



International Summer Leadership Program for Youth Program Details 2014

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The Global Youth Village is a project of Legacy International, a non-profit educational organization with offices at 1020 Legacy Drive Bedford, Virginia USA.

Thank you for your interest in the Global Youth Village (GYV). For 35 years, young people have gathered at our campus in Virginia to create a living, working model of the global community and to develop the leadership skills needed for success in a globalized world. Included in this booklet are program, travel and logistics details.

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1. About Global Youth Village

The Global Youth Village(GYV) engages teens (ages 14-18) in a unique cross-cultural experience. Each day blends dynamic, skill building workshops with traditional summer camp activities promoting deep learning and life-long friendship. ***Participants develop leadership skills, gain greater self-confidence, increase their global competency, improve their English skills (if from outside the United States) gain the ability to interact with peers from diverse backgrounds, and prepare for university studies.***



The Global Youth Village is Legacy International's flagship youth summer program and is celebrating its 35th anniversary. Our alumni circle the globe. Global Youth Village is accredited by the American Camping Association. Legacy International has special consultative status with the UN ECOSOC Council, and has partnered with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for almost 20 years. Legacy and the Global Youth Village are recognized as leaders in exceptional youth leadership programming.

2. Location and Supervision

Location and Setting: Our 50-acre campus is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Our summer camp facility offers closeness to nature and a cooperative living environment where friendships form quickly and a sense of community responsibility is nourished. Located 10 miles (16km) outside of the town of Bedford and about 175 miles (280km) from Washington, D.C., GYV has lush woodlands and provides a peaceful and safe natural setting. Hiking trails, streams, a pond, and organic flower and vegetable gardens foster new relationships with nature.



Participants share a wood frame cabin with 10 other youth and an adult staff member. Cabins have electricity, screened doors and windows, and bunk beds. Modern bathrooms are centrally located to cabins. Girls' and boys' cabin are in separate areas of camp. Workshop spaces are air-conditioned. Temperatures can range from 62 degrees F at night to 103 degrees F during the day (17 to 40 degrees Celsius).

The staff: GYV's staff team represents a wide range of professions and skill levels. The administrative staff has a combined experience of 50 years administering youth programs. Seasonal staff are carefully selected through a rigorous application and interview process. We have a multigenerational team including recent college graduates, seasoned trainers, and university professors. Many have traveled to distant corners of the world. The participant/staff ratio is 4:1

GYV hires those who demonstrate:

- A strong commitment to safety
- Experience working with teenagers
- Cross-cultural understanding with knowledge of world issues and dialogue.

3. Program Components

Washington D.C. Travel Component:

Every international student flies in and out of Washington DC airports. *Upon entry* to the US, students are met by Legacy staff. They enjoy one night, relaxing after their journey in Washington D.C. and then head to Legacy's Bedford Campus. *After completing the workshops and training in Bedford*, the students and staff return to our nation's capitol. This is an opportunity for international participants to learn about American culture, history and government and well as to explore a more urban setting in the United States. Legacy staff and adult chaperones will accompany youth at all times while in Washington. Legacy has 2-3 hotels that we work with every year to accommodate our group in a safe and secure setting. Youths of the same gender share rooms as doubles or triple occupancy. Legacy staff stays in separate rooms nearby. Participants will have the opportunity to choose between the following "tracks":



Track #1: American History and Culture	Track #2: College and Career Exploration
Learn about US history, culture and government. Visit Smithsonian museums Tour national monuments and historic sites Shop for souvenirs and gifts	Tour local university and college campuses Network with young professions in government and NGO work Learn about the college application process

Sample Daily Schedule at the Global Youth Village:

7:45	Wake-up, cabin clean-up, cabin meeting, or exercise
8:30	Breakfast
9:15 - 12:30	Workshops
12:45 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Quiet socializing time / Siesta
2:30 - 3:45	Afternoon Electives
3:45 - 4:00	Store Time
4:00 - 5:00	Community Building Time
5:15 - 6:30	Recreation: Sports, arts, swimming (single gender swimming is offered)
6:30 - 7:45	Dinner/ Village Gathering/Reflection Circle – lessons learned that day;
8:00	Evening Program
11:00	Lights Out

Morning Workshops:

Mornings are spent in hands-on, skill building workshops. Each workshop is led by an experienced trainer or teacher who has a history of working with teenagers. There are about 10-15 students in each workshop allowing for personalized attention. Workshops are designed to be highly interactive, allowing participants to learn through experience and "doing". These formats enhance student participation and deepen learning.

2014 workshops from which participants may choose:

Dialogue & Diplomacy - Participants focus on developing skills in cross-cultural communication, critical thinking, and conflict resolution. They learn how to address differences of opinion in respectful and constructive ways, and practice using communication skills to find solutions to real world problems.

Arts and Culture- Participants explore how arts, music and social media are used to celebrate life, raise awareness of important issues and explore different cultures. Participants review and re-create the art of different cultures – both historically and in modern times. Students explore the visual and performing arts.

English Language - This is a course designed for those with intermediate to advanced English skills with an emphasis on the improvement of conversation and comprehension skills. U.S. culture and history is also covered and sightseeing programs giving students a sense of the history in the region. GYV is an English speaking campus and those who are native speakers spend time helping all the Village members to gain better conversation skills. This is a great option for students considering applying for university in an English speaking country.

Afternoon Electives:

Afternoons are time for trying new activities. Participants choose from a wide variety of options, including arts, sport, conversation, additional language practice etc. Afternoon Electives are lead by highly trained staff, with experience working with teens. Activities reflect the diversity of the camp and in the past options has included:

- Salsa Dancing
- Turkish tile painting
- Basketball Clinic
- American football
- Resume writing
- Public speaking
- Yoga for beginners
- Time or project management
- Theater Games



Recreation:

Before dinner, participants have time to relax with new friends and enjoy many of the camp's recreational activities, including:

- Swimming (we offer gender-separate and co-ed options)
- Volleyball
- Football and soccer
- Singing and Vocal training
- Ping Pong (table tennis)
- Arts studio is open - jewelry making, dreamcatchers



Gathering:

Gathering is a time after dinner for the entire Village to come together and recognize one another, share news and announcements and make plans for coming activities.





Evening Programs:

Evening Activities focus on entertainment, teambuilding, and cultural sharing. Legacy partners with the Virginia Commission for the Arts to engage performers and of course we tap into the teen talent pool. Sample Evening Programs include:

Hoorah Cloggers - traditional American Square dancing

Cultural Focus Nights - participants from one culture share music, dances, history and customs of their culture

Around the World Night - participants set of displays about their country or countries they have visited, sharing stories, photos and artifacts

Wacky Olympics - field games and teambuilding activities for the whole Village to enjoy

Sharing Night - an evening of sharing talents with the whole Village - participants share poems, stories, songs, dances and memories of their time at GYV

Dining:

Dining at the Global Youth Village is a cultural experience. Our menu reflects the diversity of our staff and participants. Meals are made fresh daily by our experienced kitchen staff. Our kitchen is vegetarian (we serve chicken once during each session) and our staff is experienced accommodating many dietary restrictions. The dining hall is air-conditioned. Foods often include:



- Breakfast: cereals, pancakes, eggs, fruit, yogurt, muffins and pastries

- Lunch: soups, sandwiches, salad, vegetable plates, macaroni and cheese, pizza

- Dinner: Stir-fries, falafel, spanokopita, curries, dahl, stew, pasta, rice dishes

- Desserts: fruits and dates, brownies, cookies, baklava

Population and Language:

Youth and staff members participating in the Global Youth Village 2014 Summer Programs come from all over the world. Participants and staff represent 15-20 different cultures, reflecting various economic, religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. While English is the primary language at the Village, many participants and staff speak a variety of different languages. One special custom at the Global Youth Village is learning to say "Thank You" in a different language before meals.

Beliefs and Practices:

There is a wide range of faiths practiced at the Global Youth Village 2014 Summer Programs. Bahai, Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Jainism, Judaism, Islam, Mormonism, Native American faiths, Quakerism, Shintoism and other faiths are regularly represented. In the Global Youth Village people feel free to do spiritual or religious practices that are part of their regular routine. There is a special room set aside for prayer, meditation, and reflection. The expression of these different views contributes to our emphasis on understanding. People attend church on Sunday, enjoy a Shabbat meal on Friday, or gather for a quiet reflection time in nature.

Cultural Sharing:

At the GYV, we encourage people to explore other cultures in addition to sharing one's own. This is done most often in the cabins, during workshops, and at cultural focuses. Each participant has interesting experiences to share and we ask you to bring items to help describe your daily lives, such as photos or slides, recipes, clothing, instruments, traditional games, craft items, songs. Small gifts or tokens, such as pins, books, hats, bookmarks, and coins are often exchanged. Music plays a role in evening programs, cabin life, art activities, and dining experiences. The music we listen to contributes to the international flair and promotes cultural sensitivity. Music that promotes violence, drugs, or the disrespect of others with regard to gender, racial, or ethnic background will not be tolerated.



Leadership Philosophy:

Legacy's approach to youth leadership development allows for all types of styles and skill levels. For us, leadership is based upon the ability to respond to the time, place, and circumstances one finds oneself in. The Global Youth Village environment encourages an attitude, an identity, a set of new skills and understandings that allow leadership to emerge from individuals. Young people see the source of leadership coming from within their core rather than solely on public acknowledgment. It becomes solidified, based on the confidence of "this is what I am" rather than upon the effort of "this is what I am trying to be." Our primary teaching method is experiential in a highly supportive environment. In all aspects of GYV - workshops, action teams and cabin life individuals are given leadership opportunities.

3. Participant Well-Being

Communicating with Home:

The experience at GYV can be viewed as a trip abroad. As on any trip, emailing is encouraged and phone calls are kept to a minimum. We have found over the years that frequent telephone or e-mail contact with family and friends detracts from people fully immersing themselves in GYV.

Phone Calls - Our phone policy allows each youth one call upon entry in US and before departure. During the program, participants get one-two calls per session and use e-mail during 1-2 times/session for 15 minutes.

Medical Care:

Our campus "Health House" has a central examination room, patient rooms, kitchenette, and a bathroom. **Registered Nurses are on duty 24 hours a day. Two local physicians (M.D.'s) are on 24-hour call. Their fully equipped clinic is 20 minutes away.** Three hospitals are located within 45-60 minutes. Also, a consulting Homeopathic physician supervises treatment for children of families who prefer Homeopathic or Naturopathic care.

Our first priority at the Program is the health and well being of our participants. We attempt to contact parents if their child is confined to the health center for more than 8 hours or must visit a doctor. At the end of the session, you will be sent a record of your child's visits to the Health House (if any).

The Global Youth Village Honor System:

The Honor System, a workable system of mutual trust that is incorporated into all aspects of life at the Program, consists of several principles of honor upon which the community operates. This system benefits the whole and the individual only when each individual accepts his/her responsibility. The Honor System is based on the fundamental belief that harmony in community living is best achieved when it is has honor, mutual trust, and respect as the foundation.

Each participant adopts these standards and upholds them for the duration of her/his stay at the Program. Every participant has the same obligation to the community in upholding the Honor System. Participants are honor-bound to seek immediate support and guidance from peers and staff if they feel unable to abide by the following guidelines.

1. Illegal substances - I understand that at the Village, *tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs* are prohibited. Use or distribution of these substances will result in strong disciplinary measures, which may include expulsion.

2. Respecting personal and Legacy property and space - I understand that respect for people's personal space is important. I will do my best to avoid trespassing on another person. I will strive to learn what may make people uncomfortable and adjust my behavior accordingly; be that in my use of language or in my personal dress. I will also respect the property of the Global Youth Village. I understand that each person's belongings should be respected. I agree to cooperate with Village staff and youth in the event of lost/missing items or misunderstandings about ownership of a belonging.

3. Full participation and positive attitude - I understand that in order to make the most of my time in the Program, I should strive to participate fully in activities. It is my intention to be positive and willing to try new things. I will be open to new ideas and willing to listen to others. I will strive to respect other people's points of view and understand cultural differences.

4. **Communication** - I realize that misunderstandings and conflicts are a natural occurrence and I resolve to handle conflicts with communication or seek the assistance of another participant or staff member if needed.

5. **Non-exclusive relationships** - I understand that this is a time for me to get to know as many people as possible and learn more about myself. I will not engage in exclusive relationships and avoid cliques or boyfriend/girlfriend relationships during this brief stay.

4. Travel

Travel to the Global Youth Village:

Participants and their families are responsible for booking and pay for flights to Washington, D.C. International groups with 10 or more youth participants may have an adult chaperone to accompany the group during travel and while at the Global Youth Village. The adult chaperone, often a teacher or youth worker, must pass a screening process with Legacy International. After the screening process, airfare and in-country expenses for the adult chaperone will be covered by Legacy. Legacy staff will meet participants, and adult chaperones at the airport upon arrival. The group will then travel via coach bus from Washington, D.C. to the GYV campus.

Travel during Washington D.C. Trip Component:

After their time at the GYV campus, international participants (an select American participants) will travel to Washington D.C. During their stay in Washington, participants will travel via several different safe and reliable methods, including rented 15-seat vans, charter buses and public transportation (underground metro and bus). Legacy staff will accompany participants during all travel and activities while in Washington.

Travel from the United States:

After the end of the program, Legacy staff and chaperones will accompany all participants and chaperones to their departure flights.

5. Visas

All participants and chaperones are responsible for securing **a tourists visa** in order to attend the Global Youth Village. The process of a acquiring a visa can take several weeks to months to complete, please start early. Legacy can offer limited guidance during the visa process - ***ultimately it is the responsibility of the student and their families to secure a visa.***

Please read "Global Youth Village Procedures: Obtaining Tourist Visa" document for details.

6. Payment

Payment of tuition can be made via international wire transfer. Upon acceptance to GYV, those responsible for making tuition payments for students will be given details about this process.

Payment may be made in full at one time, or over with a payment plan agree on by Legacy staff and individual(s) responsible for participant tuition. Final payments are due by May 30th, 2014, at the latest. ***Please make final payment before your visa appointment.***

7. Obtaining Tourist Visas

Step One: Getting an appointment

Check with your local American Embassy/Consulate about their appointment procedure. Ask them “do I need to make an advance appointment?” “My program is scheduled to begin in July, when should I come for my appointment?” “Are there any special forms I should fill out?”

Step Two: Preparing for the interview

- A. Legacy International sends a formal letter of acceptance to each young person admitted by the Global Youth Village Selection Committee. Make sure you bring this letter with you.
- B. Also bring your high school report cards and information about your family’s social standing (your parents jobs)
- C. Make final payment for Program tuition and fees. Save documentation of payment to bring to your interview.

Step Three: The Interview

- A. During the interview, each participant must demonstrate strong ties to their home country. This is done by showing social and economic standing of parents, speaking about your importance in the family structure and that returning home is mandatory. Your school standing demonstrates commitment to return to complete courses of training, exams, etc. The Visa Officer may not ask questions that elicit these responses. You should be sure however to communicate these factors even though not directly asked.
- B. Be sure you are aware that you are applying for a **Tourist Visa**.
- C. Information about our program you will want to share during your interview: Legacy International’s Summer Program has been in existence since 1979. Each year, young people from around the globe participate for training in leadership, environmental studies, conflict resolution and cross-cultural relations. Legacy is a summer camp. It is a non-profit organization offering short-term non-academic study programs of four-week duration. The young people selected come on Tourist Visas. We are part of the Exchange Visitors Program (P-3-5200) to the extent that we can offer a very limited number of IAP 66 to select adults who come to work at the camp.
- D. The interviewer will want to know that you will not stay in the United States. Please see point A in this section. Be sure to tell them that your program is fully paid for including your transportation home. Bring documentation of payment to your interview.

Step Four: Supervision during US Visit

- A. Legacy staff meets youth as they disembark their plane upon arrival in Washington D.C. and collect their visas, passports and spending money for holding in a safe until departure day. Global Youth Village participants remain under the supervision of Legacy staff during the entire course of the program.
- B. Legacy International does not permit Global Youth Village participants to travel alone or visit relatives living in the US during the program.
- C. Upon completion of the Global Youth Village, youth are escorted to the airport and given their visas and passports before departing for their home country. Legacy International takes every precaution to ensure that Global Youth Village participants return safely to their countries.

Sample 2014 CALENDAR: GLOBAL YOUTH VILLAGE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>The calendar represents a typical 18 days cycle - subject to adjustments</i>				July 10 Group departs Shanghai in afternoon 26 hour flight	July 11 - Washington DC Arrival at Dulles airport Customs Freshen up at hotel Tour monuments in Washington DC Eat well/Sleep well	July 12 Transit to Bedford Virginia via charter bus Travel through the beautiful mountains - stop for lunch in Charlottesville, VA Arrive at Global Youth Village Settle in to Cabins Icebreakers, Group Building and Welcome program
July 13 GYV Orientation Day 8:15 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Workshops #1 Training session: What does it mean to be a Global citizen? Building - our community - team building games, honor system, youth leadership Lunch & siesta 2:00-4:00 Campus tour, swim checks, English language testing,	July 14 GYV Regular Daily Schedule Breakfast 9:00-10:30 Workshops #1 English or art and theater 10:45-12:15 Workshop #2 English or environmental awareness Lunch and siesta 2:00-3:30 Elective cycle #1: Arts, sports, leadership, creative writing, dance 3:30 Campus store open 4:00-5:15 Leadership teams work time - planning projects i.e. cultural sharing, sports	July 15 GYV Regular daily schedule Breakfast Workshops Lunch Elective cycle # 1 continues Leadership time Recreation time Dinner Evening: Crazy Olympics	July 16 GYV Regular daily schedule Breakfast Workshops Lunch Elective cycle #1 completes Leadership time Recreation time Dinner Evening: Cabin Night - special time with cabin group (dance parties, drumming circles, bin fires, swim party, discussions...)	July 17 GYV Regular daily schedule with special Environmental education focus Breakfast Workshops Lunch Elective cycle #2 begins with new offerings Leadership time Recreation time Dinner Evening: Hike in Blue Ridge Mountains	July 18 GYV Regular daily schedule with US Cultural Focus theme Breakfast Workshops Lunch Elective cycle #2 continues Leadership time Recreation time Dinner Evening: US Cultural Focus - teen life, school, community service	July 19 GYV Special weekend schedule: Travel to local historical site where civil war ended Afternoon and Evening - carnival and Square dancing with the Appalachian Hoorah Cloggers

workshop, elective and leadership team sign ups 4:00-6:00 Recreation - Dinner Evening - Folktale Night - theater games	tournaments, awareness campaigns 5:15-6:30 - pool open, free time Dinner Eve: Arts Night					
July 20 GYV Special projects day and relaxation Chinese group works on presenting a cultural sharing for peers at GYV Washington DC - selection of track student wants to pursue Sports tournaments Evening: China Cultural Focus	July 21 GYV Regular Daily schedule Breakfast Theme Day: College Prep Workshops Lunch Elective cycle #3 begins Late afternoon - Leadership teams this week will plan all campus activities in afternoons learning valuable skills in peer education, teamwork Evening: Local colleges present what they look for in an applicant - how to present yourself	July 22 GYV Regular daily schedule Theme Day: Ending Hunger Breakfast Workshops Lunch Elective cycle #3 continues Leadership time Recreation time Dinner Evening: The power of One - presentations on how one person can improve community.	July 23 GYV Regular daily schedule Breakfast Workshops Lunch Elective cycle #3 begins Leadership time Recreation time Dinner Evening Program: Cabin Night - relaxing with bunk mates	July 24 GYV Wrap up Day Workshop wrap up day Preparations for final talent show Recognition and awards dinner Talent show and candlelight ceremony	July 25 Washington DC Say goodbye to GYV and friends Transit to Washington DC Track 1 Tour of the Capitol Building and discussion of three branches of Government Track 2: Explore campus of Georgetown or American University Evening:	July 26 DC Track 1 Life in urban USA - exploring diversity, learning how to ride subway, shopping Track 2 Service projects Performance at Millennium Stage - Kennedy Center
July 27- Final Day Sightseeing Smithsonian Museums Shopping Cruise Potomac River	July 28 Departure from Dulles airport approximately 8:00 am	July 29 Arrival back in China				

