motivating the team	Tuesday	March 9, 2021
Closing Retreat and Graduation	Tuesday	April 13, 2021

How to participate:

1. Submit a **completed online application** to the Leadership Lake County Office no later than **March 31, 2020**. Applications can be found at our website leadershiplakecounty.org. Applications open January 2, 2020. Applicants will be notified of their status by May 1, 2020.
2. Attend the **Parent/Student Orientation on Tuesday May 12, 2020**.
3. **Submit participation forms and non-refundable tuition of \$350 at Orientation on May 12, 2020**. Thanks to our community partners, we are able to subsidize a significant portion of the actual program cost per student of \$750. A limited number of partial scholarships will be available to help defray the \$350 tuition based on financial need.



Eligibility: Forty-five (45) students will be selected for the YLA Class of 2021. The eligibility requirements are:

- 1. Applicant must be in the 6th– 8th grade in August 2020 and attending school or residing in Lake County.** Applications are submitted in the spring of 5th - 7th grade for the following academic year. **Students may participate in the program for two years.**
- 2. Application criteria and essays** – applications must be complete, essays must be thoughtful and thorough, and the letter of recommendation must be received on time.
- 3. School diversity** – we aim to balance the class according to school representation as much as possible.

YLA Program Facilitators:

Students are under the supervision of the professional education staff of Leadership Lake County, members of Crossroads Health staff and alumni of the Signature (adult) and Junior (high school) Leadership Programs.

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