



2010 LEADERS IN LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

January 6, 2010

Dear School Principal/Representative or Youth Agency Representative,

We are inviting you and your students to participate in the 11th Annual **Leaders in Life Youth Conference**, which will be held on **Tuesday, March 2, 2010**, from **8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**, at the Rabobank Convention Center/Marriott Bakersfield. The purpose of this event is to give our local youth a positive environment to discuss and evaluate issues they face daily. These issues will be addressed in workshop sessions throughout the day by adult and youth facilitators with expertise in each topic of discussion. Sample topics include youth mentoring programs, college information and applications, relationships, self-esteem, stress management, conflict mediation, bullying prevention, and school safety.

The conference is open to middle school and high school students in 6th-12th grades. Participants will hear a nationally-recognized keynote speaker, attend two workshops on teen issues and gain information on matters important to them during the resource fair. **We would like to invite you to send up to 40 students to the conference planned by teens for teens.** All registered participants will be provided lunch and a conference t-shirt.

We strongly encourage you to send students and youth who can most appreciate and benefit from attending a conference focused on youth issues they may be dealing with. The students you select should represent **diverse backgrounds, diverse academic achievement levels, as well as cultural and ethnic diversity**. We will be prepared to make accommodations for special needs students and encourage you to include them in your delegation.

Thanks to the Leaders in Life Youth Conference Planning Committee and the support and contributions from local businesses and individuals, we are able to bring you this event at a phenomenal rate. **The registration fee for this year's conference is \$7.00 per person.** Also, remember that **your school or agency is responsible for paying and arranging for transportation to and from the conference, as well as providing adult chaperones/advisors at a required student to adult ratio of 10:1.** Please feel free to encourage parents/guardians to help **serve as chaperones/advisors**. The school or agency bears complete responsibility for each student they bring to the Leaders in Life Youth Conference. Students are not to be left unattended at any time.

Enclosed is an ***Intent to Participate*** form for the conference. Please fill out the form and **return it by fax no later than Friday, January 22, 2010, to (661) 636-4069, attention Heidi Combs.**

You will receive confirmation of the exact number of slots available to your school or youth agency, along with the registration packet for the conference, upon receipt of your *Intent to Participate* form; however, the *Intent to Participate* form must be returned to our office before you will receive a registration packet.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Coomber at (661) 636-4523, email: jecoomber@kern.org or Daryl Thiesen at (661) 636-4757, email: dathiesen@kern.org.

To learn more about the Leaders in Life Youth Conference, please go to www.leadersinlife.org.

Sincerely,

The Leaders in Life Youth Conference Planning Committee



2010 Leaders In Life Youth Conference Intent to Participate Form

SCHOOL/AGENCY NAME: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT (if applicable): _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

POSITION: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

Yes, we intend to participate in the 2010 Leaders in Life Youth Conference by sending:

- Up to 10 students, with 1 adult advisor/chaperone for every 10 students
- Up to 20 students, with 2 adult advisors/chaperones for every 10 students
- Up to 30 students, with 3 adult advisors/chaperones for every 10 students
- Up to 40 students, with 4 adult advisors/chaperones for every 10 students

Reminder: please plan to pay a registration fee of \$7 per person; parents may serve as advisors/chaperones with school or agency approval.

No, we cannot participate at this time because:

- Not enough chaperones/advisors available
- Time and date conflict with school/agency schedule
- Not enough student interest
- Transportation costs (if this is a barrier, please contact Daryl Thiesen, 661-636-4757 or dathiesen@kern.org)
- other _____

School/agency agrees to arrange and bear all costs of transportation to the Rabobank Convention Center/Marriott Bakersfield on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 with students arriving not later than 8:30 a.m. and leaving not later than 2:15 p.m. School/agency also agrees to provide one chaperone for every ten students attending the conference. *

Signature of School/Agency Representative

Date

Return Intent to Participate form not later than Friday, January 22, 2010 to:

Kern County Superintendent of Schools
Leaders In Life Youth Conference

Attn: Heidi Combs

1300 17th Street – University Square 5th floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Phone: (661) 636-4316

Fax: (661) 636-4069

A REGISTRATION PACKET WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM

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