Youth Frontiers Student Leaders



Small-group leaders

Each year, thousands of students serve as student leaders on Youth Frontiers retreats. Here's why:

Youth Frontiers (YF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing experiences that inspire character, civility and community. We offer student retreats focused on timeless values like kindness, courage and respect. A retreat is a high-energy day that challenges students to think critically about the impact of their everyday choices and how they treat themselves and others.

Small-group leaders establish the energy and tone of the retreat and have a major influence on its success. Their main job is to meet with their student small groups several times throughout the day to lead discussions about the messages of the retreat.

Benefits

Enhance leadership skills

Younger students look up to you. A YF retreat provides a great opportunity for you to be a positive role model for the younger students in your community.

Have fun

Music, games and storytelling make the retreat entertaining for all involved.

Build community

Connect with other small-group leaders from your school.

Earn service hours

You may have a service requirement for graduation. Record your service hours with Youth Frontiers' volunteer certificate. (Ask your school's retreat volunteer coordinator for more details.)

Create a ripple effect

In addition to mentoring younger students, leaders often say that they re-evaluate their own actions and return to their school communities with a renewed commitment to character after the retreat.

Requirements

- Be in at least 10th grade and two years ahead of the class that is participating on the retreat.
- Arrive 45 minutes before the start of the retreat for orientation. Stay for the entire retreat.
- Lead small groups. Keep conversations going and help students listen and share respectfully.
- Help control the crowd during the large-group activities and talks.
- Participate, have fun and encourage the students to do the same!

