



“Ethics in Science and Medicine”

November 13-16, 2014

Sponsored by the American Ethical Union

You're invited to the 2014 Youth of Ethical Societies (Y.E.S.) Conference: **Ethics in Science and Medicine**

Come meet teens from Ethical Societies around the country and discuss this topic and others!

When

Friday evening, November 14th, to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 16th, 2014.
(Pre-conference activities begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 13th.)

Where

Beautiful Frost Valley YMCA Camp
2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY 12725 -- located two hours away from NYSEC.
(Pre-conference overnight stay at the New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street,
New York, NY 10023, with group site-seeing on Friday morning and early afternoon.)

Who

Y.E.S. members and friends (13-18 years old, in grades 9 - 12) and adult advisors/chaperones.
Please note: Every participating youth must be under the supervision of a designated adult chaperone who is responsible for not more than 6 other teens. If an attending teen does not know an adult who is able to come, arrangements can often be made between Societies.
Trish Cowan and the AEU are happy to assist with this coordination.

How

Fill out and mail the enclosed 1) registration form, 2) full payment, 3) signed Code of Ethics**
and 4) Medical Authorization Form by October 29, to:
Law'nence Miller - Director of Administration, Attn. YES
AEU ☀ Two West 64th St. ☀ New York, NY 10023.
~ Copies of registration materials also available at www.aeu.org ~

Bring: Sleeping bag, small pillow/pillow case, towel, plastic bag for packing damp items, soap, shampoo, jeans, sweatshirt, hiking/sport shoes, jacket, gloves and hat, rain gear, and flashlight. (Also pajamas you don't mind being seen in!) Temperatures typically cold in November. Optional: Wash cloth, snacks, music player, journal, musical instrument, poetry, games for large groups, ear plugs.

**Code of Ethics- Behavior Guidelines: Our common values as Ethical Culturists/Humanists
- respect for the inherent worth of every person, freedom balanced with responsibility –
will govern this conference. We will also adhere to the regulations of Frost Valley and the laws of New York and the USA regarding weapons, alcohol, drugs and sexual activity. All participants are required to read, sign and abide by our Code of Ethics and return it with the registration form.

Questions?

Please contact Trish Cowan, National YES Advisor, at 314-680-3348 or trishhotze@sbcglobal.net

SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!

~ **Deadline October 29th** ~

How to get there:

Please consult with your Society's Director of Ethical Education or Y.E.S. / youth group advisor.

A chartered bus will leave NYSEC around 3:30 PM on Friday (Nov 14th).

A bus will leave the conference site on Sunday afternoon around 1:30 to drop off at JFK and LaGuardia Airports. Advanced reservations for the bus are required; seats are limited.

If you are flying and using the chartered bus for transportation to the airport, please do not make flight reservations to leave New York before 6 pm on Sunday.

*Bunks, but no bedding, are provided by Frost Valley. Please be aware that, if traveling by plane, bringing a sleeping bag may result in extra baggage claim charges. **Because of the additional costs of travel, the AEU has very graciously set aside funds for a small scholarship.** Teens who are in need of financial assistance are asked to contact L Miller at the AEU for more information.*

Conference Site Notes

Established in 1901 as one of the nation's first summer camps, Frost Valley YMCA now provides four seasons of outdoor, experiential and educational opportunities. Frost Valley YMCA is a 6,000 acre residential camping, environmental education, and conference center located in the heart of the "forever wild" Catskill Mountain Preserve.

Frost Valley's fabulous food service staff serve three wholesome meals daily, with special features including morning breakfast bars, lunch and dinner salad bars and alternate vegetarian/vegan menus. The dining hall is not just a place to eat, but it is also a key component to the educational experience. Frost Valley composts all of its food waste. Guests participate in this process by separating their organic from non-organic waste. Through these activities we hope to increase awareness and understanding of the resources around us.

Sample menu

Breakfast:

Hot Cereal, Cheesy Scrambled Eggs, Turkey Sausage Links, and Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes

Lunch:

Homemade Soup, Cheese Ravioli, Mixed Vegetables, Vegan Barley Pilaf, and Grilled Garden Burger

Dinner:

Beef Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Oven Roasted Corn, Brown Rice and Bean Stew, and Black Bean Burrito

There is no cell phone service at the Camp and television screens are rare. Wi-fi is available in the Dining Hall and Geyer Hall. Calls to Frost Valley's main number at (845) 985-2291 are answered from 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM and messages are delivered during the next meal.

YES Conference Schedule (Preliminary) November 13-16, 2014

Pre-Conference: NYSEC / City

Thursday, November 13 (evening). Activities at the New York Society for Ethical Culture.

Friday, November 14 (morning/early afternoon). Tour portion of New York City. That afternoon, after touring in New York, participants will return to NYSEC, where chartered bus & cars will transport registered participants to YMCA Camp Frost Valley. Bus will begin loading at 3:00 pm. Bus departs NYSEC on Friday at 3:30 pm.

Conference: Frost Valley

Friday, November 14 WELCOME to Frost Valley!

- 5:30 pm Arrive at Frost Valley. Bring in bags, settle into rooms.
- 6:00 pm Dinner in the Dining Hall
- 7:00 pm Sign in, name tags & packets
- 7:30 pm Community Service Recognition
- 8:30 pm Conference Opening: ceremony, games

Note: Teens must be indoors after 10 PM.
Free time until lights out at TBD

Saturday, November 15

- 8:00 am Breakfast in the Dining Hall
- 8:45 am Officers' and Reps' Meeting
- 9:15 am Conference Activities – small group discussions, games
- 12:00 pm Lunch in the Dining Hall
- 1:15 pm- 4:15 pm Afternoon activities including skits, discussions, FES presentation and t-shirt designs
- 4:15- 6:00 pm Organized activities
- 6:00 pm Dinner in the Dining Hall
- 7:00 pm Group Meeting, Elections & Warm Fuzzies followed by campfire, marshmallows and music
- 10:00 pm Free time until lights out at TBD

Sunday, November 16

- 8:00 am Breakfast in Dining Hall
- 9:15 - 10:15 Clean up, pack up. Sweep, collect trash.
- 10:15 - 11:00 Closing Ceremony & Evaluations
- 11:00 - 11:30 Group time
- 11:30 - 12:00 Group pictures and farewells
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:15 pm Bus loads for 1:30 departure, headed for City / Airports

Directions to Frost Valley Main Campus
2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY 12725

From George Washington Bridge (GWB) I-95 S:

From NYC take the GWB –UPPER LEVEL- and follow signs to the Palisades Parkway—the exit off the bridge on to the Palisades Parkway is from the right lane (if you take the lower level you will need to travel through some local streets in Fort Lee so follow signs for the Palisades). Take exit 9W off the Palisades onto I-87 N (toward Albany). From I-87 north take exit 16 (Harriman) after toll follow signs for 17 West, go 55 miles west on Route 17 to Liberty (Exit 100A). At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Route 55 east. Follow directions from Liberty (below).

From Long Island:

Take I-495 W to exit 31N for Cross Island Parkway to Whitestone Bridge. Take exit 33 (I-295 N/Throgs Neck Bridge) toward Throgs Neck Bridge/Bronx/New England. Continue to follow I-295 N and exit onto I-95 S. Follow for 5 miles and follow directions from the George Washington Bridge (I-95 south) above.

From New Jersey and Points South:

From the New York Thruway Exit 16 (Harriman) go 55 miles west on Route 17 to Liberty (Exit 100A). At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Route 55 east. Follow directions from Liberty (below).

From Binghamton and Points West:

Take Route 17 east to Exit 100 (Liberty). At end of exit ramp turn right onto Route 52 west. Drive 1/4 mile and take a sharp right onto Route 55 east. Follow directions from Liberty (below).

From Connecticut and Points East:

Take I-84 west to Route 17 (Middletown, NY). Go west on Route 17 to Liberty (Exit 100A). At the end of the exit ramp turn right onto Route 55 east. Follow directions from Liberty (below).

From Liberty, NY:

Take Route 55 East 10 miles to Neversink. Look for sign on the right side of the road for Claryville (currently marked CLAR VILLE). Turn left here, onto County Road 19 and go 4 miles to Claryville. Look for sign on right side of road marked "Frost Valley YMCA." Turn left onto Frost Valley Road/County Road 157 (it becomes County Road 47) and drive 7 miles to Frost Valley's Main Campus.

From Albany, NY, and Points North:

From New York Thruway Exit 19 (Kingston), go 30 miles west on Route 28. Look for signs on the left side of the road marked "Big Indian." Turn left onto Frost Valley Road/County Road 47 and go 14 miles to Frost Valley's Main Campus.

Call the Camp at (845) 985-2291 if you get lost.

Frost Valley YMCA
2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY 12725
Tel 845-985-2291 **Fax** 845-985-0056 **web** frostvalley.org

Driving directions to Frost Valley YMCA from NYSEC, 2 W 64th St, New York, NY 10023

This route has tolls.

1. Head **southeast** on **W 64th St** toward **Central Park West** 7 ft
2. Turn left onto **Central Park West** 0.4 mi
3. Turn left onto **W 72nd St** 0.7 mi
4. Merge onto **New York 9A N** 4.8 mi
5. Take exit **14** for **I-95 S/George Washington Bridge** 0.9 mi
6. Merge onto **Interstate 95 Upper Level S/George Washington Bridge**
Entering New Jersey 1.7 mi
7. Take the **NJ-4/I-95 S** exit toward **Hackensack/I-80/New Jersey Turnpike** 0.2 mi
8. Take exit **72A** to merge onto **NJ-4 W** toward **Paramus** 6.9 mi
9. Exit onto **NJ-17 N** 14.4 mi
10. Merge onto **I-287 N/NJ-17 N** via the ramp on the left to **I-87/N Y. Thruway**
Entering New York 0.6 mi
11. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for **I-87 N/NY-17 N/Albany** and merge onto **I-87 N/NY-17 N**
Continue to follow I-87 N
Toll road 14.9 mi
12. Take exit **16** to merge onto **NY-17 W** toward **US-6/Harriman**
Toll road 2.1 mi
13. Continue onto **US-6 W** 12.2 mi
14. Continue onto **NY-17 W** 41.2 mi
15. Take exit **100A** for **NY-55** toward **NY-52/Liberty** 0.3 mi
16. Turn right onto **NY-55 E/Co Rd 16/Neversink Rd**
Continue to follow NY-55 E 10.1 mi
17. Turn left onto **Claryville Rd/Co Rd 19** 4.6 mi
18. Turn left onto **W Branch Rd/Co Rd 157/Frost Valley Rd**
Continue to follow W Branch Rd 1.3 mi
19. Continue onto **Co Rd 47/Frost Valley Rd**
Continue to follow Co Rd 47
Destination will be on the left 5.5 mi



Frost Valley YMCA
2000 Frost Valley Road
Claryville, NY 12725

2014 YES conference Registration (Due October 29, 2014)

Name _____ Cell Phone _____
Grade in School _____ Age _____ ~ or ~ Registering as Adult Chaperone _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Parent's Phone _____
Affiliated Ethical Society _____
Youth Group Advisor's Name _____

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian Vegan Gluten-free Other: _____
Special Needs or Concerns [please include medical conditions, behavioral issues or medications taken on a regular basis (confidential)]:

Are you coming to the pre-conference at NYSEC on Thursday night, Nov. 13th? YES NO
How will you travel to New York? Car Plane Subway Bus
Will you use our chartered bus transportation from NYSEC to Frost Valley on Friday, November 14?
YES NO
Will you use our bus transportation from Frost Valley to the airport / NYSEC on Sunday, November 16?
YES NO
Is this your first conference? YES NO
May we use photos of your teen in AEU newsletters and other materials? YES NO

Fees:

_____ \$195.00 Conference fee (includes registration, lodging, meals, materials and bus transportation. You will need additional cash for Friday lunch, admissions, subway fares, shopping, etc.)

_____ \$22.00 2014 YES T-shirt (Adult, Unisex) Size: S M L XL 2X

_____ **Total Enclosed** (To pay by credit card, see separate form)

Make check payable to: "American Ethical Union" Memo line: YES - [teen's name]
Mail to: Lawrence Miller, Attn. YES, AEU, Two West 64th St, New York, NY 10023

Enclosed: ☀ Registration Form ☀ Payment ☀ signed Medical Auth* ☀ signed Code of Ethics
☀ Community Service Recognition Form (optional)

*Please make and give a copy of MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION form to your youth advisor.

*** NO GUARANTEED t-shirt orders on registrations received after October 29 ***

2014 YES Credit Card Payment

(Please use this form only if you are paying by credit card)

Please charge my (circle) Visa MasterCard Discover American Express Card

Name as it appears on charge card _____

Billing Address, including zip code _____

Phone Number _____

Credit Card Number _____

~ Please print numbers clearly ~

Expiration date _____ Security code (CSC) _____

Amex (4-digit) on front, others (3-digit) on back

Amount to charge: \$ _____

Signature _____

For information regarding charges, call:

AEU office 212-873-6500 (phone) or fax (212-362-0850) (fax is secure)

ask for Law'nence ("L") Miller (Director of Office Administration) or Donna Pang (Office Assistant)

2014 YES Conference
Authorization for Treatment of Minors **

In the event that your child needs medical or dental treatment at the conference, you as a parent or guardian must have given advance permission. To ensure that emergency medical treatment may be provided if necessary, please complete this form. Every attempt will be made to contact parents prior to any treatment.

The adults accompanying my child on this trip are designated to act on my behalf. This authorization releases the American Ethical Union, advisors, and local Ethical Societies from liability.

Name of minor: _____ Birth Date: _____

I/We, being the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the above-named minor, do hereby appoint

_____ (name of society teen group advisor or chaperone accompanying minor) and/or Patricia Cowan to act on my/our behalf in authorizing emergency medical, dental, and surgical care and hospitalization for the above-named minor from Thursday, November 13, 2014, through Sunday, November 16, 2014.

This document will be presented to a physician, dentist, or appropriate hospital representative at such time as emergency care may be required.

Name of Parent/ Guardian (please print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name of Insurance Co/Policy No. _____

Phone for Ins Co _____

Policy Holder _____

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

Please note any physical conditions, allergies, behavioral issues and medications that pertain to your child: _____

****IMPORTANT Make a copy of this form.**

Send the ORIGINAL of this form with the registration. Give a COPY of this form to the local YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR or chaperone who is traveling with your teen.

**Y.E.S.
YOUTH OF ETHICAL SOCIETIES
AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION
CODE OF ETHICS**

YES members are acting as ambassadors from their Ethical Societies to the National Conference and are therefore expected to maintain the highest personal moral standards which are exemplified in thoughtful, kind, fair, and responsible behaviors. All YES members demonstrate by their actions that YES is a worthwhile and responsible organization. Behavior guidelines for all YES activities and conferences are founded on our common values as Ethical Culturists/Humanists. Primarily, we respect the inherent worth and dignity of all people, and expect every freedom to be balanced with a corresponding responsibility. Conference attendees are asked to pledge the following for the duration of the conference:

- I will not use or have in my possession illegal drugs, alcohol, dangerous materials, weapons or firearms.
- I will not smoke.
- I will not engage in sexual activity. (This is defined as intercourse, oral sex, intimate touching, or sharing of sleeping bags).
- I will follow instructions from the adult advisors and the YES officers, and encourage or support others to do so.
- I will observe the designated curfew hours set by the YES Planning Committee, including scheduled lights out and quiet hours.
- I will not leave or arrive at unscheduled times during the conference, unless I have direct permission from the YES registrar, YES advisor(s) and host.
- I will participate actively and to the best of my ability in the scheduled program.
- I will speak and act courteously to fellow attendees, using respectful language void of prejudice or insult (“That’s so gay,” “That’s retarded,” “You’re a fag,” “You’re stupid,” etc.).
- I will engage in behavior that my parents would approve of (for example, avoiding tattooing, body piercing, dying or shaving of hair, etc.)
- I will clean up after myself and take responsibility for keeping the conference site clean and orderly.

I understand and agree that, if I violate the above rules, I will appear before a disciplinary board of YES central committee members and advisors, including my own advisor. I also understand that as a result of any violation, depending on the severity of the infraction, I may be dismissed from the conference without a refund.

I have read and understand the Y.E.S. Code of Ethics and pledge to uphold it.

Signature of conference participant

Date

Community Service Recognition

Serving our community is at the heart of Ethical Culture's Core Values and was the central focus when Felix Adler began the Movement in 1876. Many of our teens give of themselves through service – local and abroad – throughout the year. If you participated in a service project or volunteer program between November 2013 and now, please share your experience on this form so we may recognize you at the conference. The project could have been grand or humble. Your description will be read at YES. Please write legibly.

Name _____ Society _____

Service Project _____

Location _____ Dates of Service _____

Please describe your experience: _____

What did you learn from your experience? How did it change you? _____
