

2025 Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership Conference

Friday, November 14th

1:00-5:30pm: Arrival, Welcome Activities
Get Checked In; recreational activities available;
scavenger hunt led by Juntos Burlington

5:30pm: Dinner

6:30pm: Orientations for youth and adults – Led
by Joe Maldonado, Emily Burger, Maria
Gaytan-Martinez, Camille Carlson

7:45pm: Break

8:00pm: Inclusion Activity: – Led by Burlington
Juntos, End Domestic Abuse

8:30pm: Keynote Speech: Telling Our Stories –
Fernanda Jimenez, Voces de la Frontera

9:15pm: Roundtables - Led by Maria
Gaytan-Martinez

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



Saturday, November 15th

8:00am: Breakfast & Morning assembly- Review
of the day. Led by Kwnwahta Smith

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 Camille Carlson

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 groups on projects

5:30pm: Dinner & Introduction to the Talent
Show – Led by End Abuse and Juntos Burlington

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

7:45pm: Talent Show

9:00pm: Recreation Time

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

Sunday, November 16th

7:00: Clean & Move out of cabins

8:00: Breakfast

9:00: Morning Assembly- Action plan
presentations

11:00: Closing assembly- Survey evaluation and
reflections for YPCL 2025 Led by CITY Washburn



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

Know Your Rights: Creative Tools & Policy Advocacy

Location: Large Conference Room

Presented by: Karen Romo - Voces de la Frontera

This interactive workshop combines creativity and advocacy to help youth and allies understand their rights in encounters with law enforcement and immigration agents. Participants will learn a “Know Your Rights” song to make key protections easy to remember, watch puppet roleplays that demonstrate real-life scenarios, and discuss how local policies like 287(g) and AB24 impact immigrant families. The session will end with action planning on how participants can bring these lessons and strategies back to their schools and communities.

Story Mode: Unlock Your Voice

Location: Small Conference Room

Presented By: Danielle Hairston-Green, University of Wisconsin

Every teen has stories worth telling—funny ones, tough ones, surprising ones. This workshop is all about discovering why storytelling matters *now*, learning how to tap into your own life for story ideas, and getting the chance to share them in a supportive space. Through prompts, practice, and play, you’ll see how your voice and your story can connect, inspire, and even change the world around you.

Learning Objectives:

- Explore five heartbeats of storytelling and why they matter in everyday life, from friends to opportunities
- Use creative prompts and memory tricks to unlock personal stories you didn’t even realize you had.
- Practice sharing stories out loud in fun, low-pressure ways that build confidence

CLIMB USA: The Wealth Creation Launchpad

Location: Lodge

Presented by: Robert Wynn, Lamont Johnson - CLIMB USA

Our workshop will highlight the CLIMB Launchpad which is a framework for growing community wealth through investment education and capital markets engagement . The session will include an interactive demonstration of the power of compounding and leaders will learn how they can propel wealth building through the Community Based Investment Enterprise movement - an initiative which is popularly referred to as “The CLIMB Wave”.

Cheating: What is and isn't cheating?

Location: Nature Center Turtle Room

Presented by: Kwnwahta Smith, Gavin Feng, Lily Hobscheid, Willow Laferve - End Abuse Wisconsin

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

The Golden Gate Paradox: Creating Safe Environments for Others to Thrive

Location: Nature Center Laboratory

Presented by: Roina Elliot and CITY Youth - CITY Washburn

When working with others, it is essential to know how to support others. This interactive breakout will engage teams in learning leadership skills.

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

Title: Master Resilience Training

Location: Large Conference Room

Presented by: Nick Harnish - Badgerland Girl Scouts

This session introduces Master Resilience Training (MRT), an evidence-informed practice that develops six core competencies for effective leadership and wellbeing. Participants will learn practical strategies, such as Hunt the Good Stuff, to strengthen resilience, enhance relationships, and build capacity within youth and civic organizations.

Creating a Student Bill of Rights

Location: Small Conference Room

Presented by: Cameron Sorenson, Adia-Mae Feiker, Alexis Davis, Cameron Sorenson, Maria Pero, Kara Golombowski, Sierra Whitbeck - WI DPI, Wisconsin Youth Power, Urban Underground, Wisconsin Center for Educational Research

This workshop centers on the creation and exploration of a Student Bill of Rights as a visionary and participatory tool. Participants will engage in deep reflection and dialogue to surface the rights students need—but may not currently have—within educational spaces. Using a logic model, we’ll explore how educators can co-create conditions where students not only understand existing rights but also imagine and advocate for new ones grounded in dignity, justice, and belonging.

Latino Dancing

Location: Lodge

Presented by: Diana Shay and 4-H Youth Club Members, Burlington Juntos

Through this cultural dance workshop, participants will learn the basics of a variety of Latin dances as well as the origin and roots of each dance. No experience in dance is necessary! This is meant to be a fun workshop where participants can feel comfortable moving their bodies without any pressure or judgment.

Gender Based Violence

Location: Nature Center Laboratory

Presented by: Kwnwahta Smith, Sabrina Wera, Xiomy Gonzalez, Anthony Yang - End Domestic Abuse

Gender based violence, challenging our perspectives, consent, victim blaming. Small group and large group representations. Personal vs collective responsibility to end violence.

Art Workshop

Location: Craft Building

Presented by: Chante Sitting Bear - End Abuse Wisconsin

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

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

There will be a sign up sheet for activities during Saturday lunch. Spaces are limited for each activity

Blackhawk Island Hike: (2 hours, 25 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. An Outdoor Educator 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 skills 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.

Survival Skills: (1 hour, 25 participant maximum; sessions at 1:45pm, 3:00pm) Through this hands-on program, students will use critical thinking skills to determine how they would survive in a survival scenario. Then, students will learn the important aspects of shelter building and fire safety and work in small groups to build their own shelters and fires.

Other Activities: Youth-directed recreation time: volleyball, soccer, frisbee etc., board games, art.

FRIDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Fernanda Jimenez



Fernanda Jimenez-Hauch is a DACA recipient from Ecatepec, Mexico, who proudly calls both Mexico and Wisconsin home. She is a longtime organizer and abolitionist in the immigrant rights movement. Her journey began at the age of 14 with Voces de la Frontera and its youth branch, YES, where she fought for pro-immigrant policies at both the state and national levels while defending immigrant communities against anti-immigrant legislation. Now, Fernanda is the founder of a new branch of Voces, Comité Sin Fronteras. This committee was created for young adults in their careers to continue investing their leadership skills in immigrant organizing. With immigrant communities constantly under attack, Fernanda and her comrades in the Comité are leading rapid response networks to defend and protect their communities. Through its newest initiative, Comité Sin Fronteras is organizing from an abolitionist perspective, building power and resistance in the fight for immigrant justice.

‘Telling Our Stories’: In moments when change feels out of reach, we are reminded that the fight continues—with thousands standing alongside us. In times like these, we must recognize the power of our stories and use them to confront injustice. Most important, we don’t fight alone, but together, in community.