



# AZYLC 2023

*Dear AZYLC 2023 delegate,*

Congratulations! You have been accepted to attend the 2023 Arizona Youth Leadership Conference at the Arizona State University West Campus July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Arizona Youth Leadership Conference has brought together exceptional high school students in Arizona each summer to learn and lead since 1991. Operating as one of more than 25 national Youth Leadership Conferences sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars (a veterans organization founded by World War I officers after their military service had ended to carry on the principles of freedom and democracy through service to the community) the AZYLC is the premiere youth leadership and patriotic education program in Arizona.

This program is designed to enhance your high school education in history, civics & government and economics. Classes are taught by experienced professionals and conducted in an atmosphere and environment of higher learning. Team leaders, who have all been delegates and who are now leaders in their high schools and universities, facilitate small group activities throughout the conference that will challenge you and your group to apply the leadership lessons learned in class.

We have great expectations of you as a leader in your school and community and a future leader of this great country. Your peers at AZYLC are all outstanding leaders in their schools and communities. You will be in great company.

Important details follow that will ensure you arrive at the right place and at the right time, with the right materials that will enable your success at AZYLC. ***Please take special care to read and understand the details included in this letter.***

## **TRANSPORTATION**

All delegates must arrive at ***ASU West at 4701 West Thunderbird Road on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 between 10:00 AM and 11:45 AM.***

If you are sponsored by a Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) Chapter outside of Maricopa County, that Chapter will help arrange for your transportation. If you are sponsored by a MOWW Chapter outside of Maricopa County and have not been contacted with travel arrangements by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, please contact your MOWW Chapter representative.

Delegates sponsored by MOWW Chapters within Maricopa County must make their own transportation arrangements.

Delegates will check-in and be housed for the week at the Las Casas dormitory on the ASU West campus. Students can unload their baggage in the parking lot adjacent to the Las Casas Dorm.

### **DIRECTIONS**

- From Loop 101, take 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue south and then turn left (East) on Thunderbird Road and right (South) on to 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
Las Casas is at 13510 N. 49th Avenue Glendale, AZ 85304.
- From I-17 go West on Thunderbird and then left (South) on 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
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- Team Leaders will be available to assist delegates with check-in and luggage.
- ASU West Campus/Parking Map: <https://www.asu.edu/parking/maps/west-current.pdf>
- Las Casas Residence Hall details:  
<https://housing.asu.edu/housing-communities/residential-colleges/las-casas>

On Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>, limited short-term parking is available in the Las Casas parking lot. Team Leaders will be on hand to assist with unloading and delegate registration details. Paid visitor parking is also available nearby in Lot 4 and Lot 12. Delegates can be picked up on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> at the same location starting at 3:15PM . Delegates must be picked up on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> no later than 4:00PM. ***Delegates may not drive a vehicle to or from the conference. ASU West parking is severely restricted and vigorously enforced during the conference.***

### **WHAT TO BRING**

Your sponsoring MOWW Chapter pays your entire cost of the conference, so you won't need much money during the week. AZYLC provides (at no cost) bottled water in the dorm and classrooms, a delegate binder of classroom materials and a digital class picture.

You will need to bring: bedding (bedroll, sleeping bag or blankets with sheets & a pillow)

- athletic clothes and shoes to participate in optional morning athletic activities
- towel(s)
- toiletries (soap, shampoo, tooth brush and paste, deodorant, essential eye ware)
- pens, sharpie (for T-shirt signing), and highlighter
- small snacks for the dorm
- required medications (will be secured and dispensed by a member of the staff)
- **a positive attitude!**

The classroom facilities and dorms are air-conditioned. Some may choose to bring a light sweater for their comfort.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

While on the ASU West Campus, you must always be with another delegate or Team Leader. We require this “buddy system” throughout the conference. Your behavior is a reflection on yourself, your parents/guardians, your Conference, and your school. We always expect mature and acceptable behavior. No alcohol, drugs, tobacco or tobacco products, or weapons of any kind, are permitted at AZYLC. Personal vehicles are not allowed. Portable personal music/video players and cell phones are authorized for use only during personal time. Devices used during class time may be confiscated and returned after the conference. The attached dress code must be followed. Your prompt and punctual attention to a busy schedule is required. The Director will counsel students as necessary if they have difficulty upholding expectations. Possible consequences for violations include being sent home. Your school, sponsoring MOWW Chapter, and your parents will be notified of your expulsion. Your parents/guardians will be required to provide immediate transportation home.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Upon registration in the Las Casas dormitory, you will sign for one room key. A charge of up to **\$200** is imposed by ASU for lost keys. You and your roommate(s) will be expected to keep your room clean and orderly. Rooms will be inspected. Please dump all wastebaskets as instructed by team leaders prior to checking out.

### **AWARDS**

Several awards will be presented at the Thursday 7/13 awards ceremony. The outstanding delegate and the first and second runners-up will be selected by the Director, Deputy Director and the Senior Team Leader based on input from the Team Leaders. The delegate author of the outstanding essay and the first and second runners-up will be selected by the Essay Awards Committee. There may also be award(s) for the most improved delegate(s).

### **AZYLC COMPETITIVE ESSAY GUIDELINES**

Each delegate will write an essay regarding a specific topic to be assigned at the conference. Each delegate will be given 30 minutes to write an essay of no less than 300 words. The essays will be evaluated by AZYLC staff. Essay authors will remain anonymous to the evaluators. There will be three awards and a monetary prize presented at the banquet for the top essays. The **2023 AZYLC Essay Topics** from which the essay topic will be chosen are posted at <http://www.AZYLC.org>.

### **PARENTS PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION HOME**

Students will be released Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:15PM. If students arrived by means other than their parents or guardians and plan to ride home with parents or guardians, **AZYLC must be notified in advance**. We will release the delegate for the ride home **at approximately** on 3:00 on Thursday, if their room is cleaned and they have turned in their key or made arrangements to pay for a lost key. **Delegates must be picked no later than 4:00PM.**

### **CLOSING**

The faculty, Team Leaders, and Staff of AZYLC 2023 are confident that you will acquire a better appreciation of leadership, free enterprise, the history of our great nation and the many rights and responsibilities required of its citizens. You will make many new friends who may even attend college or university with you. You will remember the fun times you had, the education you obtained, and the personal contacts you made if you take advantage of the many opportunities provided.

**DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

We commend your decision to support the attendance of your outstanding young adult at the 2023 AZYLC. It will be a great learning experience for all. All activities are chaperoned by adults. The attendees will be housed, and supervised in student dormitories with males and females housed in separate wings/floors. The food will be typical cafeteria fare served in the university student dining room. Delegates will not be allowed off campus. Please provide any additional medical information that you determine vital, and your **telephone numbers**, in case of emergency. **Please read the instructions we have given the delegates, particularly the Dress Code.** We experience more trouble with cell phone usage and adherence to the Dress Code than any other disciplinary issues. We appreciate your support reviewing these items with your student delegate. Adults will be on campus (including residing in the dorms) and chaperones will be with the delegates during all activities.

In case you need to contact your young adult, use the **emergency numbers** listed below. Call us and we will react immediately. We will locate your delegate and ensure that you receive an immediate return call. Emergency Numbers: Fred Garnett **(623) 512-2615** or Dick Minor **(480) 209-8941**. For routine messages use the email listed below.

I look forward to a great Conference!

**Fred Garnett Ed.S, AZYLC 2023 Director**