



2018 Youth Summit – Frequently Asked Questions

Travel

Travel to and from the Youth Summit is the responsibility of the participant. However, to aid in travel planning, Ontario Nature offers a free round-trip charter bus from a central location in the GTA. The charter bus will leave from the meeting location (traditionally at York Mills Subway Station in Toronto) at approximately 2:00 pm on Friday, September 21. The charter bus will return to the meeting location at approximately 5:30 pm on Sunday, September 23. Please note these times and the location are subject to change and will be confirmed as the summit approaches.

Participants may sign up to take the bus when they register for workshops, later this summer.

Accommodations

The Youth Summit will be held at YMCA Geneva Park in Orillia, ON. Rooms are hotel-style, with two-person occupancy and a private washroom. Participants will not have to bring any bedding as all linens and towels will be provided.

Participants may request roommate preferences when they register for workshops, later this summer.

Workshop registration

Registration for workshops will be available for summit participants in late summer. An email will be sent out once registration is open, directing you to an online survey where participants will choose their favourite workshops. Workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. At that time, participants can also sign up for the charter bus and request a roommate.

Adult supervision

The Youth Summit will be supervised by Ontario Nature staff and adult volunteers. All supervisors will undergo police checks prior to the Youth Summit. The adult to youth ratio is approximately 1:8.

Deadlines and cancellations

Registration for the Youth Summit will close on Monday, September 10, or until capacity (100 participants) has been reached.

The cancellation deadline is Monday, September 10. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations after this date.



What to Bring

When packing for the summit, don't forget that many activities will be taking place outdoors – rain or shine! Bed linens and towels will be provided by the facility, so please leave your pillows and sleeping bags at home.

Remember to pack the following items:

- Your signed Ontario Nature waiver/photo release form and code of conduct form (Note: will be sent to you later this summer via email)
- Toiletries and personal items
- Seasonally appropriate clothing (consider dressing in layers so you can easily take off or put on clothes if you are warm or cold)
- Pajamas
- Clothing/accessories in your team colour for Saturday night's Great Group Challenge (Note: your team colour will be confirmed later this summer via email)
- Warm jacket
- Rain gear
- Closed toed shoes for outdoor programming
- Water bottle
- Bug repellent
- Bathing suit, if participating in optional polar bear dip!

The following are suggested but completely optional:

- Camera
- Small backpack to carry extra clothes & water bottle in
- Book or reading material
- Travel mug to enjoy the facilities' hot beverages

Contact

If you have any further questions, please contact Christine Ambre at christinea@ontarionature.org or 416-444-8419 x 244.