

## Acknowledgement Form Youth In Action (YIA) CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth participating in or attending YIA programs and/or activities are required to conduct themselves according to the YIA Code of Conduct. The Code operates in conjunction with the YIA Youth Development Program principles, and the regulations of the specific programs and activities involved.

Parents and legal guardians attending or participating in YIA youth development programs are also requested to conduct themselves according to the YIA Code of Conduct and assist and support youth in their efforts to adhere to the Code.

### YIA Code of Conduct Summary:

Participants will:

1. Accept responsibility for representing themselves, YIA and St. Louis County with dignity and pride.
2. Be punctual for scheduled activities, participating fully in planned activities, and exhibit good sportsmanship.
3. Refrain from leaving the location of the event during the event, unless written permission from the parent or legal guardian is given to the event adult chaperone prior to the leave.
4. Refrain from the use of and/or possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal controlled substances at all times.
5. Refrain from use of and/or possession of nicotine, tobacco and mood-altering substances at all times.
6. Refrain from disruptive and/or inappropriate behavior and clothing.
7. Recognize the rights of others with respect to noise, language, and conduct, to avoid hurting or intimidating others physically and/or emotionally.
8. Respect the property of others, including clothing, personal items, equipment, and facilities. (Damage to property will be billed to families where members are implicated.)
9. Refrain from the possession and/or use of any weapon(s).
10. Refrain from use of vehicles for personal reasons while participating in YIA events/activities.
11. Refrain from sexually inappropriate behavior.
12. Abide by additional rules, procedures, and policies relating to specific activities or events established for that program.

In addition to the above items, participants in YIA overnight activities will:

1. Sleep in the designated areas.
2. Be in the designated sleeping area by the stated curfew hour and stay for the balance of the night.

My parent/legal guardian and I have read, discussed, accept, and will abide by the full YIA Code of Conduct as referenced above. We also understand the infraction(s) of the Code may cause loss of privileges during the event, participation in the event to be terminated, or if sufficiently serious, termination from membership in the YIA program. We also understand that being sent home at my parent/guardian's expenses and/or forfeiture of future YIA trips may also result. We agree to accept the appropriate and logical consequences of my actions.

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Participant's Signature

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Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

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Please Print Participant's Name

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Date