



# 2020 YVC Summit Overview

## What is YVC?

Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) began as a youth summer camp in 1987 in Kansas City. Today, YVC is a network of over 40 affiliated organizations across the U.S. and Canada.

Youth Central is proud to run YVC's largest affiliate program, working with approximately 100 community partners to engage 500 youth volunteers in 700 volunteer opportunities each year, totaling around 25,000 volunteer hours.

## What, when and where is the YVC Summit?

The YVC Summit is held every year, bringing together youth volunteers, volunteer alumni, and YVC staff to celebrate youth volunteerism, share ideas, and create a global network of like-minded people.

This year the Summit will be in Queens, New York on October 16th and 17th.

With the current COVID-19 pandemic, we realize it's difficult to look this far ahead and consider travelling. At the time of writing (April 2020) YVC Headquarters is currently still planning on hosting the Summit in Queens, NY in October 2020. In the event that the 2020 Summit is cancelled, our fundraising efforts will be put towards the next YVC Summit.

## Who can attend?

Youth Central is interested in bringing up to four youth volunteers (numbers may vary) to the 2020 YVC Summit.

### Eligibility

- Any current and accepted YVC youth volunteer that:
  - o Has at least 50 volunteer hours
  - o Is between the ages of 12 and 18
  - o Is returning to high school and will renew their YVC membership for 2020-2021
- Short-listed candidates will be asked to attend an interview between May 4th and 8th
- Strong preference will be given to candidates who have shown great commitment to the program (ie. a high number of volunteer hours relative to their time in YVC, consistent attendance, positive feedback from Team Leaders, etc.)
- Strong preference will be given to youth that can commit to joining the 2020-2021 YVC Steering Committee

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- o The YVC Steering Committee plans youth lead initiatives throughout the year such as fundraisers, a graduation event, and awareness events
- o Steering Committee meetings and activities require a commitment of approximately 10 hours each month from September to June

## Responsibilities of Selected Participants

Volunteers that are selected to attend the 2020 YVC Summit, must commit to the following:

- Joining the Summit Committee and attending all meetings
  - o The Summit Committee will be responsible for planning a multiple fundraisers to raise funds that will subsidize their Summit costs
  - o Meetings will run weekly from May 18th to July 20th, then as needed in August, September, and October (approximately once per month)
    - Day/time will be picked based on the group's availability
  - o Each meeting will be 1-2 hours in length
  - o Meetings will be held at the Youth Central office or virtually via Zoom
- Attending the YVC Summit in Queens, New York, departing on October 15th and returning on October 18th (dates may vary)
- Attend a follow up meeting the week of October 19th (date/time TBD)
- Continuing as a YVC volunteer for the 2020-2021 school year

## What are the costs?

Fundraising efforts of Youth Central, YVC, and the Summit Committee will work towards subsidizing the costs of approximately \$1,600 per participant. Participants may be asked to contribute up to \$150 USD each; however, if applicants are unable to pay due to financial constraints, options can be discussed.

## How to Apply

Please complete the online application and submit the Acknowledgement Form by May 11th at 11:59 p.m.

## Supervision and Safety

Our YVC Program Coordinator will be leading the youth volunteers throughout their Summit meetings and during the travel and conference opportunity. Youth safety is our utmost priority.

## Questions?

Please contact Peony Wong, YVC Program Coordinator via e-mail at [yvc@youthcentral.com](mailto:yvc@youthcentral.com), or via phone at 403-266-5448.

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