



Hello YEA Camper and guardian!

We are thrilled to have you be part of Youth Empowered Action summer camp! YEA!

YEA (rhymes with “hey!”) Camp is a unique opportunity for young people who care about making a difference in the world to develop the knowledge, skills, confidence, and community to be able to do just that for many years to come. The staff at YEA Camp believes that youth, like adults, have a powerful opportunity to contribute to many of our world's biggest needs -- from addressing climate change to poverty, racism to animal

cruelty, and so much more -- by connecting with what matters most to them, learning from one another, and recognizing that there are so many ways we can make a difference.

YEA Camp grew out of a recognition that there are many young people who are motivated to make a major difference in the world, but they may not have the resources, skills, mentorship, community, or confidence to do so, and may become frustrated, apathetic, or resigned as a result. At camp, you will be inspired by the people you meet, the activities you do, the beautiful surroundings, the opportunities to make a difference, and, most of all, yourself! You will recognize that you have even more power than you thought to be able to make a difference.

Each member of our staff is committed to having a positive impact in the world, including supporting you and the issues you've identified as being important to you, and we are here to help long after camp is over. Your experience at camp is just the beginning!

This packet is designed to give both camper and parent/guardian all of the information you will need to prepare for camp, including what to bring, directions, carpool information, what time to arrive and depart, and more, so please read carefully.

Please note that there are items in this document that we need returned to us at camp. The signed portions of this document and the health form are required upon arrival at camp. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please contact me at the phone or email below.

This is going to be such an amazing experience for all of us! I can't wait to meet you!

Welcome to the YEA Family!

Sincerely,

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1. DIRECTIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

YEA Camp Massachusetts will be held at the Nature's Classroom Prindle Pond Conference Center at the Hilltop site at:

Nature's Classroom 19 Harrington Road Charlton, MA 01507

Please note there are two facilities on the Prindle Pond campus--Hilltop and Pondsides. **We are at the Hilltop location.** We recommend that you **use the directions below once you turn off of Brookside Rd., rather than your GPS to get to the correct location.**

If you are running late or are lost, please text or call Madeleine at 215-805-8445.

From Sturbridge near the junctions of Route 131, I-84, I-90 (Mass Pike): Take Route 20 East for approximately 7 miles. Turn right onto Route 169. Take Route 169 3 1/4 miles to Brookside Road (the third left turn). Buses: Do NOT turn onto Snake Hill Road or Carpenter Hill Road. Turn left onto Brookside Road and go to the end of the road. Turn left onto Harrington Road. After 1 mile, take a right into Prindle Pond Conference Center, Hilltop.

From Auburn near the junctions of Route 12, I-290, I-90 (Mass Pike) or I-395: Take Route 20 West for approximately 10 miles. Turn left onto Route 169. Take Route 169 3 1/4 miles to Brookside Road (the third left turn). Buses: Do NOT turn onto Snake Hill Road or Carpenter Hill Road. Turn left onto Brookside Road and go to the end of the road. Turn left onto Harrington Road. After 1 mile, take a right into Prindle Pond Conference Center, Hilltop.

CARPOOLING/TRAVEL

To reduce our collective impact on the planet, and for people's convenience, we help to coordinate carpooling to and from camp. Please let us know if you need a ride or can offer one to someone else in your area, in which case, with your permission, we will pass your contact information to another camper nearby.

If you would like YEA Camp to put you in touch with camper families in your area who are looking to carpool, or if you need help with a ride:

We asked about your transportation needs in your payment form, and we will be following up with those looking for or offering transportation help. If you haven't already communicated this, please assist our staff by replying with any specific comments or requests about your transportation, including whether you can drive another camper or will need a ride, how best to contact you, or if you will be coming from someplace other than the address on your application. Please contact us at nora@yeacamp.org as soon as possible if you need help with your transportation plans or to make carpool arrangements. Please also let us know if your transportation needs are different for getting to camp than for getting back from camp.

If you are coming from out of state and need help facilitating a ride to/from an airport or train station please contact us right away. We are assessing offering a shuttle from the airport, depending on the level of interest in this, or we can try to match you with a family in the area who can pick the camper up from the airport and take them to camp.

If you live in the area and would be willing to pick up/drop off a camper flying in from out of town and take them to/from camp, please let us know.

Note that YEA Camp is offering the service of facilitating carpools among campers and their families, but that transportation is at your own risk and YEA Camp is not liable for the trip.

2. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE

Camp begins on Saturday, July 2nd and ends on Saturday, July 9th.

Check-In: Please arrive between 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Saturday July 2. You are invited to stay for lunch and a tour until 1:00.

Check-Out: Please arrive at 11:00 am on Saturday July 9th. You are invited to attend our YEA Camp completion ceremony beginning soon after, which will conclude no later than 1:00 pm. This is optional, but we assure you that neither of you, parent or camper, will want to miss this inspiring experience!

CHECK-IN PROCESS:

Please arrive between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm on Saturday the 2nd, when we will begin formally checking campers in. Your arrival during this time frame will make for a smoother process and ensure that we are prepared for your arrival, that we start on time, and that you don't miss anything. **Please do not arrive early.** We will be putting finishing touches on preparing for arrivals and, as eager as we are for camp to start, we will kindly ask "early birds" to come back when camp officially begins at 11am.

From 12-12:45, we will have lunch available for campers and for family members who wish to stay. We will also offer optional tours for parents between 11-12 and 12:45-1. Campers will get their own tour later in the day.

Campers will be meeting with our health supervisor upon check-in. Parents of campers with any health issues, serious allergies, or taking medication should plan to stay to meet with the health supervisor before 1.

Camp activities will officially begin at 1:00pm, so please arrive with enough time for your child to be checked in and have lunch and be ready to participate by then. Staff members will be available to help you with your luggage and to answer any questions you may have.

PAPERWORK

We require the signatures in this form as well as our health form, which we will send accompanying this document, for all campers attending. It is essential that all necessary paperwork be submitted by the time of arrival at camp, including the requested information and signatures in this packet, and the separate health form.

Campers must bring these signed forms with them to camp.

Health check-ins will be conducted by our YEA Camp health supervisor on the first day of camp to take camper medications and determine if campers have any health concerns upon arrival. If you have any information you would like to communicate to our health supervisor, please arrive towards the earlier side of the check-in range so that you can meet with our health supervisor to discuss. We already asked you in the application about any special needs we should be aware of, but **if there are any health, allergy, disabilities, or other conditions that we should know about that you have not notified us about, please do that as soon as possible by emailing info@yeacamp.org.**

All campers must be checked in and picked up by their legal guardian(s) or the people specified under Section 7, Form B: "Adults authorized to transport child" below, as in the case of a carpool. Please note who will be dropping the camper off and who has permission to pick the camper up in Section 7B. If you are unsure about this, because carpool arrangements with other campers have not been finalized or for another reason, please note that, and be specific, on the form.

DEPARTURE AND CHECK-OUT:

Please arrive at the specified time above for departure.

At 11:00am on the last day of camp, parents/guardians, friends, and family are invited to a completion ceremony to celebrate what we did at camp, the campers' new action plans, and how to support your campers upon returning home. This is optional to attend, but if possible, please plan to stay. It will be an inspiring event that both of you will not want to miss. We invite you to bring along any friends or family members of the camper who support his/her efforts to make the world a better place and celebrate their accomplishments. If you cannot attend, please arrive no later than 12:45pm to pick up your camper. Refreshments will be served. This

ceremony will conclude no later than 1:00pm, when camp will officially end and campers and families will need to vacate.

Being on time not only allows you to see your child earlier, but it also helps our staff prepare to close down and clean up camp in a timely manner. Arriving early will interrupt our goodbye, so please be prepared to wait until 11:00 to see your child if you do arrive early. Please have whoever is picking your child up bring photo ID so we can match it with the known legal guardians, or the list of persons authorized to pick up your child. **If you need to pick up your camper at a different time, please notify us at info@yeacamp.org as soon as possible** – no later than at the time of check-in.

3. COMMUNICATING WHILE AT CAMP

Communicating with your child/family at camp: Because camp is fairly short, and because it can disrupt the flow of camp for youth to be very engaged in events at home, we encourage family members to call only in the case of emergency or a specific concern for the camper. Phone calls or texts also often cause homesickness and are therefore not recommended. We make the same suggestion to campers: campers are certainly allowed to call or text home if they need to but are similarly encouraged to do so only in case of emergency or with a specific concern. We are understanding, and if a child is severely homesick or strongly wants to call home, this is available to them. We will absolutely call home right away if there is an emergency or serious problem.

In order to help campers stay focused on our community and activities, and to reduce distractions, we ask campers to either not bring a cell phone or, if they do, we will collect them upon arrival and store them for safe-keeping until check-out.

If it is necessary for your child to bring a cell phone for communication needs during transit to and from camp, they may do so. If your camper needs to contact you we will give them their phone or let them use a staff phone to do so and then store it again after the call. If there is a concern about this, please contact us at info@yeacamp.org.

Homesickness prevention: It is normal for youth to experience missing home and their normal routines. **There are some simple things the American Camp Association advises parents/guardians to do to prevent homesickness:**

- 1) Do not tell your camper that you will pick them up if they are feeling homesick;
- 2) As mentioned above, do not ask your child to call you from camp. Remind them that calling home from camp should be reserved for emergencies;
- 3) Tell your child that it is normal to miss home and the camp counselors are there to give them support if they are feeling sad or upset. Usually in all the busyness and fun of camp, they will not feel this way for long.

Our week together will be so fun and engaging and will fly by quickly, they will very likely be sad to leave when camp ends.

If you do need to call:

Camp cell phone - Text (usually quicker than calling) or call camp director Nora Kramer at 415-710-7351 or, if Nora's not available and you need to reach someone right away, contact Pierce Delahunt at 917-370-5806. We do get cell phone reception at camp and will have the phone with us at all times. If we don't answer, it is because we are in the middle of an activity but will return the call as soon as we are able.

VISITORS: To ensure safety, unauthorized visitors are not permitted on to our grounds at any time. All visitors must be pre-approved through the camp director.

4. BUILDING A GREAT EXPERIENCE

In order to create a fun and safe camp experience for everyone, we have clear expectations and agreements for all participants. **Disregard for these rules could result in dismissal from camp.**

Our staff has been trained to ensure camper safety and to help ensure campers have the best experience possible. Failure to follow directions could not only disrupt or undermine this, but diminish the experience of other campers as well. We request that everyone at camp display respect for themselves, for other people, for the camp property, for the experience we are creating together, and for surrounding animals and the environment.

In the YEA application, all campers already agreed to follow the YEA Camp Honor Code. We list it here as a reminder and to reinforce the behavior expectations we have to ensure that all campers and staff have a great experience at camp. We take this very seriously and will be going through in detail what we mean by each item on the first day, as well as checking in with the whole camp on how it is going on the morning of day 3.

Youth Empowered Action (YEA) Honor Code

- Avoid gossiping, put-downs, and other hurtful or insulting language or behaviors.
- Be open to new ideas and willing to listen.
- Respect other people's point of view and cultural differences.
- Resolve conflict or concerns through communication and nonviolence.
- Create community, help bring the group together, and help make camp great for everyone. This includes helping one another, participating fully, maintaining a positive attitude, not forming exclusive groups or cliques, and not engaging in exclusive relationships or behaviors. Everyone at YEA is a valued member of our community.
- Follow laws, including abstaining from alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, the use of weapons, as well as rules specified by the venue.
- Follow additional camp-wide agreements campers and staff will collectively create at camp.

Bullying: YEA Camp is about training and developing ourselves and supporting one another in becoming powerful changemakers and creating a more peaceful world. Bullying of any kind has no place in our community. While this is covered by the YEA Honor Code, we would like to reinforce that **YEA Camp has a no-tolerance policy on bullying of any kind.** There are several different kinds of bullying, including but not limited to physical (hitting, tripping, holding door closed), verbal (name-calling, belittling, making fun, gossiping about) and social (exclusion, singling out for ridicule, coercion). These types of behaviors might be accepted at school, but we hold our community to a higher standard. YEA considers it a priority to create a safe space for everyone, and behavior of this kind is inconsistent with that and is not acceptable.

In the unlikely event that a camper severely or consistently violates these agreements, he or she may be asked to leave, and parents must make immediate arrangements to have him or her picked up. YEA Camp reserves the right to dismiss a camper whose behavior, physical condition, conduct, or influence is inconsistent with the best interests of camp. In this unlikely event, there will be no refund of the camper's tuition.

5. WHAT TO BRING:

The temperature in the area at this time of year ranges from a high in the 80s during the day to a low of the low-50s at night, so please bring clothing for this range of weather. Chance of rain is unlikely but always possible.

Suggested clothing for a week, including:

- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Long pants or jeans
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Sweatshirt/sweater (it can get cold at night)
- Jacket (for cold nights)
- Pajamas
- Socks and underwear
- Sneakers or comfortable closed-toed shoes for hiking, running, etc.
- Other shoes as wanted -- sandals/flip-flops or slippers

Bedding and toiletries:

- **Sleeping bag or sheet and blanket**
- **Pillow and pillowcase**
- **Bath towel and hand towel**
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap/body or face wash
- Brush, shampoo and conditioner
- Sunscreen

- Deodorant
- Sanitary products (if applicable)
- Any other personal care items used at home

Other items:

- **Reusable water bottle (please label with name)**
- **Prescription medicine in its originally prescribed container (which must be noted on accompanying health form; see further information below)**
- Commonly taken over-the-counter medications. We provide many of these, but if your camper regularly takes Benadryl, Tums or other medicine, bring it in a sealed bag and note it on the health form. (Note that all medications must be turned in to the health supervisor when you arrive at camp.)
- Flashlight (optional; mostly just for reading before bed)
- Insect repellent (optional)
- Backpack/daypack
- Sunscreen
- Notebook (optional -- campers will be making journals at camp)
- Camera (optional and at your own risk). We encourage our campers to take pictures that they can post and share with other campers' permission on our Facebook page. Campers won't have cell phone use.
- Other things you would enjoy having: a book, game you want to play, musical instrument you play (optional)

Special items we request you bring to YEA Camp:

We do a few special activities at YEA Camp, and your bringing the items below will help make these more impactful or fun. While these are "optional," we believe campers will want to have brought these items when the time comes.

- **Meaningful Item: We request that you bring an item that is meaningful or important to you that you would be willing to tell the group about at camp.** The item could be a photo, a memento from a trip, a piece of art you made, a gift from someone close to you, something that reminds you of home or someone you love, a stuffed animal with a special story, or anything else that will help people learn a little bit more about you in a meaningful way. (Of course there is always a small chance of an item being lost, so please keep this in mind and take good care of your special item or bring the item at your own risk.) Note that this is distinct from the activism- or issue-related item for "Show-Off and Tell."
- **"Show-Off and Tell" item:** At camp, one of our favorite activities is called "Show-Off

and Tell," where campers and staff have an opportunity to share about any activism or community service work they have done in the past, have planned for the future, or that they just admire, and to **bring any items that will help others learn about that work, such as a flyer from an event, an article from a school newspaper or blog, an organization's brochure, or anything else that will help people learn about these efforts.**

Too often, we believe, people are encouraged not to "brag" or "show off" by promoting their accomplishments or to talk about things that really matter to them, and there aren't enough forums for people to share about inspiring service they have done or community organizations or stories about making a difference. We are proud of our campers' passion and accomplishments, and we want to give everyone an opportunity to be proud of themselves and others, to be inspired by our amazing community, and to learn from one another. This is absolutely not a competition and is designed for us to learn from and be inspired by one another. Feel free to email info@yeacamp.org if you have a question or concern.

- **OPTIONAL: Really, Really Free Market item(s):** We will be having a "Really, Really Free Market," where we will have an opportunity to offer items that people no longer want from home to other campers who may want them. **Please bring an item or a few items from home, if you have, that you no longer want and would like to donate.** This helps to model reusing items and supporting one another in various ways as a community. And it's fun to get free stuff! Items you bring could be clothes that no longer fit, a book or game, or any other small item. Please only bring items that others may want (e.g., no old socks with holes in them!). Any items that nobody wants will be donated after camp.
- **"YEA Show" item(s) - totally optional:** We do our version of a talent show where campers have an opportunity to share either a traditional talent or fun act, a short (under 5 minutes) video or story. This can be activism-related, showcasing an important cause (like a video an organization produced that you want everyone to see), or something not related to a cause at all, like a song, dance, lip sync, skit, or magic trick. Participating is totally optional (but fun and a great experience) and can be totally planned at camp, but we wanted to give you some notice in case you wanted to bring something, plan ahead, or if there's anything you need to prepare. Participation in the YEA Show is encouraged but not required.

OPTIONAL ASSIGNMENT:

We will be doing a fun, silly activity at camp and want to give you a head start on it, if you want.

Choose **one** of the following poems and memorize it. (This is for a fun activity; don't worry about having it perfectly memorized. You are not getting graded on it! And you will have time to memorize at camp if you don't beforehand.)

Poem 1

A bee stumbled through the forest
buzzing from flower to flower
A fish schooled his friends
on the art of swimming upstream
A goat kidded around in a field
mowing the lawn with her teeth
Old McDonald's Farm is out of business.

Poem 2

A bicycle flies down the hill
breezing everyone with cool
Pedaling and pedaling up and down
maintaining balance is the rule
Passing by flowers, dogs and kids
Avoiding skateboards and cars
Biking is more fun on Earth
than it would be on Mars.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, knives or weapons are prohibited and will result in the camper's immediate dismissal if discovered in camp.

Please do not send valuable items that might be damaged at camp, or do so at your own risk. YEA Camp is not responsible for lost or broken items.

In order to take advantage of the beautiful, remote environment we will be in, to encourage people to make new friends at camp, and to minimize distractions from the program, we ask that campers do not bring electronic/video games, MP3 players, ipods, DVD players, laptop computers, video game players, etc. This also eliminates the chance of these items being lost, broken, or stolen.

If it is necessary for your child to bring a cell phone for communication needs during transit to and from camp, we will collect all cell phones from campers upon arrival, and store them for safe-keeping until check-out. If your camper needs to contact you we will give them their phone to do so and then store it again after the call. Otherwise they can use a staff phone. If there is a concern about this, please contact us at info@yeacamp.org.

Campers will not need any money during camp. The only exception to this is that we sell YEA Camp t-shirts on the first and last day of camp. The shirts cost \$20.

CLOTHING / LOST & FOUND: Campers should have enough clothing to last the duration of their stay. **We will not be doing laundry at camp.** Clothing should be appropriate for a camp environment. Campers should have at least one pair of sneakers or comfortable closed-toe shoes for outdoor activities.

To help ensure that any lost items can be returned, please label all clothing, towels, and personal items with a permanent marker or labels. Our counselors make every effort to return lost and found items to campers, but you can do more than anyone to ensure that nothing is lost. Please discuss the camper's responsibility in keeping track of their personal items. Be especially thorough on check-out day, as sometimes a whole bag is left behind. If you discover something is missing upon your return home, please call as soon as possible and we will do our best to return it, but note that we will be vacating the camp soon after campers do and may have limited ability to return items. Again, YEA Camp is not responsible for lost items.

FOOD: YEA Camp serves three full meals each day, as well as two snacks per day. We take pride in each meal being well balanced, filling, healthy, and delicious. Our cooks are excellent, and they are aware of common allergies (such as gluten, nuts, soy) and are trained to accommodate these. If your camper has special dietary needs, please note this on the health form, including the severity of an allergy AND contact us prior to arrival if they require special accommodations (for example, gluten free or serious nut allergy) or are of particular concern so that arrangements can be discussed and we will be prepared to accommodate each person's needs.

Please do not bring or send food to camp. A possible rare exception to this would be if the camper has extremely severe allergies, in which case this should be discussed with the camp director before arrival at camp, as well as explained in detail on the health form. To prevent bugs or wildlife, we do not allow campers or staff to have food in the cabins. Our camp is located in a natural area, and open food containers may attract unwanted rodents, ants, bees and other insects.

As part of our effort to practice living sustainably and according to our highest values, we see our choice of food as a significant opportunity to do this. As such, we are proud to serve food in line with this goal. Our food is vegan, primarily organic, fair-trade, local when possible, and 100% delicious! We are committed to this as an opportunity for all of us to practice living more lightly on the planet and taking into consideration all of its inhabitants. We understand that this may be different for people who are not accustomed to this diet and ask for open-mindedness and your trust that the food will be delicious! Every year we get rave reviews on our food and we expect the same this year! Visit chooseveg.com if you would like more information about the reasons for and benefits of eating veg.

We like to highlight foods from different cultures as well as traditional "kid-friendly" camp foods.

Some typical meals you may expect include:

- Breakfast: French toast, pancakes, bagels, oatmeal; cereal and fruit available each day
- Lunch: teriyaki rice bowl, burritos, veggie burgers, sloppy Joe's, barbecue tofu; salads and PB&J option at each meal
- Dinner: veggie curry with rice, pasta, pizza, sushi, spaghetti, Mediterranean plate; salads at each meal
- Desserts: chocolate chip cookies, brownies, cake, cupcakes
- Snacks: popcorn, pretzels, fresh fruit, chips and salsa, veggies with hummus, peanut butter and jelly, leftovers

Let us know if you have any favorite items, or if you love to cook and would like to help out in the kitchen, and we will see what we can do!

6. HEALTH INFORMATION

The Camper Health History Form MUST be brought with your camper and turned in upon arrival. Please note that your child cannot attend camp without a completed health history form. If the camper has a serious health condition (severe asthma, a heart defect, heart disease, seizures, diabetes), has recently been hospitalized, is currently under a doctor's care, or has another health problem that requires special attention, in addition to noting this on the form below, please contact us by email at info@yeacamp.org or 415-710-7351. We may need a physician's release for the camper's attendance.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Any special needs that campers may have should not only be communicated on the health form but also to the camp director **prior to the camper's arrival at camp** so that we can ensure that we are adequately prepared. We welcome campers with special needs that we are able to accommodate. Please discuss these needs with our director to make sure that your child's needs do not exceed our training and capabilities.

MEDICATIONS: For the health and safety of all campers, we require that all medications, including creams and vitamins, be turned in to the camp's health supervisor upon arrival at camper check-in. This avoids misuse or loss of the medication. At no time may a camper self-administer medication -- over-the-counter or prescription. All medication needs to be in its original container, with dosage specified, and the name of the camper on the label. Please only send enough medication needed for the duration of your camper's stay. Campers who use asthma inhalers should bring two to be safe – one for our health supervisor to keep onhand and one to keep with them.

Camp will have on-hand several common over-the-counter medications, such as Advil, Neosporin, and cough drops. If you want your child to have access to a specific kind of over-the-counter medication, please send it with your child, labeled with their name. (For example, if you know your child suffers from frequent upset stomachs and takes Tums, send a bottle of Tums with your child). All of these items should be given to camp staff upon check-in. Upon check-out, please see the health supervisor to obtain any leftover medication to take home.

Please note that camp staff can not administer any form of medication without parental consent, given on the camp health history form, page 2.

ILLNESS/ACCIDENTS: We will notify you as soon as possible in the unlikely event that your child incurs any of the following:

- Camper has temperature of 100 degrees or above
- Camper vomits
- Camper receives injury more than a minor scrape or cut
- Camper has chicken pox, scabies, or any other contagious disease
- Camper has what appears to be head lice
- Camper has an allergic reaction
- Camper has any kind of contagious skin rash
- Camper appears not to be eating
- Camper needs medical care off-site
- Minor injuries will be treated as needed, including washing, applying band-aids or ice packs.

We have a qualified health supervisor who will administer treatment or determine if a trip to the emergency room is needed.

Emergency Care: In the unlikely event of a serious injury or health issue, the health supervisor and camp director will assess the situation and, if necessary, staff will seek appropriate medical attention and contact parents. This could include calling an ambulance to transport the camper to the local hospital to obtain emergency medical treatment. In the case of less serious matters, we may take the camper to an Urgent Care at the nearest open location. However, we can not/would not transport your child without your consent over the phone. **Your consent to seek medical treatment is required on the Health History form page 1.**

Please see Agreements and the Health Form, below and to be shared with you separately.

7. Agreements

Please sign and date the agreements below and bring them to camp. Your child cannot attend camp without these signed agreements.

A. Waiver of Liability - Signature required for camp attendance

I, the undersigned parent/person having legal custody/guardianship of the above-said minor, give permission for the minor to participate in Youth Empowered Action (YEA) Camp. The minor is physically able and mentally prepared to participate in all activities as described in the announcement for the program, except where noted on the Health Form. I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all risks and dangers inherent and incidental to the activities of the program. I will not hold YEA liable for any injuries incurred during the program whether caused by equipment or the acts of omission by others, excepting the damage or injury solely caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of YEA or its employees or agents.

I do hereby authorize YEA as agent for the undersigned, to consent with respect to the minor, to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, dental, or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care that is deemed advisable by, and is rendered under general or special supervision of, any physician and surgeon licensed under the State of Oregon, on the medical staff of any hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of the physician or at the hospital. I understand that the camper shall receive all medical attention and care possible from the Camp Health Supervisor without charge. However, in such cases where outside medical service or hospitalization shall, in the judgment of the Camp Management, become necessary, the expense of such service shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the camper. If I participate in the program, whether as a volunteer, mentor, instructor, aide, spectator, or participant, I presently waive as to the YEA Camp and staff, officers and directors thereof, any claim presently known or unknown for damage to property or personal injury whether caused by equipment or the acts of omission of others, including YEA personnel.

Camper's Name: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

B. Adults authorized to transport child

If you are working with YEA Camp to make transportation arrangements, please read particularly carefully and fill out and sign the following:

I am aware that activities to facilitate arrival and departure of campers at YEA Camp are not the responsibility of YEA Camp. I forever release YEA Camp and any affiliated organization, and their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, and representatives from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for injury, death, or property damage, related to:

- (i) my participation or my child's participation in carpools or other travel arrangements with other campers and their parents,
- (ii) the negligence or other acts, whether directly connected to these activities or not, and however caused by any Releasee.

I also agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of any Releasee in connection with any of the matters covered by the foregoing release. I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and YEA Camp, and sign it of my own free will.

Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Print name: _____

Reminder: If you would like YEA Camp to put you in touch with campers in your area who are looking to carpool or if you need help with a ride, please contact us as soon as possible to make travel and carpool arrangements.

Please be aware that if your child is not being dropped off by his/her legal guardian, the child MUST have their signed forms with them.

My child will be picked up on the final day of camp at the time specified above by (names of adults authorized to pick child up):

Please initial here if your child may/will be carpooling and picked up by another camper's family member _____

Please note that we will request photo ID upon drop-off or pick-up of a camper. YEA Camp assumes responsibility for the camper only once they are on site and checked in, and until we have released the camper to the person(s) specified on this form or their legal guardian(s). YEA is not responsible for any transportation or arrangements before or after camp when the camper is not on site and any transportation, lodging or arrangements made off site are the responsibility of the parents or guardians of the camper.

Signature: _____ **Date** _____
Print name: _____

C. Statement of risks

"I understand that part of the camping experience involves activities and group living arrangements and interactions that may be new to my child, and that they come with certain risks and uncertainties beyond what my child may be used to dealing with at home.

I am aware of these risks, and I am assuming them on behalf of my child. I realize that no environment is risk-free, and so I have instructed my child on the importance of abiding by the camp rules. My child and I agree that he/she is familiar with these rules and will obey them."

Signature: _____ **Date** _____
Print name _____

D. Dispute Agreement

It is agreed that any dispute or cause of action arising between the parties, whether out of this agreement or otherwise, can only be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Signature: _____ **Date** _____
Print Name: _____

E. Photo, Media, and Promotion Release

This release is made to allow YEA to photograph my child for use in connection with the activities at the camp and in the advertising, marketing and promotion of the camp in all media

now known or hereafter discovered or developed, in any manner YEA may choose. I agree that YEA shall be the exclusive owner of all copyright and other rights in and to the photographs. I also agree that my child's accomplishments and testimonials, as shared with YEA Camp after camp, can be shared by YEA Camp and through the media as part of YEA Camp's promotional efforts.

Signature: _____ **Date** _____
Print name: _____

F. Mentorship and Post-Camp Involvement

At camp, campers will have an opportunity to select a non-profit organization or campaign working on an issue that interests them. Some youth will opt to volunteer for an organization that interests them. YEA Camp will do its best to provide safe resources and recommend reputable organizations to our campers, but YEA assumes no responsibility for any volunteering, service work, or actions youth participate in after camp or while youth are volunteering or participating with another organization. These organizations are not affiliated with YEA Camp. It is up to a camper and his or her family to determine the appropriateness of their participation with any organization or cause. We encourage families to understand the policies and procedures of the organizations the camper might want to participate with.

In addition to volunteer opportunities, YEA Camp may suggest funding resources that are available to youth working on community projects. Campers may apply to receive funding for their activism during or after camp through other organizations, such as Dosomething.org, The Pollination Project, Youth Service America Grants, and others.

Because inherent in the purpose of YEA Camp is for campers to take action to improve their community, YEA Camp offers post-camp support from our staff. This program is informal in nature and may take the shape of emails, Facebook or text messaging, phone calls, or in-person meetings, as set up by campers and YEA staff member that he or she chooses at camp or reaches out to after camp. I understand that my child's participation in post-camp projects or involvement with camp staff is at the sole discretion of my child and myself. YEA cannot be held liable for any dispute that arises after the camp session is over.

Signature: _____ **Date** _____
Print name: _____

We are so excited and look forward to seeing you at camp, and to an amazing summer!

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact YEA Camp Director Nora Kramer at nora@yeacamp.org or 415-710-7351.