



February 12, 2010

TO: School and Youth Activity Agency Representatives  
FROM: Youth Conference Planning Committee  
SUBJECT: 2010 Leaders in Life Youth Conference Registration Packet

Based on your intent to participate response, your school/agency is invited to send up to the maximum number of students you requested on your form to attend the 11th Annual Leaders in Life Youth Conference. If you did not keep a copy of your Intent to Participate Form, please call (661) 636-4316 for the accurate number of students you may send. Students involved in the planning of this conference (Student Planning Committee members) need not be included in your count. The target audience for the conference is students in high schools, middle schools and 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders in K-8 schools. **The Youth Conference will be held at the Rabobank Convention Center, 1001 Truxtun Avenue, on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.** Enclosed, you will find a conference overview, registration form, conference checklist, agenda and breakout session topics. This year a registration fee of \$7.00 per person will be charged to cover a portion of the event.

The purpose of this conference and resource fair is to provide youth with an opportunity to learn more about community resources, a chance to plan for their future, and a positive environment to discuss and evaluate issues they face daily. These issues will be addressed in several breakout sessions throughout the day by adult and youth facilitators with expertise in each topic of discussion. Some of the topics of discussion include relationships, career/job planning, teen violence prevention, mentoring and substance abuse prevention. *The Youth Conference Planning Committee encourages you to fill your available slots with students from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds and academic achievement levels who would not ordinarily experience a conference of this nature, (ASB or campus club officers are only part of the target audience for this conference).*

Registration forms must list the grade and t-shirt size of each student who will be attending, as well as the name and t-shirt size of each advisor/chaperone. *Please note the required student to adult ratio is 10:1 and you are responsible for providing enough advisors/chaperones for your student attendees. Please note that this is a change from the Intent to Participate form that was made to address the current budget situation. Advisors/chaperones are required to stay with the students throughout the entire day. Schools or agencies in violation of this request may be asked to leave the conference.* School/agency employees as well as parents may serve as advisors or chaperones and are encouraged to help stimulate learning through discussion and debriefing of each segment of the conference. Each school/agency is also required to obtain permission slips for each student and keep those slips on file. A conference theme t-shirt with the Leaders in Life logo will be supplied to each school/agency prior to the conference. You will be contacted when the shirts are available and asked to make arrangements to pick them up at KCSOS University Square – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2000 K Street, no later than the day before the event. Participating students and advisors/chaperones are **required** to wear the t-shirt in order to enter the conference. Students not wearing the conference t-shirt will not be allowed to participate. **Please FAX registration forms to Heidi at 661-636-4069, AND MAIL checks or PO's made payable to KCSOS, no later than February 23, 2010 to the address listed on the attached Conference Checklist.**

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## LEADERS IN LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

- Read all enclosed information ***carefully***.
- Select the assigned number of students to attend the conference and place them into groups of 10 with one adult chaperone/advisor per group. (*The Youth Conference Planning Committee **encourages** you to fill your available slots with students from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds and academic achievement levels not just ASB or campus club officers.*)
- The advisors/chaperones who will accompany the students to the conference should review the enclosed ***agenda, Youth Conference Overview*** and ***breakout session choices*** with the selected students.
- Complete and **FAX (636-4069)** the enclosed ***Registration Form*** by **Tuesday, February 23, 2010** (Please include: grade level of those attending, T-shirt sizes and breakout session requests required in order to register.) **Make a copy of the registration form for your records.**
- Registration Fee Checks & Purchase Orders payable to: **Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS)**
- Mail registration forms and payment to:  
Attn: Heidi Combs  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street-University Square 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bakersfield CA. 93301-4533
- If you do not receive a faxed or emailed confirmation of your registration **within three business days** of mailing the registration form, contact Heidi Combs at (661) 636-4316.
- Arrange for the students and their advisors/chaperones to be at the RABOBANK Convention Center by **8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.**
- Please contact Jeff Coomber at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office as soon as possible at (661) 636-4523 for any special needs (i.e., hearing, vision, seating, food, etc).
- Please contact Daryl Thiesen at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office as soon as possible at (661) 636-4757 or cell at (661) 205-2712 if **transportation costs** are a barrier for your group to attend, or email [dathiesen@kern.org](mailto:dathiesen@kern.org)

# 2010 LEADERS IN LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools sponsors this Youth Conference along with other local businesses and community agencies. It has been planned by youth for youth with the assistance of adult advisors. Students in attendance will have the opportunity to discuss and evaluate issues they face daily in a positive environment.

Students and advisors will receive conference materials, lunch and a conference theme t-shirt. The agenda, guidelines, maps to breakout sessions and school/agency nametags will be distributed to all students and advisors/chaperones at registration. ***For your information, State law permits media access to student events. The news media may elect to cover all or part of this event with photos, video, or text, which identifies and/or quotes the student. News coverage may appear in newspapers, newsletters, on television, radio, or other publicly circulated communications. This coverage assists in highlighting the many wonderful students in our county.***

**Please note for safety reasons:** ALL students and chaperones will be provided T-shirts that must be worn on the day of the conference. This allows event organizers to identify authorized attendees and keep out unauthorized persons. Students and chaperones not wearing T-shirts will not be admitted to the conference. Also, all student groups (10:1 ratio, with 10 students to 1 adult chaperone) **MUST** stay together in their groups throughout the conference. Advisors and chaperones **MUST** stay with students the **ENTIRE** day, this means during opening and keynote speakers, during workshops and during lunch. There should be no time when chaperones and youth are separated.

Please indicate your school/ agency's top three-(3) breakout session requests on the registration form. **(Students attending the conference should participate in the process of requesting breakout sessions).** The Leaders in Life Planning Committee will make every effort to accommodate your school/agency's preference for breakout sessions; however, if there are large volumes of requests for specified breakouts, schools/agencies will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Once those breakout sessions are full, your school/agency will be placed in alternate breakout choices. Each school or agency is encouraged to develop a plan of action to implement at their own school or organization involving ideas and lessons learned throughout the day.

The **designated parking** area for school busses and agency vans or personal vehicles is in the **P1 parking area**, located directly south of the Convention Center (Rabobank Arena). Students may be dropped off along Truxtun Avenue and "N" Streets. ***Parking passes are not necessary or required.*** Busses and vehicles not parked in this designated area ***may be*** subject to parking tickets. **REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN WILL BE LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE RABOBANK CONVENTION CENTER.**

# 2010 Leaders in Life Youth Conference

Rabobank Convention Center  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010

## AGENDA

- 8:00-9:00 School and agency check-in/registration
- 9:00-9:30 Welcome, Housekeeping, Introductions, Recognitions
- 9:30-10:15 Opening Speaker- **Clay Roberts and local speakers**
- 10:15-10:25 Break (all students transition to Session I)
- 10:25-11:10 **SESSION I**  
Group A – Breakout Sessions  
Group B – Breakout Sessions  
Group C – Lunch/Resource Fair
- 11:10-11:20 Break (all students transition to Session II)
- 11:20-12:05 **SESSION II**  
Group A – Lunch/Resource Fair  
Group B – Breakout Sessions  
Group C – Breakout Sessions
- 12:05-12:15 Break (all students transition to Session III)
- 12:15-1:00 **SESSION III**  
Group A – Breakout Sessions  
Group B – Lunch/Resource Fair  
Group C – Breakout Sessions
- 1:00-1:10 Break (transition to auditorium)
- 1:10-2:10 Keynote Speaker- **Aaron Davis**
- 2:10-2:15 Closing Remarks and Evaluations
- 2:15 Adjourn and load busses

## 2010 Leaders in Life Youth Conference Breakout Session Topics/Choices

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS	# of sessions offered on this topic
<b>Student Leadership and Advocacy Workshop Strand</b>	
1. <b>FNL Mentoring: Building Positive Relationships</b> Presenters: Petra Reese, Joe Turner and student panel of FNL Mentors	1 session
2. <b>Find Your Voice – Junior and Senior High Student Leadership and Advocacy</b> Presenters: Mike Adkins, CASC State Outreach Director (California Association of Student Councils) and other CASC State Officers	1 session
3. <b>Pills and Thrills – Pharming for Death</b> Presenters: Kern County Friday Night Live Youth Council Members – 12 students	1 session
4. <b>Adapt Improve &amp; Overcome – an overview of the DEVIL PUPS (Marine Corps) Program</b> Presenters: DEVIL PUPS youth program participants and local coordinator	1 session
5. <b>Reach for Greatness Mentoring: Students with a Mission (SWAM)</b> Presenters: Manuel Carrizalez, Leon Conley and a panel of SWAM youth from local schools	1 session
6. <b>Link Crew – Making Freshman Success a Reality</b> Presenters: Highland High School Link Crew – a peer buddy program	1 session
7. <b>Youth As Peacemakers – Safe School Ambassadors</b> Presenters: Chuck Monaco and a panel of Junior and High School students involved as Safe School Ambassadors	2 sessions
8. <b>Youth Graduation Empowerment – Project BEST – School Drop-Out Prevention and College Advancement Program</b> Presenters: Project BEST (Black Excellence in Scholarship and Teaching) students and Carnell Montgomery	1 session
9. <b>Think Globally, Act Locally: The True Story of the “Invisible Children” and How YOU can Get Involved and “GO”</b> Presenters: Paul Giandalia – Invisible Children and local students that adopted this project at their schools	1 session
10. <b>Igniting Your Spark - - How Young People Can Be Leaders for Positive Change</b> Presenter: Clay Roberts, conference opening speaker, nationally recognized youth conference presenter and author of model drug prevention programs that have been highlighted on NBC’s Today Show and in Newsweek Magazine	1 session
<b>Issues Faced By Teens Workshop Strand</b>	
11. <b>It’s OK to say NO! Dealing with Peer Pressure</b> Presenter: Frank Withrow of United Black Student Union of California	1 session
12. <b>Managing Stress: Know Your Limits</b> Presenter: Jay Durant, Student Advocate, Kern High School District	2 sessions
13. <b>A Life Interrupted – Youth Drinking and Reckless Driving Prevention</b> Presenters: Officers Rex Davenport and Danny Wells, Bakersfield Police Department	3 sessions
14. <b>Get in the Game - From High School to College to the Pros</b> Presenters: Professional and Olympic athletes from various sports	1 session
15. <b>Change Can Happen</b> Presenter: Manuel Carrizalez, Stay Focused Mentoring Program	2 sessions
16. <b>Reaching Your Full Potential and Goals...Building Your Self Esteem</b> Presenter: Paul Golla, Varsity Football Coach, Bakersfield High School	2 sessions
17. <b>Racism/Discrimination is a Fact – But Let’s Not Go Back to the Past</b> Presenter: Frank Withrow of the United Black Student Union of California	1 session
18. <b>How To Survive the Challenges of High School</b> Presenters: Teen panel composed of a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students	1 session
19. <b>Five Things Every Teen Must Know and Avoid</b> Presenter: Aaron Davis, conference keynote speaker, college football national championship athlete, nationally recognized motivational speaker to youth	1 session
20. <b>Drugs make you feel low, get a Natural High and say NO!</b> Presenters: Producers of the Natural High® DVD Series would like YOUR expert opinion on how to reach young people and communicate the values of living drug free, for inclusion in their next film. The DVD Series features extreme sports athletes and musicians who have made the decision to live drug-free and want to encourage youth to do the same	2 sessions
21. <b>All Relationships Need Boundaries: Where I Stop and You Begin</b> Presenter: Barbara Girga, licensed counselor, former director of Adolescent Alcohol/Drug Treatment Program – Charter Hospital and retired private practice counselor working with abused clients	2 sessions

**2010 Leaders in Life Youth Conference Breakout Session Topics/Choices**  
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BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS	# of sessions offered on this topic
<b>College and Career Exploration Workshop Strand</b>	
22. <b>College: What's In It for Me?</b> Presenter: Karla Young, Outreach Counselor, CSUB	2 sessions
23. <b>From the Mean Streets to the Ivy Covered Halls of College: Making Your Future Happen</b> Presenter: Sal Arias, Project 180-Prevention Specialist, Kern County Superintendent of Schools	1 session
24. <b>A Different Path to Success if College Isn't For You. . . a Blast Off into a New Career</b> Presenter: Tess Lake, Regional Occupation Center	2 sessions
25. <b>College: How to Enroll, How to Get Scholarships</b> Presenter: Mr. Ken Berckes, Lead Counselor at Golden Valley High School	2 sessions
26. <b>Uncle Sam Wants You!!!</b> Presenter: U.S. Military Recruiters	1 session
27. <b>Exploring Becoming an Explorer: Police, Fire and Ambulance</b> Presenters: Cindy London, Dave Taylor, Mark Davis and Explorer Teen Panel	1 session
28. <b>Service Learning Project – United Against Hunger</b> Presenters: Michael Figueroa, KernCorps AmeriCorps Coordinator and Mt. View Middle School SASH (Stay Alive Stay Healthy) Teen Panel	1 session
29. <b>College: It's Not Scary Just Different</b> Presenter: Keith Powell, Director of Educational Support Services, CSUB	2 sessions
<b>Making Some Green By Going Green Workshop Strand</b>	
30. <b>PG&amp;E Job Opportunities in Energy Related Careers</b> Presenter: Mario Rendon, PG&E Power Pathway Program <b>WORKSHOP HAS BEEN CANCELLED</b>	2 sessions
31. <b>ECO Club – Recycling</b> Presenters: ECO Club Student Panel from South High School	1 session
32. <b>Overview of Green Energy Related Career Training at Bakersfield College</b> Presenter: Dennis Jorgensen, Bakersfield College – Career Tech Prep Faculty Member	1 session

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR STUDENTS' TOP THREE BREAKOUT CHOICES ON THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM BY LISTING THE ASSIGNED BREAKOUT NUMBER.**

# 2010 Leaders in Life Youth Conference

## REGISTRATION FORM

School/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Agency Address, City & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Head Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of Head Advisor can be reached: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # of Head Advisor can be reached: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Head Advisor can be reached \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list students that will be attending and advisor.**

**Advisor Name & Student Name and Grade level *(Please print clearly)***

<b><u>Group # 1</u></b>			
<b>Advisor Name:</b>			
<b>Students</b>	<b>Grade level</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Grade level</b>
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
7.		8.	
9.		10.	

<b>Advisor Name:</b> <u>Group # 2</u>			
<b>Students</b>	<b>Grade level</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Grade level</b>
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
7.		8.	
9.		10.	

<b>Advisor Name:</b> <u>Group # 3</u>			
<b>Students</b>	<b>Grade level</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Grade level</b>
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
7.		8.	
9.		10.	

<b>Advisor Name:</b> <u>Group # 4</u>			
<b>Students</b>	<b>Grade level</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Grade level</b>
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
7.		8.	
9.		10.	

**WORKSHOP SESSION CHOICES:**

*Please refer to workshop breakout session list and indicate breakout session topic number 1-32. If possible, ask for input from students who plan to attend about workshop preferences. Remember, students are required to stay together in groups of 10 with an adult advisor/chaperone for the breakout sessions. Larger groups can divide up and go to separate workshop selections, as long as each group has an adult advisor/chaperone.*

Group #1	Group #2	Group #3	Group #4
1 <sup>st</sup> choice	1 <sup>st</sup> choice	1 <sup>st</sup> choice	1 <sup>st</sup> choice
2 <sup>nd</sup> choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> choice
3 <sup>rd</sup> choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> choice

**T-SHIRT SIZES:**

Please indicate the quantity of each size you will need for **students** and **advisors/chaperones**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth 6-8    \_\_\_\_\_ Youth 10-12    \_\_\_\_\_ Youth 14-16  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Small Adult    \_\_\_\_\_ Medium Adult    \_\_\_\_\_ Large Adult    \_\_\_\_\_ XL Adult  
 \_\_\_\_\_ XXL Adult    \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please indicate size) \_\_\_\_\_

***After making a copy of these registration forms for your records, please FAX them to Heidi Combs @ 661-636-4069 by February 23, 2010 Please forward you registration form and registration fee check/purchase order to:***

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 Attn: HEIDI COMBS  
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