

# **AZ Youth Leadership, Inc.**

**[AZYLC.org](http://AZYLC.org)**

**SUBJECT:** AZYLC 2026 Delegate Information Paper

## **CHECK-IN**

All delegates must arrive at the Papago Park Military Reservation (PPMR) located at 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, on Monday, 8 June 2026 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Present your acceptance letter to security at the park's entrance, if asked.

Delegates will receive meals and be housed for the week at the AZ Army National Guard's 215th Regional Training Institute (RTI) located on North PPMR's Roughrider Street. Team Leaders will be on hand to assist with unloading baggage in the parking lot and delegate in-processing. You will be placed in a team, receive a team T-shirt, and be assigned to your living quarters at that time. Delegates may not operate a vehicle at any time during the conduct of the conference.

Your sponsoring chapter will be paying for your entire cost, so you won't need much money during the week. AZYLC provides a T-shirt, water bottle and water, a binder of conference materials, and a digital class picture at no cost to you.

## **TRANSPORTATION TO THE CONFERENCE**

If you are sponsored by a Military Order of the World Wars chapter outside of Maricopa County, that chapter will arrange for your transportation. If you have not been contacted with travel arrangements by May 30, 2024, please contact your sponsoring chapter representative.

Delegates sponsored by chapters within Maricopa County must make their own transportation arrangements to the Papago Park Military Reservation.

## **DRESS CODE**

The dress code, developed by team leaders and former delegates, sets the proper decorum for the conference, and will be strictly enforced. The code aids you - the delegate - in making a good impression on your fellow delegates and leadership staff, alike. AZYLC expects delegates to be well mannered and their appearance reflect a certain appearance. Delegates will be requested to change clothes after the first violation and may be expelled from the conference if their dress does not reflect an acceptable appearance.

Acceptable Dress Includes:

- Rain gear, sweatshirts, T-shirts, golf shirts, button up shirts, shorts, slacks, knee length

- skirts, blouses, cargo pants, pant suits, and school letter sweaters.
- Jeans for daily wear (not faded, ripped or cut off). If “low-rise” jeans, shirt must cover mid-section completely, even when hands are raised.
  - Dresses: At least knee length. Must wear a top to cover dresses without sleeves.
  - Shoes: Athletic shoes for class and events.

Unacceptable Dress (meaning Do Not bring them) Includes:

- Cut-offs or faded jeans, tank tops, muscle shirts, oversized and baggy pants, short shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee), skorts, mini-skirts, provocative necklines (no sleeveless, spaghetti straps or backless dresses) and bare midriffs by any gender is unacceptable. Flip flops are only for shower use.
- LOGOs - any clothing with logos or lettering representing drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence, gangs, etc.

The Thursday evening dinner banquet and awards presentations is a special time. A party or semi-formal dress or gown, jacket and trousers, shirt and tie are encouraged. Uniforms are optional. Delegates wearing spaghetti straps must also wear a short vest, shawl or other shoulder and neckline covering. Shoulders must be covered.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- You must provide your own bedding, e.g. sleeping bag or blankets with sheets and a pillow
- Athletic clothes and shoes to participate in optional morning athletic activities
- Towel(s), toiletries, e.g. soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, deodorant, essential eye-ware
- Pens, a sharpie (for T-shirt signing), and highlighters
- Light snack foods for after hours
- Required medications (will be secured and dispensed by a staff member)
- Open minds

Note. Rooms are air-conditioned. You may want to consider bringing a light sweater or jacket for comfort.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Papago Park Military Reservation is an open installation; however, you must always be with another delegate or team leader. We require this “buddy system” throughout the conference and your stay at the Regional Training Institute. Your behavior is a reflection on yourself, your parents/guardians, this Conference, and your high school. Mature and responsible behavior is expected. No alcohol, drugs, tobacco or tobacco products, or weapons of any kind, are permitted on the installation. Personal vehicles are not allowed to be parked overnight on the installation unless authorized by security. Portable personal music/video players and cell phones are authorized for use but only during personal time. Devices used during class time may be confiscated and returned after the conference. Your prompt and punctual attention to a busy schedule is required. Delegates will be

counseled, as necessary, if they have difficulty upholding expectations. Possible consequences for violations include expulsion. Your school, sponsoring chapter, and your parents will be notified if expulsion becomes necessary.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Upon checking in, you will be assigned a bed and a locker. You and your roommate(s) will be expected to keep your room and bathroom orderly. Rooms will be inspected by team leaders.

### **AWARDS**

Several awards will be presented Thursday, June 11th during the banquet portion of the Conference. The outstanding delegate and the first and second runners-up will be selected by the Executive Director and the Senior Team Leader based upon input from Team Leaders. The author of the most outstanding essay and the first and second runners-up will receive a monetary prize. 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 60 minutes to write an essay of not less than 300 words. Essays will be evaluated by a separate Essay Committee. Authors will remain anonymous to the evaluators. Refer to the AZYLC.org website for additional essay details and selected topics.

### **TRANSPORTATION TO HOME**

Delegates will be released Friday, 12 June 2026 beginning at 10 a.m. If delegates arrive by means other than their parents or guardians and plan to ride home with parents or guardians, AZYLC must be notified in advance. Delegates must be picked up not later than 11:00 a.m.

### **CLOSING**

The AZYL Inc. Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Team Leaders, and support staff of AZYLC are confident that you will acquire a better understanding of basic leadership, appreciation for our country's Free Enterprise System, history of our nation and its form of government by the people, and the many rights and responsibilities required of its citizenry. You will make many new friends - some may become life-long friends. You'll remember the fun times, the education you obtained, and the personal contacts you made if you take advantage of all the opportunities provided. It's all up to you.

### **NOTE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

We commend your decision to allow your student delegate to attend this year's AZYLC. It will be a great learning experience for everyone concerned. All activities are chaperoned by adults. The delegates will be lodged in quarters that are gender specific. All meals will be served in a dining facility within the Regional Training Institute. Delegates will not be allowed off of the installation. Please provide any additional medical information that you determine vital, and your telephone numbers, in case of emergency. We experience more trouble with cell phone usage and adherence to the dress code than any other disciplinary issue. Adults will be staying at the installation's lodge facilities directly adjacent to the 215th Regional Training Institute. Chaperones, i.e. Team Leaders, will be with the delegates during all activities.

In case you need to contact your delegate, use the points of contact listed below. Call us and we will react accordingly.

Points of Contact: Jim Moye, AZYC Executive Director, 602-510-4996; or Fred Garnett, AZYLC Assistant Director for Planning & Programming 818-426-6156; or Neil Erwin, AZYLC Chief Administrative Officer 623-512-2615