



YMCA Youth Leadership Project North– an innovative youth leadership initiative

January 15, 2019

Dear Principal, Vice Principal, Teachers and Guidance Staff and Community Leaders:

The YMCA is launching an innovative youth leadership project that will culminate in a group of 12 local youth travelling to Alberta, Canada. This ten-day trip will include a community service project, working along-side local youth, and an exciting outdoor adventure experience. Before they make this incredible trip, the youth will take part in a six-month leadership development program based at the YMCA Learning & Career Centre. The program has four main components; philanthropy, community service, fitness and leadership development and is open to any interested youth currently in Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 who are willing to make a six-month long commitment to the program. The result will be a group of young people destined to become future leaders in our community!

We are asking you to share the attached information with your students/participants. This is a unique experience and any student can participate in the initiative without financial barriers.

The application process is open to Sarnia-Lambton youth and youth from our surrounding First Nation communities who are currently in high school. Youth can apply by filling out an online application found at www.ymcaswo.ca/projectnorth. The deadline for application submission is February 10, 2019. Participants will be selected and will begin meeting weekly starting March 6, 2019 at the YMCA Learning & Careers Centre on Oakdale Ave in Sarnia. Students will learn about team building programs, improve communication skills, develop interpersonal skills and abilities, physically train and fundraise for their trip to Alberta – a true experiential learning opportunity.

For more information, contact one of the YMCA staff below. Thank you for your help in sharing this leadership development opportunity with your students.

Sincerely,

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