

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY - SUMMER 2010



RMM's Youth Leadership Academy was founded by members of the Youth Arts Group who were committed to developing their skills and improving the lives of others. Through a series of workshops, the Academy aims to bring youth together in education and empowerment.

AUGUST 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration

Please register for each event you plan to attend:

Email YLA Director
Katia Chapman at
kachapman@vassar.
edu or call (845)
485-8627.

Each event is free to attend and open to youth ages 13-19 unless indicated*.

Transportation is available if needed.

In your response please indicate:

- Name
- Age
- Workshop
- Contact Info
- Transportation Needs

Thank you for joining us!

Friday, August 6th – 3 pm United Presbyterian Church, Middletown Living With Gang Violence

*High- school students and recent graduates
Gangs are becoming a growing problem in American society. More young people are turning to gangs to solve problems in their lives. When youths join gangs they drop social activities with family, friends and school. In this workshop we aim to expose the outcomes of Living with Gang Violence. What made these groups come into existence? Why do kids feel that being in a gang is both an acceptable and prestigious way to live? The long-range answers to these questions can only be speculated upon but in short- term the answers are much easier. Gang violence is a harsh reality that no youth should consider.

HOST: Adriana Linares

Tuesday, August 10 – 6pm United Presbyterian Church, Middletown Financial Literacy

Money! We will learn essential, important, necessary, and exciting skills for dealing with money...saving money, budgeting, credit, and other REALLY IMPORTANT information that can help you have a stable financial future. Come to have your questions about everyday situations discussed! You can't underestimate the importance of financial knowledge! Dinner included.

HOSTS: Katy Baker- Smith, Karen Acevedo, Jennifer Cruz

Friday, August 13th – 4:30pm United Presbyterian Church, Middletown Undoing Adultism: Unleashing the Power of YOUTH

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The overwhelming influence and control that adults have over young people often becomes a barrier to building partnerships between youth and adults. Let's talk about the ways in which adultism works and how it affects young people and their ability to exercise leadership. Together we'll identify strategies for undoing adultism; serving as a youth leader; and working in partnership with adult allies. Dinner included.

HOST: Eduardo Gonzalez

Wednesday, August 18th – 2pm Vassar College Library, Poughkeepsie Preparing College Application Essay

Have you ever heard of the "personal essay?" For some people it is the most fun part of the college application, and for others it is the most terrifying. In this essay you have the opportunity to tell colleges who you are, and why you are perfect for their institution. Come to this interactive workshop to learn how you can write YOUR story and make colleges want to accept you!

HOST: Katia Chapman