



4TH ANNUAL

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR

SUMMER CAMP

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INFORMATION PACKET
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YES! Camp 2008



Out by the lake

YES SUMMER CAMP 2009!

This summer, 50 students from across North America will come together at the Art of Living International Center in Quebec, Canada to build leadership and teamwork skills while enjoying the great outdoors, building friendships, and having a great time!

This packet contains everything you need to know about the application process—deadlines, transportation, and packing list. See you soon!

DESCRIPTION:

A 10-day residential summer camp for youth between the ages of 14 - 18 that integrates capacity building and service into a fun-filled and unforgettable experience!

CAMP FEATURES:

- THE ART OF LIVING YES! PROGRAM
- OUTDOOR ADVENTURES - ROPES COURSE, HIKING, SWIMMING
- DAILY YOGA AND MORNING EXERCISE
- BONFIRES, GAMES, SINGING AND MORE...
- A DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE ENVIRONMENT
- TASTY VEGETARIAN CUISINE
- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

CAMP REGISTRATION FEE:

\$500 per student. This does not include travel to/from Montreal. Payment due by **Monday, June 22nd, 2009**. Please contact your country coordinator for details.

CAMP LOCATION:

International Center, The Art of Living Foundation
Tel: 819.532.3328
Chemin de L'Infinite
Montreal, QC
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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A

YES SUMMER CAMPER

7AM

WAKE UP / SHAKE UP
MORNING YOGA AND EXERCISE

9AM

BREAKFAST AND SERVICE

10AM - 1PM

YES! PROGRAM

1PM - 1:30 PM

LUNCH

2PM - 5PM

ACTIVITY ON CAMPUS / SERVICE / FIELD TRIP

5PM - 6PM

SWIM AND FREE TIME

6PM

DINNER AND CLEANUP

7PM

SATSANG:
SINGING, BONFIRE, DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY!

10PM

RECAP OF DAY, KNOWLEDGE SESSION

11:30PM

LIGHTS OUT

“I liked the YES! course because I met new people.. and did things I’ve never done before. The breathing helped me control my anger, concentrate better and sleep at night.... and to see that everyone is human... At the end of the course I felt like I had made a whole new family and it was an unforgettable experience. The YES! course is something to help kids get away from the norm and stay out of trouble to help change their lives.” – Justine, age 16, New York City



THE ART OF LIVING YES! PROGRAM

A life-skills and leadership program that prepares students to excel in academics, careers and beyond. Through games, interactive discussions and experiential processes, students learn how to achieve their goals with efficiency and confidence. This program features Sudarshan Kriya, powerful concentration meditations, and techniques to eliminate fear, doubts and anxiety.



TREK THROUGH THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Hiking, canoeing, swimming and more... The Art of Living Campus is situated on 250 acres of land with five beautiful lakes. We will also be taking field trips to nearby waterfalls and trails.



DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE ENVIRONMENT

This is a drug and alcohol free campus. Upon acceptance into the camp, each participant makes the commitment to stay drug and alcohol free for the entire 10-days.



DAILY YOGA AND MORNING EXERCISE

Strengthening the body and building endurance help shape healthy leaders of tomorrow. Learn about nutrition and food while keeping a vegetarian diet. Cooking classes and gourmet vegetarian cuisine will be part of every camper’s experience.

BONFIRES, GAMES, SINGING AND MORE...

Nightly bonfires, singing, dancing, and knowledge serve as the perfect night cap.



SERVICE LEARNING CREDIT

Participate in various service activities – instruction and hands-on experience with organic farming, tree-planting, and displaying creativity through wood-work, construction, and painting. Campers will also plan and implement a service project in the community to build on the leadership skills learned during the YES! Program. They will then receive a certificate acknowledging their successful completion of 30-hrs of community service.

The Art of Living Foundation is a registered, charitable non-profit organization, founded by world-renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. Dedicated to uplifting society by strengthening the individual, the Foundation offers programs that eliminate stress, create a sense of belonging, restore human values and encourage people from all walks of life to come together in celebration, wisdom, and service. As the world’s largest volunteer-run organization, the Art of Living has initiated numerous projects world-wide for youth leadership, education, and empowerment. For more information please visit us at www.artofliving.

PACKING CHECKLIST

DRESS CODE:

CLEAN, MODEST, COMFORTABLE!

THE WEATHER IN ST. MATHIEU DU PARC VARIES A GREAT DEAL. DURING THE DAY IT CAN BE ANYWHERE BETWEEN 60 TO 70 DEGREES, FALLING TO 35-40 DEGREES IN THE EVENING. PLEASE PACK COMFORTABLE AND LOOSE CLOTHING. SHORT AND TATTERED CLOTHING IS NOT APPROPRIATE. NO BARE MIDRIFTS.

PACKING LIST

- CLOTHES FOR TEN DAYS
- RAIN-JACKET/PONCHO
- SWEATER/SWEATSHIRT
- SOCKS
- UNDERWEAR
- SWIMMING TRUNKS/BATHING SUIT
- WATER BOTTLE
- HAT
- BANDANA – A MUST! WILL BE USING FOR GAMES
- TOWEL
- SWEATPANTS
- TENNIS SHOES - STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ROPES COURSE WITHOUT THESE
- SANDALS / FLIP FLOPS
- PAIR OF NICE PANTS / DRESS / SKIRT - MODEST ATTIRE. NO BARE MIDRIFTS.

TOILETRIES

- TOOTHBRUSH / TOOTHPASTE
- MOSQUITO REPELLENT
- SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER
- SOAP
- HAIR COMB / BRUSH
- SUNSCREEN
- DEODORANT
- NAIL CLIPPER
- CHAP-STICK
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION - WILL NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE CAMP SUPERVISOR UPON ARRIVAL

MISCELLANEOUS

- JOURNAL
- CAMERA AND FILM
- EXTRA BATTERIES

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS AND SEND TO YOUR LOCAL COORDINATOR
BY THE DATES LISTED BELOW

JUNE 22ND

SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION TO COUNTRY COORDINATOR
INCLUDE PAYMENT OF \$500

JUNE 27TH

ARRIVE IN MONTREAL

JULY 5TH

DEPART MONTREAL

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MONTREAL BY 5PM ON JUNE 27TH.
YOU MAY TRAVEL AS A GROUP FROM YOUR CITY BY BUS, TRAIN OR PLANE.
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COUNTRY COORDINATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GROUP TRAVEL.

REQUIRED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

PASSPORT AND/OR ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE
RESIDENT ALIEN CARD IF NOT A US CITIZEN
ROUND TRIP TRAVEL TICKET (FROM AIRLINE, TRAIN, OR BUS)

COUNTRY COORDINATORS

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