

2024 Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership Conference

Friday, November 8th

1:00-5:30pm: Arrival, Welcome Activities, Scavenger Hunt- [Get Checked In](#); recreational activities available

5:30pm: Dinner

6:30pm: Orientations for youth and adults – Led by [Joe Maldonado](#), [Emily Burger](#)

7:45pm: Break

8:00pm: Inclusion Activity: Crossing the Line/ Huggy Bear – [C.I.T.Y Washburn](#), [Focus Racine](#)

8:30pm: Keynote Speech: Youth Civic Engagement In Action – [Samantha Linden](#), [Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority](#)

9:15pm: Roundtables - Led by [Maria Gaytan-Martinez](#)

11:00-12:00pm: Cabin Time & Lights Out

Saturday, November 9th

8:00am: Breakfast & Morning assembly- [Review the day ahead](#); 'examples of success'

9:15am: Workshops Round 1 ([see next page](#))

10:15am: Mindfulness break

10:30am: Workshops Round 2 ([see next page](#))

11:45am: Introduction to Action Planning – Led by [Joe Maldonado](#)

12:30pm: Lunch

1:45pm: Rec Time #1- [Choose an activity](#)

3:00pm: Rec Time #2- [Choose an activity](#)

4:15pm: Action Planning/Collective Art Activity- [Continue to work within your groups on projects](#); option to work on a YPCL themed Banner with [Chante Sitting Bear](#)

5:30pm: Dinner & Introduction to the Talent Show – Led by [Kwnwahta Smith](#)

6:15pm: Roundtables continued or prepare for talent show or continue action planning

7:15pm: YPCL Alumni Panel

7:45pm: Talent Show

9:00pm: Recreation Time

11:00-12:00 Cabin Time & Lights Out

Sunday, November 10th

7:00: Clean & Move out of cabins

8:00: Breakfast

9:00: Morning Assembly- [Action plan presentations](#)

11:00: Closing assembly- Slideshow recap of YPCL 2024





WORKSHOPS ROUND 1: 9:15-10:15 AM

Compassionate Communication

Location: Small Conference Room

Presented By: [Wise Youth Leaders - Statewide](#)

The focus of this workshop is to build skills around healthy communication where we focus on our own feelings and needs and then communicate them to others in a healthy way. Participants will engage in skits, perspective-taking activities, and crafting their own compassionate communication statements.

Drawbridge Activity: Discussing the effects of Power, Privilege, and Oppression

Location: Lodge

Presented by: [Kwnwahta Smith, End Abuse Wisconsin – Statewide](#)

We'll be exploring a story that talks about the death of a baroness. We'll explore together how power, privilege, and oppression play a role into her death. Then, we'll challenge ourselves with the concept of collective responsibility and how it could have saved the baroness.

Title: Frame With SPF!

Location: Large Conference Room

Presented by: [CITY Washburn County](#)

Do you need to solve a problem in your community? SPF might be able to help! And no, we're not talking about sunscreen. The SPF (Strategic Prevention Framework) can be used as an outline to solve problems in your community using various small to large-scale strategies. Youth will share how this process is working for them AND can work for you! If you want to do things because they work and not just because it feels good, join us!

WORKSHOPS ROUND 2: 10:30-11:30 AM

Disability Justice

Location: Small Conference Room

Presented by: [UW-Madison, Division of Extension - Racine County](#)

This workshop will provide participants with an introductory understanding of different models of disability, including the social model of disability. Participants will be able to reflect on how disability justice is tied to other movements for justice and how each of us can play a role in building more inclusive communities across Wisconsin.

Cheating: What is and isn't cheating?

Location: Large Conference Room

Presented by: [Kwnwahta Smith, End Abuse Wisconsin – Statewide](#)

Cheating and boundaries go hand in hand. What is cheating and what isn't cheating? What are boundaries and how can we hold our own boundaries? How can we be more respectful and understanding of others boundaries? Let's find out together

Title: Art Workshop

Location: Craft Building

Presented by: [Chante Sitting Bear, End Abuse Wisconsin, Brown County](#)

This workshop will involve coloring and painting. The goal: to connect with each other through hands on visual art.

SATURDAY RECREATION ACTIVITIES: 1:45-4:00PM

Blackhawk Island Hike: (2 hours, 40 participant maximum, takes up both rec times); Paddle a barge to our 210 acre island, where students can crawl through sandstone caves, visit historic sites on the Wisconsin River, witness forest succession and much more. Naturalists will lead you on an interpretive journey discovering the important natural and cultural history of Blackhawk Island.

Archery: (1 hour, 20 participant maximum; sessions at 1:45pm, 3:00pm); Students will have fun working on their bowman and learning how to safely use basic archery equipment. Groups will practice shooting aluminum shaft arrows with adjustable tension compound bows at standard archery targets. A trained adult experienced in Archery may lead this activity provided an Upham Woods staff has oriented them.

Other Activities: student-directed time of rec time (volleyball, soccer, frisbee etc.), board games and art.



FRIDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Samantha Linden is the legislative liaison at the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA). She served on the Washburn County Board as a youth advocate in 2013-2014 and is a graduate of Northwood High School (2015) in Minong, and the University of Wisconsin – Madison (2019). Samantha began her career in policy in the office of Wisconsin State Senate Minority Leader Janet Bewley, focusing on the issues of energy, climate, and housing. Samantha was awarded the 2024 Wisconsin Women in Government (WWIG) Rising Star award for her work and impact on affordable housing through bipartisan legislation that created new loan programs administered by WHEDA with an historic investment from the State of Wisconsin of \$525 million.