



PRESERVE AMERICA YOUTH SUMMIT

PRESERVE AMERICA YOUTH SUMMITS 2015 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT TO BRING

Q: What do I need to bring to the Preserve America Youth Summit?

A: Here is a checklist to use:

1. Clothing (for all days except final presentation)

Critical:

- Long jeans/pants and long sleeve shirt for community service project (lightweight, long pants are better for fieldwork than jeans). Fully covered skin will help protect from both sun and mosquitoes. Clothes will get dirty!
- A wide-brimmed hat is an excellent idea as well. Baseball hats are acceptable, but should be appropriate, worn brim-forward, and of a material appropriate for hot weather.
- Comfortable walking shoes are required for hiking. Sneakers are fine, but please make sure that they have tread due to safety concerns on trails and at site visits. Sandals are acceptable only in the evenings when we have finished site visits for the day.
- Nice T-shirts or polo's. Another option is lightweight, long-sleeved shirts, as these tend to be cooler than short-sleeved shirts in the field. Please, no tank-tops or halter-tops. Remember, you are representing a number of sponsoring agencies and should look the part.
- Socks and underwear.
- Pajamas or other sleepwear.
- Swim clothes for hotel pool if time allows.
- Sweater or sweatshirt for warmth.
- Rain gear/windbreaker.
- Again: **NO FLIP FLOPS AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY!**

2. Personal

- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant).
- Personal medications.
- Spending money.

3. Gear

- Preserve America Youth Summit provides a lightweight string backpack for participants.
- Preserve America Youth Summit provides a water bottle.
- Preserve America Youth Summit provides writing instruments.
- SUNSCREEN (SPF 15 or greater).
- Sunglasses.
- Insect repellent.
- Any medications with permission and advance communication from parents. Forms will be provided during the registration process.

4. Final Presentation Dress Requirements:

- For boys: Collared shirt and tie, non-ripped, clean jeans or nice pants. Sneakers are acceptable.
- For girls: Modest top or collared shirt (no tank-tops or halter-tops); capris, pants, or modest skirt. Sandals are acceptable, but make sure that they are presentable.

DRESS CODE:

Q: Is there a dress code?

A: Yes! Preserve America Youth Summit participants will be representing their communities and meeting with dignitaries during scheduled events. Participant experiences include outdoor events and activities that require appropriate and comfortable clothing and footwear. We request that all participants dress appropriately for the Preserve America Youth Summit and follow the Dress Code outlined on this page.

Appropriate clothing and footwear will be required for the Preserve America Youth Summit. This includes:

- Items listed on “What to Bring” checklist.
- No Bare midriffs will be allowed.
- No torn clothing will be allowed.
- No t-shirts with inappropriate language or graphics will be allowed.
- No baggy or sagging pants or shorts will be allowed.
- No tank-tops or halter-tops.
- Items listed on “What to Bring” checklist.
- No flip-flops or inappropriate sandals will be allowed during Preserve America Youth Summit activities and events. Flip flops are to be worn only in the evenings after events for the day have concluded.
- No torn footwear shall be worn during the Preserve America Youth Summit.
- Shorts are permissible but must be a minimum of "fingertip length." I.E. when arms are in resting position shorts must extend lower than the edges of the fingertips of the person wearing them.

Footwear, Clothing and Accessory Recommendations for Outdoor Activities and Weather

- Items listed on “What to Bring” checklist.
- Comfortable weather appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor activities and walking are recommended.
- Dress in layers and be prepared for varying weather conditions

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Q: May I bring my cell phone, iPod, or other electronics?

A: Of course, as there will be free time! However, there are a few rules that govern the usage of such items:

a. Use of Cell Phone

- It is understandable that students will want to have cell phones with them during the Preserve America Youth Summit. However, cell phones must be silenced during all sessions and activities and may be used for calls or texting during personal time only.

b. Use of Electronics

- iPods, mp3 players, and other electronics will not be allowed during the day and evening sessions of the Preserve America Youth Summit. Full participation of students is expected during these sessions. After the sessions are complete, students are free to use the devices until lights out.
- Conservation Legacy and the Preserve America Youth Summit sponsors and Youth Summit Staff are not responsible for loss or theft of any electronic or personal items.

Q: What are the rules for behavior?

A: Zero Tolerance.

The Preserve America Youth Summit is a learning and leadership experience that is only successful when all students participate fully. This includes adherence to safety and program rules and attendance and active participation in all programming events. The experience is not a vacation or summer camp endeavor; it is an opportunity for leadership and learning. Preserve America Youth Summit rules include a zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol, and smoking and require behavior that represents the program and the program sponsors. If infractions of the rules, or non-participation in any event occurs, parents will be contacted and required to pick up students immediately.

Q: Who supervises and chaperones who students?

A: Students are supervised by teachers, designated chaperones, element leaders, and Preserve America Youth Summit staff. We strive to have a low adult to child ratio in order to ensure the safety and well-being of participants.

Q: What if I have food allergies?

A: Once a student is accepted to the Preserve America Youth Summit, there are a required series of forms in which additional information will be collected, including food allergy information. Arrangements are made with the vendors in order to meet dietary requirements. Due to the remote locations of some site visits, alternate meals may be needed and based on availability. The Preserve America Youth Summit makes every effort to accommodate dietary restrictions for participants during the event. NO one will go hungry! Please ensure that gluten-free and allergies are noted IN ADVANCE on the required paperwork.

Q: What if I can't physically do all the program?

A: The Preserve America Youth Summit is available to all, and understands that some participants may not be able to participate in some physical activities. However, it is expected that students participate in all activities to the best of their abilities.

Q: Why is this a good program for students?

A: The Preserve America Youth Summit is an excellent program for students because it exposes them to viable career options, provides the opportunity to interact with a variety of stakeholders and leaders in local government, state government, federal government, private industry, and local business in a productive environment, and the opportunity to experience the various aspects of historic preservation first hand, providing valuable field experience that will set them apart from other applicants. Students will gain invaluable leadership experience through their participation in the summits.

Q: Are there community service opportunities at the Preserve America Youth Summits?

A: Youth participants can get up to 32 hours of community service throughout the summit.

Q: I have several events back to back this summer. Can my student depart early?

A: Due to the participation of each student, their direct involvement in the outcome of the recommendations and meetings with local, state, and national leaders, it is critical that they remain until the completion of the program. Early departures will not be allowed. If conflicts are present, please consider applying to a future Preserve America Youth Summit.

Q: What if I want to go home at night?

A: Preserve America Youth Summit participants are required to stay overnight, as the days are long and the activities stretch into the evenings. An early start is important, and in order to keep the Youth Summit running on schedule it is necessary for all participants to remain with the group in the hotel in order to expedite the schedule.

Q: How can parents observe the program?

A: The best way for parents to observe the program is to coordinate with a teacher and volunteer as a chaperone, or come to the town hall at the end of the program to watch their child interact with stakeholders from the sponsors. Parents can also follow the Preserve America Youth Summit through Facebook, Twitter, and nightly blog posts that the students write.

Q: Will students have free time?

A: Students will have free time at various points through the program. The Preserve America Youth Summit is an intensive, immersive experience, and staff recognize the need for students to unwind.

Q: What are the backgrounds and experience of the Youth Summit staff?

A: Youth Summit staff have diverse backgrounds and experience in historic preservation, history, archaeology, anthropology, public history, and education. An EMT is on staff as well.

Q: How can the Preserve America Youth Summit help in Job or College preparation?

A: Participation in the Preserve America Youth Summit provides students with valuable exposure to the rigors of a career in a field related to historic preservation. Historic Preservationists utilize a wide variety of skills that includes science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the arts. Students have the opportunity to utilize and strengthen public speaking skills, utilize technologies that promote computer literacy, participate in a public service project, and acquire valuable field experience all of which are integral to a successful college application and will set them apart from other applicants.

Q: At what age do students benefit most?

A: Preserve America Youth Summit has observed that students from the 7th to 12th grade benefit most from the program, and require applicants fall into that range. Thus, if you are transitioning into the 7th grade from the 6th grade, you would be eligible.

Q: Who attends the Preserve America Youth Summit?

A: The Preserve America Youth Summit is attended by students with a variety of backgrounds. We feel that the more diverse the better, as getting viewpoints from the widest possible range of student experience produces more meaningful results.

If you have any other questions or need to reach out to us at any time, please do not hesitate to do so! Contact Jessika Buell, Preserve America Youth Summit Manager at youthsummits@conservationlegacy.org