



2018 Alaska Winter Youth Leadership Retreat

The purpose of the 2018 Alaska Youth Leadership Retreat is to create a community of support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth and their allies. The Retreat 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 Retreat is a one day event and will be held at YWCA (324 E 5TH Ave.) in Anchorage, Alaska, on Saturday, February 10th. The Retreat is a free event for high school students or those enrolled in an educational program, ages 13-18. The retreat will take place all day, into the evening.

The Retreat 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 January 24th.** You will be informed shortly after the deadline if you have been accepted into the retreat. At that time you will be given detailed information about the schedule, and program.

You may submit your application by:

- Email: brooks@identityinc.org
- Fax: [\(907\) 334-1992](tel:(907)334-1992)
- Mail: P.O. Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520

For more questions or information please contact Identity.

Email: brooks@identityinc.org 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 Retreat 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 Retreat.

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 2018 Identity Youth Leadership Retreat

I agree to all of the following conditions of behavior during all 2018 Youth Leadership Retreat related activities:

- 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 Retreat, or being restricted from attending certain portions of the Retreat;
- Become ineligible to participate in future Youth Leadership events 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 Retreat 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 2018 Youth Retreat 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: _____

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Media and Photo Release

As a participant of the 2018 Youth Leadership Retreat, 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 Retreat.

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?