



DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTH

Youth Institute

The Youth Institute is a nationally recognized 7 week summer program that focuses on youth development, character development, social & emotional support, technology skill building, leadership, service learning, and college and job readiness.

Our project and product based learning methods encourage peer-to-peer collaboration, community involvement, and opportunities to develop leadership skills. We want to support all in developing and achieving their personal goals.

"I met people I trust at YI. I know I have people that have my back now, like a second family. I know I'm not alone because of YI."
- YI Graduate



AGES: Youth Entering Grades 9-12 in Fall 2023

WHEN: June 26 - August 11
Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm

WHERE: Whatcom Family YMCA

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Applications Due May 1

Summer 2023 Applications can be found online, at the Y or in your school counseling office.



Youth Institute: At a Glance

Wilderness Retreat: During an overnight retreat, students will focus on team building, bonding, and decision making skills while connecting with nature.

Technology Projects: Using platforms like Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator, students will create videos, magazines and more with their teams.

Career Connection: Students will engage in college readiness activities through goal setting, guest speakers and campus tours.

Graduation: The program will culminate with a film festival and graduation during the 7th week.

General Program Info:

- YI is provided at no cost to the participant.
- Lunches and snacks provided daily.
- Academic Credit (Amount dependent on school district).
- Potential for transportation assistance.
- FREE YMCA Membership while attending the YI program.
- Upon successful completion of the YI Program, graduates receive a \$500 cash stipend.

Required Meetings

May 19 | New Participant Info Session
Required for students & parents/guardians, optional for alumni.

June 2 | Program Orientation
Required for all students, & parents/guardians.



"YI taught me ways to cope with my everyday stress & who to turn to when I'm in hard times."

—YI Graduate



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