



Greetings!

We have received your registration for the **2010 Michigan Youth Symposium, March 26-28** (Friday through Sunday), in Taylor, Michigan. Enclosed you will find important information regarding the Symposium and directions to the Wayne County Community College, Romulus Athletic Center and Ramada Inn.

This Confirmation letter will only be mailed to the contact person in each community. Please make copies and distribute to youth delegates and chaperones. We look forward to seeing you in Taylor!

Accommodations – Ramada Inn, (734) 283-2200

The Ramada Inn and Suites is the host hotel for the 2010 Michigan Youth Symposium.
The hotel is located at: 20777 Eureka Rd.
Taylor, MI 48180

Make sure to mention you are with MRPA to receive the group rate of \$59/per night plus tax (four people/room). Please present your tax exempt status at registration by providing a copy of their agency's Federal ID letter. **Hotel reservation deadline is March 14, 2010.** Space is limited - first come, first serve.

Chaperones

One chaperone must attend for every 5 youth delegates (1:5). Chaperones staying at the Ramada Inn and Suites with teens should bring everything included on the packing list as well. Chaperones will be responsible for having emergency information for each youth delegate(s) they are supervising, enforcing rules of all facilities, providing general supervision during evening activities, and encouraging youth to participate to the best of their abilities. The following information is provided to share with the parents of your group in case they need to be contacted.

What to bring:

- Comfortable clothing
- Gym shoes
- Towel and swimsuit for swimming Saturday night if desired
- Notebook, pocket folder, and pen
- Copies of information to exchange i.e. newsletters, Teen Council Manuals, etc. (Optional)
- Brag & Steal Items (signature items/giveaways that advertise your council/organization)
- Outdoor Clothing (90 minute activity)
- Snacks

Chaperones:

- Emergency information for all youth delegates
- All participants are responsible for their belongings, please ask delegates to label all items

Meals included in Registration:

Friday: Pizza at the Taylor Sportsplex (13333 Telegraph Rd, Taylor, MI)

Saturday: Continental Breakfast provided at the Ramada Inn (20777 Eureka Rd, Taylor, MI)
Lunch at the Taylor Activity Building, Heritage Park (12115 Pardee Rd, Taylor)
Awards Banquet at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Rd. Romulus, MI)

Sunday: Continental Breakfast

Symposium Daily Schedule

Saturday Youth Sessions & Professional Networking Sessions (see attached schedule)

Friday Night Meet & Greet and Symposium Kickoff – 7:30pm – 10:00pm This event will be held at the Taylor Sportsplex. Conference check in and packet pick up. Join all the groups for the keynote address by Anthony Morgan, Ice Breaker games, pizza, table game challenges, ice skating and the cake decorating workshop.

Saturday Night Fashion Show will include the Awards Ceremony as well as a fashion show at the Romulus Athletic Center. Group Leaders are asked to have 3 or 4 youth from each council participate in the fashion show. The categories are: Evening Wear, Sports Wear and Wacky Wear.

Please bring your swimsuit, towel and active wear for the Indoor water park, rock climbing, basketball and many more activities for the Saturday Night Social which will take place right after the Awards Ceremony.

Display Booths – Set-up Saturday Morning at the Activity Building, Heritage Park

We will be providing one table and two chairs for each booth. Communities and groups must bring everything else they need, TV's, VCR, photos, etc. This is your chance to show off what your community has been doing, so have some fun with it. Feel free to bring giveaways to exchange with other cities, like pens, flags, t-shirts, key chains, pins or whatever you'd like.

We look forward to seeing you this year for another great Michigan Youth Symposium. If you have any questions regarding the Symposium or the information in this packet, please feel free to contact one of us at any time. We have also included contact information of the facilities we will be at which you may share with parents and guardians. Thanks!

Have a safe trip, and we'll see you in Taylor!

Sincerely,

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**2010 MICHIGAN YOUTH SYMPOSIUM
YOUTH CONFERENCE
Friday-Sunday, March 26-28, 2010
Wayne County Community College
Hosted by the Taylor Teen Council**

FRIDAY

5:00-6:45pm
7:00pm
7:30-8:30pm
8:30-10:00pm

Get settled in at the Ramada Inn (20777 Eureka Rd.)
Registration Open - Check in and packet pick up - **Taylor Sportplex (13333 Telegraph Rd.)**
Keynote Address and Ice Breakers by Anthony Morgan: Goal Setting
Pizza, Table Games Challenge, Ice Skating, Sweet Retreat Workshop

SATURDAY

8:00-9:00am
8:30am
9:00-9:15am
9:15-10:00am

Wayne County Community College (WCCCD) - Ray Mix Room (21000 Northline, Taylor)
Registration Check-In
Chaperone Orientation
Welcome and Council Introductions
Keynote Address: Michael Hull

10:10-11:10am

Educational Sessions - WCCCD
I) Diversity with Michael Hull, Central Michigan University
II) Positive Teen Building - Dale Carnegie, Kathy Tososian
III) Activism 101 - Anthony Morgan

11:30-12:15pm

Lunch at the Taylor Activity Building, Heritage Park (12115 Pardee Rd, Taylor)
(Provided by Texas Roadhouse)

12:20-1:30pm

All Conference Session: Nature Walk, Scavenger Hunt & Canoe with Heavner Canoe
Nature Connections

1:45-2:45pm

Educational Sessions - WCCCD
I) Diversity with Michael Hull, Central Michigan University
II) Parliamentary Skills - Boayue and Associates
III) Employability Skills - Karla Williamson and Tracy Shanley

2:50-4:45pm

Youth-led Lightning Rounds - Each Session will be 35 minutes with 5 minutes between
I) Council Networking, Youth and Teen Initiative Committee
II) Recreation - Where do you stand? Reverse Mentoring, Recreation and Teens, Community Service - Farmington Hills Mayor's Youth Council
III) Parli-Pro Jeopardy - Adrian Youth Council

6:30-8:00pm

Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Fashion Show at the Romulus Athletic Center
Keynote Address: "Positive Teen Building" Kathy Tososian - Dale Carnegie

8:00-10:30pm

All Conference Social at the Romulus Athletic Center
Indoor Waterpark, Rock Climbing, Basketball, Video Games

SUNDAY

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am

MI Council of Teens Mtg. (Ramada Inn)
Closing Session w/ Cont. Breakfast - Taylor Activity Building, Heritage Park
Keynote Speaker: Linda Walter, MRPA President



MRPA 2010 YOUTH SYMPOSIUM AWARD INFORMATION



Dear Youth Council Member or Liaison,

The 2010 MRPA/MML Youth Symposium will provide Youth Councils the opportunity to nominate a Youth Council member, Youth Council Advisor or Youth Council to be recognized for their performance. Individual Youth Council members can be nominated for the **Outstanding Leadership Award** (nominee has shown outstanding leadership and dedication in your Youth Council). Youth Council Advisors can be nominated for the **Youth Council Advisor of the Year Award** (nominee has shown outstanding leadership and direction for your Youth Council). Youth Councils have the opportunity to be nominated for three awards: 1) **Outstanding Youth Council** (nominee is the entire youth council and the award will go to the Youth Council who has had a successful year); 2) **Outstanding Program Development Award** (nominee is the entire youth council and the award will go to the Youth Council who has created a program or event that has made a strong positive impact in the community); 3) **Website Award** (nominee is a youth council that has initiated the development of a website related to teens that is informative, easy to navigate through and appealing to youth and adults). In order to nominate a person or Youth Council for an award, the following application must be completed and submitted to MRPA by Wednesday, 3/24/10 OR hand delivered at registration area no later than 12 pm, 3/27/10.

4 Award Nomination Submission Options:

- 1) **US Mail:** MRPA * 2465 Woodlake Circle, Suite 180 * Okemos, MI 48864 ~ Attn: 2010 Youth Symp. Award Nomination (**must be received by Wednesday, March 24, 2010**)
- 2) **Fax:** MRPA * (517) 485-7932 (**must be received by Wednesday, March 24, 2010**)
- 3) **Email:** MRPA * bfarmer@fhgov.com, Subject line ~ 2010 Youth Symposium Award Nomination (**must be received by Wednesday, March 24, 2010**)
- 4) **Hand Deliver:** On Site in Taylor by **Saturday, March 27, 2010 @ 12:00PM** at Registration Area.

For more information on MRPA/MML Youth Symposium Awards, please contact ~
Bryan Farmer (248) 473-1805 or bfarmer@fhgov.com

Nominating a person(s) or a Youth Council for a MRPA/MML Youth Symposium Award is easy! Just follow the steps below:

1. Award Nominee's Agency must be a member of MRPA or MML
2. Completely fill out attached Awards Nomination Form
3. Attach a 400 word or less description as to why the nominee should receive the Award
4. Send Nomination Form and a 400 word or less description (**see 5 Submission Options above**).
5. Award winners will be announced and presented an award at the Youth Symposium Awards Dinner on March 27, 2010



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2010 MRPA YOUTH SYMPOSIUM AWARD NOMINATION

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Must be received no later than Wednesday, March 24, 2010 or hand delivered at the Youth Symposium by 12 PM, Saturday, March 27, 2010.

* Award Nominee's Agency must be a member of MRPA or MML

Please type or print legible

NAME OF PERSON OR COUNCIL BEING NOMINATED _____

NAME OF PERSON NOMINATING _____

CITY/TOWNSHIP REPRESENTING _____

FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD ONLY: AGE OF NOMINEE _____ GRADE OF NOMINEE _____

PHONE NUMBER OF NOMINEE () _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

YOUTH COUNCIL ADVISOR/CONTACT PERSON NAME _____

YOUTH COUNCIL ADVISOR/CONTACT PERSON PHONE NUMBER _____

Check appropriate box for Award being Nominated For:

Outstanding Leadership Award

The selection of award winners is based on a description of 400 words or less, as to why the nominee should receive the Outstanding Leadership Award. The award will go to the person who has shown outstanding leadership and dedication in your Youth Council.

Advisor of the Year Award

The selection of the award winner is based on a description of 400 words or less, as to why the nominee should receive the Advisor of the Year Award. The award will go to the person who has shown outstanding leadership and direction for your Youth Council.

Outstanding Youth Council Award

The selection of the award winner is based on a description of 400 words or less, as to why the nominee should receive the Outstanding Youth Council Award. The award will go to the Youth Council who has had a successful year (successes may include: growth in membership, fundraising, attendance at events, community service programs, etc).

Outstanding Program Development Award

The selection of the award winner is based on a description of no more than 400 words, as to why the nominee should receive the Outstanding Program Development Award. The award will go to the Youth Council who has created a program or event that has made a strong positive impact in the community.

Website Award

The selection of the award winner is based on the submission of your web address and a description of no more than 400 words describing the development process for your website. The award will go to the Youth Council who has initiated the development of a website related to teens, that is informative, easy to navigate through and appealing to youth and adults.

I have discussed this nomination with nominee and he/she has verified that I have approval to nominate them for an award. I also understand that by signing this form, I am specifically granting permission to the Michigan Recreation & Park Association (MRPA) and the Michigan Municipal League (MML) to use the likeness, voice and words of the person Nominating and being Nominated in television, radio, films, newspapers, magazines and other media, and in any form not hereto described, for the purpose of advertising or communicating the purposes and activities of MRPA and MML and appealing for funds to support such activities.

Signature of person being nominated _____ Date _____

Signature of person nominating _____ Date _____