

YD SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP '09

application & criteria

Theme:

This year's summer leadership camp theme is **SUCCESS** and the aim is to widen our definition of individual success; identify barriers to our success (what's holding you back?); and discuss how we can use our drive and motivation for success to build our community.

Basic camp info:

- **Location:** Camp Muskoka (<http://www.campmuskoka.com/>)
- **Date:** August 30, 2009 - September 2, 2009
- **Number of youth:** 50
- **Number of camp leaders:** 15
- **Cost to youth:** Free

Criteria:

- ✓ Must be aged 14-18 yrs
- ✓ Must submit signed **YD Consent Form & Camp Muskoka Form** (available on YD website)
- ✓ Must complete and submit an application which will be evaluated based on the point system below:

33 points: The maximum # of points you can get for your submission of 'The YD Question'

10 points: Granted if you are highly involved in YD and have never been to YD camp

8 points: Granted if you have never been involved with YD

8 points: Granted if you are highly involved in YD and have been to YD camp

5 points: Granted if you are somewhat involved in YD and have never been to YD camp

2 points: Granted if you are somewhat involved in YD and have been YD camp

- ✓ Please include a description of previous YD involvement in less than 100 words
- ❖ The people with the highest accumulation of points (based on the submission of answer and past involvement) will be selected to attend the YD camp.

The YD Question:

This year, the majority of your application will be based upon your response to the following question:

→ **If you were to work for Young Diplomats, which position would you take on and why?**

Positions:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR → Person who meets with funders on a regular basis, writes grants, meets with community members, and oversees the entire organization.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR → Person who oversees all programs for YD, coordinates program staff and volunteers, looks into new programs and activities, handles program updates and reports.

YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER → Person who organizes weekly/monthly/annual social events, runs academic mentoring program, coordinates workshops for youth on a regular basis, and mentors and guides youth.

OTHER → You tell us. What position would you create for YD? What would the responsibilities be? What would it entail?

- ❖ All positions require specific skills and unique qualities that each individual must possess such as patience, strong communication skills, time management organization, artistic, and leadership. Some skills belong to one position and other skills belong to all. Choose which position you feel fits you best based on your character and skills and tell YD why you feel you would succeed at this position.

Open Format:

- That means you can present your submission in any format you would like. We recognize that everyone has different talents and skills and we want to give you an opportunity to express yourself in the way you know how to best.
- You can write out your answer to 'The YD Question' in essay format, poetry, narrative, spoken word, story, etc. Prefer not to write? No problem you can use any other medium for example: video, singing, comic strip, rap, visual arts, etc.
- The format is open but all submissions will be evaluated equally and must display a lot of effort and thought. Remember, the submission of this question will be the main basis for your acceptance into YD summer camp. YD expects high calibre submissions because we know the potential of the youth in our community!

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- YD Consent Form (completed & signed by parent/guardian)
- Camp Muskoka Form (completed & signed by parent/guardian)
- Description of previous YD involvement (100 or less)
- Submission of 'The YD Question' (open format)

Please note that only applications with all of the above items will be considered.

For more info visit: www.youngdiplomats.org

