



# Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

## 2023-24

### What is YAC

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a program offered by Leadership La Porte County, for high school students in grades 9-12 in La Porte County to learn about servant leadership, philanthropy, and civic engagement. The program brings together teens from throughout La Porte County to learn about community needs while empowering them to be change makers. YAC members will make a positive impact in their communities through action and advocacy.

### Mission of YAC

The mission of YAC is to empower youth to be involved, to have a voice in community decision making, to encourage active community participation, to cultivate a spirit of philanthropy, and to foster a sense of community pride.

### YAC Members will:

- ◆ Care about their community and want to make a difference
- ◆ Be open-minded, critical thinkers who can formulate creative solutions for tough issues
- ◆ Demonstrate fairness, inclusiveness, and integrity in their actions and decisions
- ◆ Be willing to meet on a monthly basis and take a leadership role in programs and activities
- ◆ Be in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2023-24 school year
- ◆ Reside in, or attend school in La Porte County

### Expectations of YAC members:

- ◆ Attend orientation session (Friday, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> is a tentative date)
- ◆ Attend a monthly (1 hr) meeting (TBA) & additional committee meetings as scheduled
- ◆ Coordinate and participate in annual team service project(s)
- ◆ Serve as a mentor for Leadership La Porte County Youth, assist with LLCY camp (July 31-Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- ◆ Learn about the grant making process and promote the Youth to Youth community grant program
- ◆ Actively participate in discussions and activities
- ◆ Be an advocate for YAC, Leadership La Porte County & LLCY
- ◆ Recruit other youth to participate in YAC programs and projects

### YAC Governance:

- ◆ YAC members will elect President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer
- ◆ YAC will create bylaws, codes of conduct, committee structure and committee chairs
- ◆ YAC Exec team will coordinate with Leadership staff and Board on initiatives and projects



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