



AZYLC 2017

Dear AZYLC delegate,

Congratulations! You have been accepted to attend the 2017 Arizona Youth Leadership Conference at the Arizona State University West Campus June 13th – 17th.

The Arizona Youth Leadership Conference has brought together exceptional high school students in Arizona each summer to learn and lead since 1991. Operating as one of 26 national Youth Leadership Conferences sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars – a veterans organization founded by World War One officers after their military service had ended to carry on the principles of freedom and democracy through service to the community - the AZYLC is the premiere youth leadership and patriotic education program in Arizona.

This program is designed to enhance your high school education in history, civics & government and economics. Classes are taught by experienced professionals and conducted in an atmosphere and environment of higher learning. Team leaders, who have all been delegates and who are now leaders in their high schools and universities, facilitate small group activities throughout the conference that will challenge you and your group to apply the leadership lessons learned in class.

We have great expectations of you as a leader of in your school and community and a future leader of this great country. Your peers at AZYLC are all outstanding leaders in their schools and communities. You will be in great company.

Important details follow that will ensure you arrive at the right place and at the right time, with the right materials that will enable your success at AZYLC. ***Please take special care to read and understand the details included in this letter.***

TRANSPORTATION

If you are sponsored by a Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Chapter outside of Maricopa County, that Chapter will help arrange for your transportation to arrive at **ASU West at 4701 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona, 85306 on June 13th, 2017 between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM.** Delegates sponsored by MOWW Chapters within Maricopa County must make their own arrangements to arrive at the ASU West Campus no later than 11:30 AM. If you are sponsored by a Chapter outside of Maricopa County and have not been contacted with travel arrangements by June 1st, 2017, please contact your MOWW Chapter representative.

Delegates will check-in and be housed for the week at the Casa de Oro dormitory on the ASU West campus. Since no specific parking lot is associated with the dormitory, students must unload their baggage on N. University Way at the green-painted curb east of 49th Ave.

- From Loop 101, take 51st Avenue south and then turn left (East) on Thunderbird Road and right (South) on to 49th Avenue, then left (East) onto N. University Way.
- From I-17 go West on Thunderbird and then left (South) on 49th Avenue, then left (East) onto N. University Way.
- Team Leaders will be waiting at the curb to assist delegates with check-in and luggage.
- Campus Map at: <https://campus.asu.edu/west>

Delegates can be picked up on Saturday at the same location between 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM. Visitor Parking Lot 12 just east and north of the unloading location is available on Tuesday at \$2 per hour and is free on Saturday.

Delegates may not drive a vehicle to or from the conference unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. ASU West parking is severely restricted and vigorously enforced during the conference.

WHAT TO BRING

Your sponsoring MOWW Chapter pays your entire cost of the conference, so you will not need very much money during the week. AZYLC logo shirts will be available for purchase ranging from \$10 to \$18 for T-shirt and Polo shirt. AZYLC will provide bottled water in the dorm and classrooms, a delegate binder that must be brought to class each day, and a digital class picture – all at no cost. Vending machines are available in the dormitory.

You will need to bring:

- bedding (bedroll, sleeping bag or blankets with sheets & a pillow)
- towel(s)
- toiletries (soap, shampoo, tooth brush and paste, deodorant, essential eye ware)
- pens, sharpie (for T-shirt signing), and highlighter
- small snacks for the dorm
- required medications
- workout clothes and shoes for optional light morning exercises

The facilities and dorms are air-conditioned.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

While on the ASU West Campus, you may encounter students in other summer programs or ASU summer students. Your behavior is a reflection on yourself, your parents/guardians, your Conference, and your school. We always expect mature and acceptable behavior.

- No alcohol, drugs, tobacco or tobacco products, or weapons of any kind, are permitted at AZYLC. Personal vehicles are not allowed.
- Portable personal music/video players and cell phones are authorized for use only during personal time. Devices used during class time will be confiscated and returned at the conclusion of the conference.
- The enclosed dress code must be followed.
- Your prompt and punctual attention to a busy schedule is required.



The Director will counsel students as necessary if they have difficulty upholding expectations. Possible consequences for violations include being sent home, and your school, sponsoring MOWW Chapter, and your parents will be notified of your expulsion – and also required to provide immediate transportation home.

DORM ROOMS/HOUSEKEEPING

Upon registration in the Casa de Oro dormitory, you will sign for one room key. A charge of up to **\$200** is imposed by ASU for lost keys. You and your roommate(s) will be expected to keep your room clean and orderly. Rooms will be inspected. Please dump all wastebaskets before checking out.

DELEGATE AWARDS

Several awards will be presented at the Saturday luncheon banquet. The outstanding delegate and the first and second runners-up will be selected by the Director, Assistant Directors and the Senior Team Leader based on input from the Team Leaders. The delegate author of the outstanding essay and the first and second runners-up will be selected by the Essay Awards Committee. There may also be award(s) for the most improved delegate(s).

AZYLC ESSAY GUIDELINES

Each delegate will write an essay regarding a specific topic to be assigned at the conference. After a brief introduction to written communications, each delegate will be given 30 minutes to write an essay of no less than 300 words and not more than 350 words. The essays will be evaluated by Arizona Youth Leadership Conference staff. Essay authors will remain anonymous to the evaluators. There will be three awards presented at the banquet for the top essays. See attached enclosure **2017 AZYLC Essay topics** from which the essay topic will be chosen.

PARENTS – SATURDAY BANQUET ATTENDANCE (Limited Capacity -- First Come, First Served)

Parents and families are most welcome to attend the Saturday Awards Banquet. Parents planning to attend the Banquet at 11:30 AM on Saturday June 17th 2016 should make and pay for their Banquet tickets at the earliest opportunity. Again, seating is extremely limited and tickets will be sold on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis. The reservation form is attached. The banquet price is **\$20 per guest** as students are already paid for. No tickets are sold at the door. Housing is not available on campus for parents, but there are several nearby hotels. As noted on the banquet reservation form, students will not be released until Saturday June 17th at 2:30 PM. If you arrive by means other than your parents or guardians and they want you to ride home with them instead, they must notify us in advance. We will release you, the delegate, for the ride home **at 2:30 PM** on Saturday if your room is cleaned and you have turned in your key or made arrangements to pay for a lost key. Parking at ASU West is \$2 per hour with a maximum charge of \$8/24-hour period. We suggest carpooling if possible. There is no cost for parking for the Banquet on Saturday.

CLOSING

The faculty, Team Leaders, and staff of AZYLC 2016 are confident that you will acquire a better appreciation of leadership, our great Country and the many rights and responsibilities of good citizenship and free enterprise. You will make many new friends that may even attend college or university with you. You will remember the fun times you had, the education you obtained, and the personal contacts you made if you take advantage of the many opportunities provided.



A NOTE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

We commend your decision to support the attendance of your outstanding young adult at the 2017 AZYLC. It will be a great learning experience for all. All activities are chaperoned by adults. The attendees will be housed in student dormitories with males and females housed in separate wings/floors. The food will be typical cafeteria fare, served in the university student dining room. Delegates will not be allowed off campus. Please provide any additional medical information that you determine vital, and your **telephone numbers**, in case of emergency. **Please read the instructions we have given the delegates, particularly the Dress Code.** We experience more trouble with cell phone usage and adherence to the dress code than any other disciplinary issues. We appreciate your support reviewing these items with your student delegate. Adults will be on campus (including residing in the dorms) and chaperones will be with the delegates during all activities.

If you need to contact your young adult during the conference, use the **emergency numbers** listed below. Call us and we will respond immediately. We will locate your delegate and insure that you receive an immediate return call. Emergency Numbers: Jeff Schrade **(602) 531-2104** or Dick Minor **(480) 209-8941**. For routine messages use the email address schradey@gmail.com.

If you have any questions please call or e-mail me. I look forward to a great AZYLC 2017!

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Three Enclosures:

1. Banquet Reservation,
2. Dress Code
3. Essay Topics





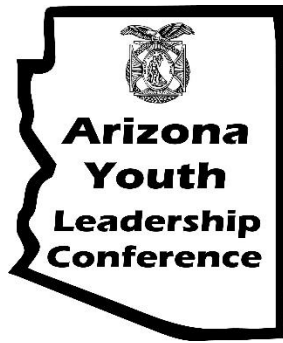
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Essay Topics

The faculty and staff of the Arizona Youth Leadership Conference have selected three issues as possible topics for the written communications seminar. Only one of these topics will be randomly selected by chance on the afternoon of the Written Communications class. All delegates will write on the same topic. Delegates should research these topics and formulate ideas to help with writing the essay. However, ***NO written notes or electronic devices will be permitted during the seminar.***

1. Five freedoms are listed in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. What are these five freedoms? Under what circumstances, if any, should these specific individual liberties be limited by the government?
2. United States Supreme Court Justices serve for life once appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Why did the Founders establish life terms for Supreme Court Justices? Do you think Presidents should be able to “fire” Supreme Court Justices with whom they don’t agree? Should there be restrictions or term limits on judicial service?
3. The President of the United States is the Commander In Chief of U.S. armed forces, yet the Constitution gives the United States Congress sole power to declare war. Under what circumstances should the President order the U.S. Military into immediate action against a foe without a congressional declaration of war? Under what circumstances should the President seek approval from Congress for military action?

Delegates will have 30 minutes to write a persuasive essay of not LESS than 300 words, and not MORE than 350 words to justify their position.



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Dress Code

A dress code helps the delegates make a good impression on peers and faculty and set forth a professional appearance. This Conference expects delegates to be well mannered and their appearance should reflect that professionalism. The dress code was developed by Team Leaders and former delegates to meet the needs, comfort and decorum of AZYLC delegates.

Upon arrival, each delegate will be assigned a team and receive a T-Shirt with their team's color. Each delegate will be required to wear their team T-Shirt during many events throughout the week. It is strongly recommended to bring 3-4 undershirts. When delegates are not wearing the team shirt, they will be required to follow the dress code.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND PACK ACCORDINGLY.

Acceptable

- Rain gear, sweat shirts, T-shirts, golf shirts, button up shirts, shorts, slacks, knee length skirts, blouses, capri pants, pant suits and school letter sweaters.
- Jeans for daily wear (not faded, ripped or cut off). If "low-rise" jeans, shirt must cover mid-section **completely**, even when hands are raised.
- Dresses: At least knee length. Must wear a top to cover dresses without sleeves.
- Shoes: Athletic shoes for class and events. Dress shoes for the banquet.

Unacceptable (That means DON'T bring them.)

- Cut-offs or faded jeans, tank tops, muscle shirts, oversize and baggy pants, short shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee), skorts, mini-skirts, provocative necklines (no sleeveless, spaghetti straps or backless dresses) and bare midriffs by any gender is unacceptable. Flip flops only for shower.
- LOGOS - any clothing with logos or lettering representing drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence, gangs, etc.

**** Exceptions will not be made; delegates are asked to change after the first violation and may be sent home if dress does not reflect the professional nature of AZYLC. ****

Required for Saturday Awards Banquet

A party or semi-formal dress or gown, coat and tie or shirt (buttoned or polo) and tie is recommended. NO Tee Shirts and no Jeans allowed for any gender. Uniforms are optional. Delegates wearing spaghetti straps must also wear a short vest, shawl or other shoulder and neckline covering. Reminder that shoulders must be covered. Remember this is a Leadership Conference... not prom.

AZYLC staff, faculty and Team Leaders will enforce this dress code at all times. The decision of the AZYLC Director is final.



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Awards Banquet Reservation & Payment Form ***Saturday June 17th 11:30 am – 1:30 pm***

AZYLC delegates put in many hours of hard work throughout the week and each delegate is recognized at the annual awards banquet. You and your family are invited to attend the awards banquet at **11:30 AM on June 17th, 2017**. Banquet reservations are on a **First Come/First Served** basis. Unfortunately, banquet seating is limited and it's likely we will run out of available guest seating. You are strongly encouraged to complete this reservation form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. Immediately after the banquet, delegates must check out of the ASU dormitory and return their keys. Delegates will be released at 2:30 PM on Saturday.

AZYLC Delegate Name/School: _____

It's important that we know the transportation plans for getting your delegate home:

- I will personally transport my delegate home on Saturday at 2:30 PM***
- My delegate will ride home the same way they came - using the transportation provided by their sponsoring MOWW chapter.***

Guest (please print)	First Name	Last Name	(\$20 each)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
Email:		Phone: ()	

Total Number of Meals _____ X \$20 per seat/plate = \$ _____

I have enclosed a check for \$ _____ made payable to "AZYL, INC"

(Note: there is no charge for your AZYLC Delegate's meal)

Send this form AND payment made out to "AZYL, INC" as soon as possible to AZYL, INC 19549 N. 53rd Ave Glendale, AZ 85308. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

Other Remarks:

