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FEMA Region 10 Youth Preparedness Camp

August 18 - 23, 2019

Overview

Over the last year, FEMA Region 10 has placed a special emphasis on building disaster preparedness and resiliency amongst youth through partnerships with various state and local organizations. One of our recent initiatives was the creation of a Region 10 Youth Preparedness Council (YPC). The Region 10 YPC brings together high school aged youth, representing the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, who are interested in advocating for disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities. We are extremely impressed with the YPC members' level of dedication to being preparedness ambassadors and helping build a culture of preparedness!

Building off of the youth engagement concept, we will host a **Youth Preparedness Camp in late August 2019**. This six-day, five-night camp will take place in Stanwood, WA and will be hosted and staffed by the camp staff and FEMA personnel. There will be a competitive application process, through which forty (40) high school aged youth, from Region 10 states and tribes, will be selected to attend.

The purpose of this camp is to encourage leadership and empowerment opportunities, team building, and to hone life-saving skills. There will also be traditional camp activities throughout the week. Staff will utilize existing programs to teach students how to safely assist in the immediate aftermath of a disaster when the professional response may be delayed or limited. Local emergency responders will be supporting the curriculum delivery to introduce participants to various emergency response professions. As part of the camp program, youth participants will identify and develop a concept for a give-back project where they will utilize their skills to improve preparedness in their communities.

Potential Give Back Projects for Youth Preparedness Camp Participants

- Support community events and engage with local community leaders
- Volunteer with a Community Emergency Response (CERT) team or drill, help with moulage
- Present on You are the Help Until Help Arrives to peers and/or community members
- Start a club in school or in the community, such as a Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) program, or Red Cross Club

Funding, Travel, & Logistics

Visit <https://www.fema.gov/region-x/community-preparedness> for eligibility requirements and information on how to apply to this camp.

For those selected to participate, FEMA will fund youth participants' travel costs. It is critical that participants do not make any travel reservations on their own, for FEMA staff will assist with the pre-departure travel voucher process and ensure all required documentation is collected and submitted. Parents/guardians will need to submit a signed waiver allowing their child to travel unchaperoned. The waiver complies with camp guidelines, keeping safety the focal point of the entire experience. Lodging and meals are included in the camp. Transportation to/from the SeaTac airport to/from the camp will be provided by FEMA staff.

Selected participants will receive a welcome packet, covering camp rules/policies, communication/emergency contact procedures, expectations, and a recommended packing list.

We want to host a camp that is inclusive of all participants. Please contact us if you have questions or need additional information about disability access or specific disability accommodations.

The FEMA Region 10 Individual and Community Preparedness staff and other members of the FEMA team are available to support you. Do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time by emailing fema-r10-communityprep@fema.dhs.gov or phone: 425-487-4943.