



2014 Youth Summit – Frequently Asked Questions

Travel:

Travel to and from the Youth Summit is the responsibility of the participant. However, to aid in travel planning, Ontario Nature offers a free round-trip charter bus from a central location in the GTA. The charter bus will leave from the meeting location (parking lot of York Mills Station in Toronto) at approximately 3:00 PM on Friday, September 19th. The charter bus will return to York Mills Station at approximately 5:30 PM on Sunday, September 21st. Please note these times and the location are subject to change and will be confirmed as the summit approaches.

Participants may sign-up to take the bus when they register for workshops, later this summer.

Accommodations:

The Youth Summit will be held at YMCA Geneva Park in Orillia, ON. Rooms are hotel-style, with two-person occupancy and a private washroom. All linens and towels will be provided.

Participants may request roommate preferences when they register for workshops, later this summer.

Workshop registration:

Registration for workshops will be available for summit participants in August. An e-mail will be sent once registration is open, directing participants to an online survey where they will choose their favourite workshops. Workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

At that time, participants can also sign-up for the charter bus and request a roommate.

Adult supervision:

The Youth Summit will be supervised by Ontario Nature staff and adult volunteers. All supervisors will undergo police checks prior to the Youth Summit. The adult to youth ratio is approximately 1:8.



Deadlines and cancellations:

Registration for the Youth Summit will close on Monday, September 8 or when capacity (100 participants) has been reached.

The cancellation deadline is Monday, September 8. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations after this date.

What to Bring:

When packing for the summit, consider that many activities will be taking place outdoors – rain or shine! Bed linens and towels will be provided by the facility, so please leave your pillows and sleeping bags at home.

Remember to pack the following items:

- Your signed Ontario Nature waiver/photo release form and code of conduct form (Note: This form will be sent to you later this summer via e-mail.)
- Toiletries and personal items
- Seasonally appropriate clothing (consider dressing in layers so you can easily take off or put on clothes if you are warm or cold)
- Pajamas
- Clothing/accessories in your team colour for Saturday night's Great Group Challenge (Note: Your team colour will be confirmed later this summer via e-mail.)
- Warm jacket
- Rain gear
- Closed-toed shoes for outdoor programming
- Water bottle
- Bug repellent
- Bathing suit, if participating in optional polar bear dip

The following are suggested but completely optional:

- Camera
- Small day pack to carry extra clothes and water bottle
- Book or reading material
- Travel mug to enjoy the facilities' hot beverages

If you have any further questions, please contact Sarah Hedges at sarahh@ontarionature.org or 416-444-8419 x 241.