



2017 Alaska Youth Leadership Summit

The purpose of the 2017 Alaska Youth Leadership Summit is to create a community of support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth and their allies. The Summit includes workshops and trainings to educate youth on healthy life skills and relationships, develop leadership skills, and empower youth to be change agents in their communities.

The Youth Leadership Summit will be held at Camp K on Kenai Lake from August 11th-14th, 2017. The Summit is a free event for high school students ages 13-19.

Students outside of the Anchorage area are eligible to apply for one of our travel scholarships. If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please note this in the "Travel Scholarships" Section below. Parents are not required to fall below the poverty line to apply for a scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Identity at (907) 929-4528 or email identityyouthretreat@gmail.com

The Summit will be chaperoned by qualified volunteers with background checks. Students will not be left unattended for any reason. Students will be required to complete a short pre- and post-summit survey regarding their experience so that Identity can track student growth and log statistical information.

Please fill out the attached application as accurately as possible. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **The deadline to submit applications is May 23rd.** You will be informed shortly after the deadline if you have been accepted into the summit. At that time you will be given detailed information about the schedule, program, and travel arrangements.

You may submit your application by:

- Email: identityyouthretreat@gmail.com
- Fax: [\(907\) 334-1992](tel:9073341992)
- Mail: P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520

For more questions or information please contact Identity.
Email: identityyouthretreat@gmail.com Phone: (907) 929-4528
Website: www.identityinc.org

Identity Inc. is a statewide LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) organization founded in 1977 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and based in Anchorage, Alaska. Identity's mission is to advance Alaska's LGBTQ community through advocacy, education and connectivity.

Student Information

Legal First Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____
Last Name: _____ Pronouns: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____
Age: _____ Year in School: _____
School: _____

Emergency Contacts

Please provide 2 emergency contacts over the age of 18 who are located in the state of Alaska. The phone, address, and relation to student is REQUIRED. Applications will NOT be considered without these 2 valid contacts.

Emergency Adult Contact 1(Must be legal Guardian/Parent)

Name: _____ Relation: _____
Address: _____
Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____
Email 1: _____

Emergency Adult Contact 2

Name: _____ Relation: _____
Address: _____
Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Liability Clause

In case of accidental injury, psychological trauma, or death, I understand that Identity, Inc will not be held liable. This release of liability extends to all Youth Leadership Summit activities, including transportation. I understand that in the case of an emergency, Identity may be required to make an immediate decision regarding appropriate medical care.

Participant's signature: _____
Print participant's name: _____ Date: _____
Parent Name (Print): _____
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medical Insurance

Health Insurance Carrier (If uninsured, please write "uninsured):

Insurance Group #: _____ Insurance Policy #: _____

Primary Care Provider Phone Number: _____

Primary Care Provider Address: _____

Preferred Emergency Care Clinic: _____

Preferred Hospital: _____

Medical Care

Medical and/or psychological conditions: _____

Prescriptions (including name, dosage, and purpose): _____

Allergies (include reaction to allergy and proper care for allergy): _____

(Example: Bee stings / mild swelling / provide 5 mg Benadryl)

Dietary Restrictions (Such as Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-intolerant): _____

Sexual Intimacy Policy

Identity, Inc. supports comprehensive sexual health education for youth. Many young people do not receive adequate sex-education in their schools that speaks to the needs of LGBTQ and allied youth. Sex between individuals should be safe, informed, and consensual.

HOWEVER, sexual activity and intimacy between all participants at Identity sponsored events is absolutely prohibited in order to create a safe, respectful, experience for everyone. We ask that you agree to not take part in sexual activity and intimacy while you are at the Summit.

Q: What is allowed under this policy?

A: People can engage in behavior that is consistent with friendship. That is holding hands, walking close together, small kisses on the cheek when saying goodbye, talking to each other and spending free time together.

Q: What is not allowed?

A: Anything that goes beyond holding hands or having a conversation. Kissing on the lips, close physical contact (i.e. cuddling, spooning), or any activity that involves less articles of clothing that you would wear to church or school, is not allowed. Public displays other than those listed are not allowed.

Behavior Policy

To be signed by all parents/guardians and participants attending the 2017 Identity Youth Leadership Summit

I agree to all of the following conditions of behavior during all 2017 Youth Leadership Summit related activities including transportation to and from the Summit:

- All people should be treated with respect at all times. Any form of harassment or inappropriate behavior should be reported immediately to chaperones and/or Identity staff;
- I will use appropriate pronouns and names. I will not make derogatory remarks about peoples' abilities, intelligence, race, ethnicity, class, color, gender identity or gender expression, sex, appearance, or political beliefs;
- I will remain at the event site and/or with the chaperones from Identity at all times;
- I will not use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs during summit-related events, and I will not bring alcohol, tobacco or other drugs with me to summit-related events;
- I will cooperate with all staff and abide by their decisions and directions; and
- I will be a representative of the Summit by modeling positive behavior and respecting both my fellow Summit participants and the facilities where summit events are being held.

Consequences

I agree that if I violate this agreement I may be subject to any of the following consequences:

- Prohibited from participating in the remainder of the Summit, or being restricted from attending certain portions of the Summit;
- Become ineligible to participate in future Youth Leadership Summits sponsored by Identity;
- Possible legal action if appropriate (for example, possession or use of alcohol/drugs, engaging in non-consenting sexual behavior or unwanted advances or sexual harassment);
- Other consequences deemed appropriate by summit staff; and
- **Being sent home immediately at my own cost without the right to appeal.**

Sexual Intimacy Policy and Behavior Policy Acknowledgement

I acknowledge and understand both the sexual intimacy policy and the behavior policy. I understand that I am not to engage in any of the prohibited behaviors as outlined in the sexual intimacy policy and the behavior policy. If I do not follow these agreements I am subject to the consequences outlined in the behavior contract as discerned by the 2017 Youth Summit Staff. **Included in these consequences is the chance of being sent home at my own expense without the right to appeal.**

Participant's signature: _____

Print participant's name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Printed: _____ Date: _____

Media and Photo Release

As a participant of the Youth Leadership Summit, hosted by Identity, Inc., I the undersigned hereby authorize the right of Identity, Inc. to reproduce my image, photograph, or likeness, for publicity and fundraising purposes deemed appropriate. My photograph, image, likeness, interview, and/or name may appear in either official materials---including (but not limited to) brochures, websites, email blasts---or any other form of media and/or technology currently in existence or not yet developed.

I authorize Identity, Inc. and any media outlet, either local and/or national, to reproduce my image, photograph, likeness, interview and/or recording. I understand that my pictures and/or interview may be accessible to anyone with Internet access and may appear in local, statewide, national, and international print, Internet or television media. For instance, I understand that my picture may be published in my local newspaper where my family and friends can see.

I understand and accept that because of the nature of Identity, Inc.'s work as an organization, which fights homophobia and transphobia, I may be perceived as an out lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer youth.

I release Identity, Inc. from any claims or liabilities that may result in the use of these photographs, images, recording, interviews and/or likenesses.

Participant's signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Personal Statement/Essay Questions

All students must complete the required essay questions regardless of financial need. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please type your responses and attach them to this application. There is no word requirement, but a ½ page, 12 point font, double spaced response, is highly recommended.

1. Please explain why you feel you should be selected to attend the Youth Leadership Summit.

2. Please provide a description of your prior and current involvement with the LGBTQ community (Gay-Straight Alliance, volunteer work). If you have no involvement, why do you want to be involved?

Travel Scholarship

For youth living outside of Anchorage Area only!!

In order to make our summit as accessible to all Alaskans as possible we offer travel assistance to youth applying from outside of the Anchorage area. Please check below one of the boxes below and provide any additional information.

_____: I live outside Anchorage and will need travel Assistance

If checked yes to needing a scholarship please provide the additional information:

Name as it appears on photo ID: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Legal Gender: _____

_____: I live outside Anchorage but will make my own travel arrangements

Retreat Housing Preference

During the Youth Summit, we will be staying in large cabins that sleep 20 people in bunks. There will be two chaperones in each room. Bathrooms are separated into same-gendered men and women. Youth are allowed to use whichever restroom affords them the most comfort. Single use restrooms or private showering times are available for any youth who would prefer more privacy. We will do the best to accommodate cabin preferences but Identity Inc. reserves the right to change Cabin placement for the comfort and safety of the group.

Gender-neutral housing is an inclusive option for participants to share a cabin with other students regardless of their sex and gender identities, as opposed to traditionally sharing a space with those that are of the same gender and sex.

This would be a good option for those that do not have a strong preference to share a cabin with those of the same gender, or those that are open and interested in a more inclusive experience.

Please indicate the cabin(s) you or your child would feel comfortable sleeping in.

_____ Gender neutral

_____ Same-gendered man

_____ Same-gendered women

Preference: _____

Participants Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

