



SPRING YOUTH FORUM YOUTH PERMISSION PACKET

Youth may not attend without all pages in this packet signed!

Below is a checklist for registering and bringing youth to the 2024 Spring Youth Forum. The Team Adult Advisor (TAA), youth, and their parents/guardians must review and complete the forms, as included in this Youth Permission Packet, prior to attending the conference. All forms must be completed, signed, and turned in at the time of registration in order for youth to attend the 2024 Spring Youth Forum. This checklist will help the group come prepared and stay organized.

Youth & Parent/Guardian Checklist:

- Review pages 2 - 6 of this Youth Permission Packet and sign at the bottom of EACH page in order for youth to attend the Spring Youth Forum.
- The completed Youth Permission Packet should be given to the youth's TAA or Chaperone and submitted during onsite check-in at the Forum. Tuesday, May 7, 2024, or Wednesday, May 8, 2024.
 - Forms should NOT be sent directly to the Health Care Authority.
- Parents: If you are unable to reach your youth or your youth's chaperone in an emergency, please write down the following address and phone number in the event it becomes necessary to contact your child:
 - **Address: Great Wolf Lodge, 20500 Old Hwy 99 SW, Centralia, WA 98531**
 - **Phone: 360-764-9360, Endalkachew Abebaw (Spring Youth Forum Conference Chair)**
- Team members must be youth 12 to 17 years of age, including those of the age of 18 who are still in high school or equivalent program.

Youth Team Checklist:

- Designate a Team Adult Advisor (TAA)
 - See Team Adult Advisor Guidelines for more information.
- If your youth team does not already have a youth team name, one should be designated and placed on all registration materials. Please reference the same youth team name for all team members on conference forms and materials.
- Review the Travel & Lodging link for information on the group lodging block: <http://springyouthforum.org/travel/>

Team Adult Advisor (one per team) Checklist:

- Review the Team Adult Advisor/Chaperone Guidelines located on the Forms & Resources link:
 - <http://springyouthforum.org/forms/>
- All the TAAs and Chaperones for each team must attend the mandatory TAA/Chaperone meeting by webinar or in-person.
 - **By Webinar: Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 11:00 am**
 - **In-Person at the Great Wolf Lodge: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:30 am**
- Please ensure that your youth bring one (1) original and two (2) copies of the Youth Permission Packet and bring the signed forms to the Spring Youth Forum's registration desk to be submitted during team check-in if attending in-person. Youth will not be allowed to attend the Spring Youth Forum without bringing all necessary signed forms to the Forum and submitting them at check-in.



YOUTH GUIDELINES

Without this completed form in hand participants will be denied entrance to the Spring Youth Forum.

The following guidelines and expectations have been set forth by the organizers of the Spring Youth Forum to help provide a positive youth programming experience. These guidelines have been established to provide safety measures and a framework for appropriate behavior for all attendees. Youth teams may choose to have additional guidelines and expectations.

Guidelines must be followed in order to participate in the conference and related activities. Violations of any of the guidelines may result in an individual or youth team being disqualified from eligibility for event prizes and/or scholarships for a 12-month period.

The Washington State Spring Youth Forum is a continuation of the Prevention Summit. The Spring Youth Forum provides youth prevention teams the opportunity to learn from others while showcasing their own education and planning skills by sharing the successes and lessons learned from projects commenced during or following previous Prevention Summits or other youth trainings. Though this is a time for fun and learning, there are a few guidelines that need to be followed:

- Youth are required to stay at the conference facility, Great Wolf Lodge, always, unless accompanied by their Team Adult Advisor or Chaperone.
- Youth attending the Spring Youth Forum are expected to adhere to a zero-tolerance policy for tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, misuse/abuse of medicines, and illegal drug use/possession.
- Youth will exhibit respectful and professional behavior, including refraining from engaging in affectionate, intimate, or sexual behavior and/or activity.
- The Spring Youth Forum curfew for youth is 10:00 pm (In Rooms) – No exceptions.
- Youth, Team Adult Advisors, and Chaperones are expected to attend all event activities, meals, and conference workshops.
- Youth are expected to always stay with their Team Adult Advisor and/or Chaperone during the conference and its related activities.
- Youth must retain and carry their personal copy of the Youth Permission Packet at all times while on-site at the conference.
- Youth are expected to adhere to the “no guest policy” in conference areas.

Youth Code of Conduct:

The goal of the Spring Youth Forum is to provide a safe, fun, and positive environment in which youth and adults can learn and gain skills.

- I will obey all Great Wolf Lodge rules, as well as all rules established by the Spring Youth Forum Staff and my Team Adult Advisor/Chaperone.
- I will treat all others with respect.
- I will leave the hotel and workshop rooms as I found them, or better.
- I will participate in Spring Youth Forum activities to the best of my abilities.
- I will conduct myself in a professional manner.
- I will listen to others.
- I will not engage in violent behavior.
- I will not use or bring tobacco, marijuana, alcohol or other illegal substances, including but not limited to misuse of prescription or over the counter medicines.
- I will not engage in affectionate, intimate or sexual behavior and/or activity. +
- I understand violation of the Youth Code of Conduct will result in consequences for my behavior.

Youth Dress Code of Conduct:

Participants must wear:

- Top (shirt, blouse, sweater, sweatshirt, tank, etc.);
- Bottom (pants, shorts, skirt, dress, etc.); and footwear.
- Reasonable variation in required attire for participation in certain activities may be granted; if swimming, participants must adhere to the swimming attire dress code of the facility that maintains the swimming pool.

Participants may not wear clothing, jewelry, or personal items that:

- Contain vulgar language, pornographic imagery, contain threats, or that promote illegal or violent conduct such as the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia;
- Demonstrate hate group association/affiliation and/or use hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or other protected groups;
- Intentionally show private parts (nipples, genitals, buttocks). Clothing must cover private parts in opaque (not able to be seen-through) material;
- Cover the student's face to the extent that the student is not identifiable (except clothing/headgear worn for a religious or medical purpose); or
- Demonstrate gang association/affiliation.
- Attire worn in observance of a student's religion or medical masks are not subject to this policy.



Violations to Guidelines or Code of Conduct:

Violation of any of the guidelines or code of conduct may result in:

- Not being able to participate in Spring Youth Forum activities.
- My Parent/Guardian will be notified.
- Being sent home from the conference at my own expense.*
- I may be disqualified from eligibility for event prizes and/or scholarships for a 12-month period.

**The Spring Youth Forum reserves the right to dismiss any attendee at any time, depending upon the severity of the infraction. Any costs related to such dismissals would be the responsibility of the individual being dismissed. Parents or guardians will be responsible for any costs incurred in sending a youth home early.*

Who to Contact at the Forum:

Please contact Endalkachew Abebaw (Spring Youth Forum Conference Chair) with any questions and guidance as needed through the registration desk.

Youth (under age 18) will NOT be able to participate in the Spring Youth Forum without the signature of a parent/guardian.

I have carefully read this page and understand its contents.

Youth Name (please print)

Youth Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



MEDICAL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

In the case of an emergency and contacting your child becomes necessary, please call your youth's chaperone. In the event you cannot reach your youth or the designated chaperone, please contact Endalkachew Abebaw (Spring Youth Forum Conference Chair) at 360-764-9360.

Youth Participant Information (please print clearly)

Last Name

First Name

Date of Birth

Chaperone's Name

Chaperone's On-Site Phone Number

Insurance Company

Insurance Policy Number

List any medications currently prescribed to the youth: _____

List any allergies, including foods and medications: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____ Daytime

Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Additional Emergency Contact Name(s) and Phone Number(s):

Comments: _____



Healthy Youth Survey Youth Engagement Session

This year at the Spring Youth Forum, youth will have an opportunity to participate in a Youth Engagement Session with staff from the Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) on 05/08/2024 at 11:00a.m. The Washington HYS is given in public schools to students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 every two years.

The goal of this session will be the following:

- 1. Get youth input on revisions they would like to see made to prevention-related questions on the HYS before its next administration in fall 2025
- 2. Find out from youth how they might like to be involved with the HYS in the future

During this 50 minute session, youth will hear a short presentation on the HYS and then review and provide feedback on questions included on the 2023 HYS relating to prevention, including substance use, impaired driving, mental health, and gambling. A list of questions to be discussed during this session can be provided upon request by contacting the email listed below.

Students will not be asked to answer the survey questions. The discussion will focus on the students' perception of the questions and response options, as well as any topics or questions they feel are missing from the survey. For example, does the wording make sense? Are the right topics being covered? Youth will also be asked to share about ways they might like to be involved in the HYS in the future, such as part of an advisory panel, attending public informational sessions, or something else.

Students will be provided opportunities to share their opinions out loud or by writing them down, but they will not be required to speak or share at any point.

HYS staff may take notes and student written feedback will be collected, but no notes or feedback will have personal information attached to it. Youth are also free to step away from the session at any time.

With any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the HYS staff at healthy.youth@doh.wa.gov or (564) 233-5247

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Youth Name (please print)

Youth Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date