

51<sup>st</sup> Annual



**YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND DIVERSITY CONFERENCE**

A Civitan Youth Seminar

## Delegate Application & Info Packet

Trine University

July 7 – 12, 2024

Return completed form to [Director@CivitanYLDC.org](mailto:Director@CivitanYLDC.org). Application window closes June 1, 2024. Paper applications can be returned to 8919 Creekway Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 49187, though email applications are preferred. Please reach out to [Director@CivitanYLDC.org](mailto:Director@CivitanYLDC.org) with any questions.

# Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference

We offer an opportunity for high school students to experience a leadership program that is truly unique. For one week during the summer, delegates gather on a college campus and become actively involved in a variety of exercises that will enhance their knowledge of who they are and where they fit into the complexities of an ever-changing society.

During both large and small discussion group sessions, delegates have an opportunity to share their views on a wide variety of topics that are of concern to today's teens. The format is simple: since each of us comes from a slightly different background, our opinions will differ. That's understandable. Delegates learn to listen to others, as well as to articulate their own point of view without personally attacking others for holding differing beliefs. Over the years, it has been proven that delegates do not change what they think or value. They do gain insight into other delegates' thinking and are more able to appreciate differences. For many, it is the first time that they have been given the opportunity to vocalize how they actually feel about the issues being discussed without censure.

It is through the diversity of the delegation that this conference obtains its strength. We do not look at race, creed, color, sex, or ethnic background when selecting delegates. Rather, we truly embrace the differences that each delegate brings, because it is through those differences that delegates learn about themselves and others in this ever shrinking world of ours. It is those special and unique qualities that each delegate possesses that the conference capitalizes on to prove that every person is of special importance to the world as a whole. To be able to look at a person as a valuable asset to society means to look past the stereotypes that may otherwise blind us to the true worth of the individual.

It is the belief of this conference that every delegate is a leader, and to become more effective and self-assured, certain qualities may need to be enhanced. Through the deliberate structuring of activities to promote teamwork, each delegate has the opportunity to demonstrate their individual skills within a safe and non-threatening environment.

There is no better place for the youth of today to experience a program designed to enrich their lives and develop their leadership capabilities than the Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference. It offers, in one short week, what the average individual might take a lifetime to experience.

# Sponsor Information

The cost to attend YLDC is \$375 USD. This encompasses all costs for the Delegate in their week with us—room and board, food, materials, etc. YLDC can be paid for with the assistance of local Civitan clubs, school districts, or by the Delegate’s family.

There are scholarships available from YLDC covering the partial or full amount of tuition. If you or someone that you know would benefit from the use of a scholarship, please write us an email at [ian@civitanylhc.org](mailto:ian@civitanylhc.org) with the subject line “YLDC Scholarship,” and we will assess and provide scholarships on a case-by-case basis. *If you are applying for a scholarship, do not submit this application until you have received confirmation of scholarship acceptance and amount.*

Please indicate below if the Delegate is sponsored by a local club, school district, or other parties. If the Delegate is self-sponsored, please leave this section blank.

Sponsor of Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Is this one of multiple sponsorships? Yes / No

Sponsor Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Phone Number \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Payment for YLDC should accompany this application. Payment may be received online at [CivitanYLDC.org/pay](http://CivitanYLDC.org/pay), or checks made out to “Civitan YLDC” can be mailed to Conference Director, 8919 Creekway Drive Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

# Applicant Information

Full legal name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate Phone Number (Home) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate will enter the following grade in the fall of this year: 9 10 11 12

Parent or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Phone (Home) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact if parent/guardian is unavailable \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

Name of Medical Insurance Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently under medical care? Yes / No If so, for what? \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby certify that our child is currently taking the following medication:

Name of Medication	Reason

\*Note: Delegates will be responsible for self-administration of any prescribed medication.

Allergies to Medicines:

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Allergies to foods:

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Additional health concerns:

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Medical Permission: In the event of your inability to contact us, the parents/guardians, in cases where emergency medical attention is expedient or deemed necessary for our child, we hereby approve whatever medical attention is necessary and determined by the Hospital Physician or University Medical Staff Personnel.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Waiver: I (we), the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of this delegate to the Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference, do hereby release and discharge Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference and Trine University, as well as their officers, agents, instructors, and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, action or causes of actions which I (we) may, can, or shall have by reason of any illness, injury, or accident incurred or suffered by child while attending this conference.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

# Delegate Arrival/Departure Plans

Registration is from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m local time on July 7. Plan on arriving during that time period.

Delegates depart from the conference at 12:00 p.m local time on July 12. YLDC is not responsible for providing transportation for delegates to or from conference.

Who will be dropping the Delegate off at conference?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be picking up the Delegate from conference?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If a delegate is driving their own automobile, and the car will remain on campus during the conference, please complete the following. Keys will be collected at registration and returned on Saturday morning.

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Closing Notes

Applications are processed on a rolling basis, and confirmation of receipt will be accompanied by acceptance to YLDC. Further details will be emailed to each applicant on or about June 15th, providing this application is received by YLDC prior to the due date.

Delegates will be expected to keep their rooms neat at all times. There is to be no illegal drugs, tobacco products, or alcohol on campus. No delegate may leave the grounds of the campus. Theft or vandalism is not an acceptable trait for any delegate. Any delegate acting in an irresponsible manner may, at the discretion of the Director, be withdrawn from the Conference. A parent or Guardian would then be required to arrange for immediate transportation home. Each delegate will be held responsible for any damage to property caused by that person.

To the best of my knowledge, all information that has been provided above is accurate.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

# Our Week At A Glance

## SUNDAY:

3:00 Registration and Campus Tour  
4:30 General Session  
5:00 Dinner  
5:45 Floor Meeting with Counselors  
7:00 Orientation Session  
10:30: Bed Check

## MONDAY:

6:45 Wake-Up Call  
7:30 Breakfast  
8:15 Session: Talk to Us  
9:45 Session: The Power of One  
11:30 Lunch  
12:30 Session: Questioning Our Biases  
2:00 Small Group Discussions  
3:30 Recreation & Relaxation  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Session: The Power of Positive  
7:30 Session: Teamwork  
8:45 The Ultimate Challenge  
11:00 Bed Check

## TUESDAY:

6:45 Wake-Up Call  
7:30 Breakfast  
8:15 Session: Take a Stand  
10:00 Session: Champions of Service  
11:30 Lunch  
12:15 Group Pictures  
1:15 Session: Every Boy, Every Girl  
3:00 Recreation & Relaxation  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Small Group Discussion  
7:30 Session: What makes Me, Me  
11:00 Bed Check

## WEDNESDAY:

6:45 Wake-Up Call  
7:30 Breakfast  
8:15 Sharing Partners  
9:45 Small Group Discussion  
11:15 Lunch  
12:30 Session: The Disability Shift  
2:00 YLDC Mega Games  
5:00 Dinner  
6:00 Session: I OPT to Lead  
7:45 Thursday Night Live  
11:00 Bed Check

## THURSDAY:

6:45 Wake-Up Call  
7:30 Breakfast  
8:15 What Do You Value?  
9:45 Session: TBD  
11:15 Lunch  
12:30 Session: Global Village  
3:00 Recreation & Relaxation  
5:30 Banquet  
Variety Show  
Dance  
11:00 Bed Check

## FRIDAY:

6:45 Wake-Up Call  
7:30 Breakfast  
8:15 Check-Out  
9:15 Session: Be The Change  
10:45 Session: Reflections  
12:00 Departure

*Program subject to change based on session availability.*



# For Your Information

- \* Transportation to and from the conference is the responsibility of the delegate's family. It is also suggested that car-pooling be used if other delegates are attending from your area. If transportation is provided by the sponsoring club, delegates will be contacted directly.
- \* The college does not provide bedding. Pack a pillow, and sheets for a twin size bed. It might get cool at night, so pack a blanket, too.
- \* Don't forget to bring enough washcloths and towels for the week.
- \* The dorm is air conditioned. A light blanket is recommended.
- \* Do not bring large amounts of money with you. If lost or stolen, it cannot be identified. Snacks & pop are available in the dorm, there is a bookstore on campus, and you will have the opportunity to order pizza at night. We also offer you the opportunity to keep excess money in an account with us that is available to you whenever you may need it.
- \* Casual attire such as shorts, jeans, T-shirts, and tank tops are acceptable throughout the week.
- \* There is no pool, basketball or weight training facility available for our use on campus.
- \* The dorm is WIFI accessible.
- \* Monday is designated School Spirit Day. Plan to bring a T-shirt or sweats bearing the insignia of your school or favorite college.
- \* Wednesday is Games Day. Pack something to wear that you don't mind getting dirty while doing games and activities.
- \* The Thursday night banquet is a dress-up affair. Please bring formal or semiformal attire to wear.



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