

Dear YAC Guardians,

Congratulations on your child's acceptance as a member of the **Week 1** 2020 Youth Advisory Council (YAC)! You should be extremely proud of this accomplishment. We are looking forward to working with your YAC over the course of the next several months to strengthen their leadership skills and to prepare them for their role at the **Week 1** 2020 Summer Leadership Conference.

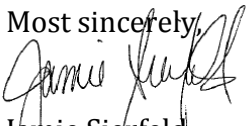
The commitment related to being a YAC is a great one- between trainings and time spent at camp, your child will be spending a significant amount of time with us through the end of the summer- and we couldn't be more excited!

We are so appreciative of the time that our YACs put into this process; we are just as appreciative as the time that you put into it. We truly consider our YAC parents to be a vital partner in the success of the YAC program, and of LMTI. From driving carpools of teenagers up and down the New Jersey Turnpike/Garden State Parkway, to letting out of town YACs stay at your home, to listening to your teens go on and on about their LMTI experience (even when you can't always grasp how red wagons and hamster dances fit into the grand scheme of it all)- we know **you** are invested in LMTI. We appreciate you so much.

YACs are the not-so-secret ingredient to the success of LMTI. YACs bring the heart, soul, and passion to the LMTI experience for our new participants. Equally as important to those more innate qualities are the leadership skills we teach and the preparation that our young leaders will receive as a result of their active participation in trainings. We know that our YACs are involved in sports, theater, part-time jobs, extracurricular activities, and responsibilities at home. Because we know that YACs are not just leaders for us, we work within a fair attendance policy that highlights the critical importance of their full participation in LMTI trainings, but also does not minimize the importance of their other commitments.

Please do review the enclosed Attendance Policy & Procedures document with your child. This way, when/if a conflict does arise, you are both aware of how to proceed. Be sure to also check the YAC training dates and Summer Leadership Conference dates (note that YACs must be at Camp Mason on **Sunday, August 23 at 2:00PM**) now against any potential summer vacations so that plans can be made accordingly. Please sign the acknowledgment form below and have your YAC bring it with them to the first in-person training in May.

Parents, thank you for sharing your child with us and for allowing them to help make a difference in the lives of New Jersey youth. If you ever have any questions about the YAC program, or about the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute, please do not hesitate to contact Training Coordinator Corey Donetz at cdonetz@pipnj.org.

Most sincerely,

Jamie Sierfeld
LMTI Director

-----Please detach and bring to the first in-person YAC training in May -----

YAC Name: _____ YAC Action Group/School: _____

I have reviewed the YAC Attendance Policy & Procedures form with my child and understand the guidelines and rules regarding missing YAC trainings.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____