

GLOBAL YOUTH VILLAGE

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM
IN VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS
INTERNATIONAL AND US TEENS AGES 14-18



*Cultural Exchange • Global Friendships • Leadership
Communication Skills • English Language Immersion*



The GYV Story

The Global Youth Village began 39 years ago with a need and a dream. A group of parents noticed that their children never met anyone from a different country or culture – something they knew was important for young people growing up in a quickly “globalizing” world. They imagined bringing together young people from around the world to live and learn alongside one another. With the leadership of J.E. Rash, founder of Legacy International, and a community of volunteers, these parents built the Global Youth Village during the particularly hot summer of 1979. That summer, GYV hosted just nine young people. Over the following four decades, with the support of dedicated alumni and numerous national and international funding agencies, the Global Youth Village has brought together more than 4,500 youth from 105 different countries.

In recent years, GYV expanded its program, partnering with the U.S. Department of State to train 400 Iraqi teens and 300 Indonesian teens in leadership and project planning. We have also adapted our LivingSideBySide® curriculum to build tolerance in ethnically diverse public schools in Kyrgyzstan. We are bringing this curriculum to the U.S. schools nationwide.



The Global Youth Village is a program of Legacy International, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of equipping emerging leaders to transform their values and vision into sustainable success. Legacy has special consultative status with the UN ECOSOC council and is accredited by the American Camp Association. Legacy does not discriminate in its membership, admissions, employment, and procedures.



What Teens Gain at the Global Youth Village

- Friendships and Memories that Last a Lifetime
- Confidence, Independence and Self-Awareness
- Insight and Knowledge of Diverse Cultures
- Certificate in “Leadership and Peacebuilding”

What Makes GYV Unique

- Summertime Fun, Combined with High-Caliber Leadership Training
- Dozens of Cultures, Languages, Cuisines and Viewpoints
- Staff who are Sincere, Supportive and Dedicated to Youth Education



“A wonderful experience for my daughter, I’m so glad she participated.”

Youth Voices Matter

All it takes is two weeks to build the skills and perspective of a global citizen.

Giving Youth A Voice

Find your own voice through our LivingSideBySide®, GYV's unique dialogue curriculum. Developed over 30 years with youth from five continents, it is the foundation for cross-cultural understanding. Through dialogue circles, teambuilding challenges, and simulations, teens learn to cooperate, embrace difference, listen and communicate with peers from vastly different backgrounds.

Tackling The Challenges of Today's Global World

Over the course of multiple day-long summits, we challenge participants to engage with and tackle issues that are significant in societies across the world today. Subject matter experts join us at the Village and virtually, leading youth through a process that results in plans to have a positive impact. 2017 themes include:

- The Refugee Crisis: How to Reach Out and Help
- Human Trafficking: Protecting the Vulnerable
- Climate Change: Real Problem or Fanciful Hoax?
- Africa: Moving Forward From Genocide
- Extremism - How Can Young People Counter It?

Everyone is an Artist:

Art, Music, Poetry, Dance, Acting - we all find common ground through art. We all have the power to create. Each year, we team up with the Virginia Commission of The Arts to bring artists-in-residence and guest performers to GYV. Participants enjoy drumming circles, poetry workshops, songwriting, improv classes, and dance workshops.

Enjoy and Protect Nature

Immersion in nature is part of the experience at the Global Youth Village. Students live in an untouched, natural setting, free from digital distractions and encouraged to connect and be rejuvenated by the environment around them. This continues with featured day trips, including hiking the Appalachian Trail, one North America's most beautiful wonders spanning 14 states, or canoeing the nearby James River.

Days at the Village also include special events in the evenings. Examples include cultural sharing nights, cabin nights, debate night, a talent show, and musical performances.



A Day at GYV

Mornings:

Breakfast, Workshops, Discussions, Teambuilding

Afternoons:

Lunch, Panels and Special Guests, Leadership Development, Sports, Social Time, Arts, Swimming, Siesta

Evenings:

Dinner, Free Time, Special Evening Events and Performances



“My son’s experience at GYV gives me hope for the future. Thank you for all the hard work your staff put into the program.”

“My cabin counselor was so encouraging, and the other teens were caring and fun. We laughed for hours in our cabin!”



“GYV was perfect. I gained a world perspective and learned so much.”



“I learned how to talk to people, how to ask them questions about their culture. We learned how to live and work together. To me, that’s the first step towards peace.”

“I made the best friends of my life at GYV. I will never forget them.”



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International Students Experience

The GYV experience for international students includes a five-day excursion in our nation's capital, Washington, DC. Students tour this vast city and learn about American government and history. Activities include tours of monuments, museums, zoos, and other experiences that teach participants about both American history and way of life.



Experienced and Caring Staff:

Our staff is a diverse team representing a wide range of professions, as well as those seeking more work experience with young people. All share a passion for youth development, community involvement, and a keen interest in learning different perspectives, working together to create a powerful learning environment for youth and staff. We hire talented, dynamic individuals committed to providing a summer experience that is both supportive and transformative.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who Comes to GYV?

Teen who are:

- Curious
- Open-minded
- Friendly

Participants come from

- 12-15 different countries (including China, Japan, Egypt, Jordan, France, Hungary, Mexico and more!)
- 14-20 different states in the US
- Different social, economic and religious backgrounds

Where will I live?

Location:

- Foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia
- Pristine 50 acre campus, surrounded by trees, streams, a pond, garden and hiking trails

Accommodations:

- Wood-frame cabins
- Separate boys and girls areas
- Bath houses near each cabin area

Program Facilities:

- Swimming pool, sport field, basketball court; art & pottery studios; outdoor stage, big-top tent; rock climbing, garden, fire circle; air conditioned workshop and dining spaces

How do I Apply?

Visit www.globalyouthvillage.org

TODAY, spaces fill quickly

Is there Financial Aid?

Yes, email gyv@legacyintl.org for more information

“I learned how to have my voice heard and to listen to the opinions of others.”

For more information, including videos and photos, visit:

www.globalyouthvillage.org

For more photos, visit our

Flickr account: www.flickr.com/photos/globalyouthvillage



Dates and Details

U.S. Students

Session One; July 6-19 **\$1700**

Session Two: July 24 – Aug 7 **\$1700**

International Students

Session One: July 5-23 **\$3700**

Session Two: July 19 – Aug 7 **\$3700**

