

Student/Parent Information Sheet

Year 1 Institute Sessions

See www.gyli.org for program dates and registration info

Welcome to GYLI—your first adventure will surely be a memorable one. We are working very hard to provide a safe and fun learning experience! Please read all the information below and check www.gyli.org for the most up-to-date information. We are glad you have chosen to embark on the GYLI journey to become an effective and powerful agent of change in your school and in our world.

Program Outline

Day 1 Arrive at Airport by 2pm
*(Depending on trip: Arrive at Providence Airport
or LAX Airport by 2pm)*

- Bus to Mitchell College (CT)/International Youth Hostel (LA)
- Orientation and welcome
- Safety, security, and group norms
- Introduction to Collaborative Leadership
- Watch group discussions

Day 2 Land Program

- Collaborative leadership intro
- Religious pluralism presentation
- 5 C's of Awareness and Change
- Intro to Schooner –Set sail & depart harbor

Day 3 Full Day Sailing

- Morning muster –work detail

- Collaborative leadership in action watch group stations

Day 4 Full Day Sailing

- Youth leadership in action – students take over
- Morning muster—work detail
- Student sailing teams
- Swim call
- Dropping/raising the Anchor
- LLP planning
- Return to harbor
- Drumming Circle

Day 5 Closing and Departure

- Climbing the ratlines
- LLP presentations
- Closing ceremonies
- Bus to Airport

(Group will arrive at airport around noon. Flights should be booked for 2pm departure or later)

Safety:

We take great care to ensure your safety throughout all GYLI programs. All of our Institute Coordinators are CPR/First Aid certified. Students are in the constant care of both male and female chaperones. Curfews are enforced, safety hazards pointed out, and caring community is established in each GYLI program. Our average faculty-to-student ratio is 1:3, and our commitment is to provide the highest quality physical and emotional safety.

Please use your personal registration profile to list any medical needs. We can certainly accommodate almost any need, and would be glad to discuss a specific situation with you personally.

If you have **any safety concerns** before, during or after the GYLI summer institute, please don't hesitate to call or email your faculty chaperone, the Institute Coordinators, or GYLI Executive Director, Matt Nink (cell phone: 414.397.1159).

Cell phones/electronics:

All GYLI programs are designed to be low-tech community focused. To that end we ask that students do **NOT BRING CELL PHONES or other electronics**. This will prevent any water damage aboard the ship, as well as keep our focus on the relationships within the group. Adults will have cell phones available in case of an emergency. If a student does bring a cell phone, we will simply collect it and return it to the student at the end of the institute.

Transportation:

- Connecticut Trips: Flights should be to and from TF Green Airport in Providence Rhode Island (PVD)
- LA Trip: Flights should be to and from LAX Los Angeles International Airport

Transportation to and from Airport is the responsibility of GYLI students and faculty at participating schools. GYLI Institute Coordinators will meet all groups at the airport, and transportation during the event will be provided by GYLI with licensed drivers on chartered buses. Arrival flights on the first day should be scheduled to arrive between 12:00 Noon and 2:00 PM and departure flights on the last day should be scheduled to depart after 2:00 PM.

Lodging:

All GYLI students and faculty will be sleeping in dorm rooms for the first night at Mitchell College (CT) or at the San Pedro International Youth Hostel. The rest of the trip will be spent aboard the tall ship. Students and adults will sleep in separate areas by gender. See packing list for appropriate program attire. No prior camping or sailing experience is necessary.

Meals:

GYLI will provide all meals beginning with dinner (CT) lunch (LA) on the first day of the program and ending with breakfast on the last day. Please use your GYLI website profile to list any dietary restrictions or preferences. **NO NEED TO BRING SNACKS**—we will provide plenty of healthy, energy sustaining snacks.

Sign up and Registration:

Each GYLI student and faculty member will be emailed registration links by their school GYLI contact.

Tuition Costs:

The tuition cost for the Year 1 institute is \$1,750. This includes meals, bus transportation, lodging, guest speakers, and all program materials. This cost **DOES NOT** include airfare.

Other Costs:

These may include transportation, lodging before or after the institute or other costs as determined by each GYLI school. Please see your GYLI school coordinator for a breakdown of these costs.

Parent Permission/Student Expectations form and Student Health form:

Please refer to your registration confirmation email or visit

<https://www.gyli.org/required-forms/> to access these forms and get instructions to complete. The expectations form must be signed by students **AND** by parents, the health form must be signed by a licensed medical practitioner. These forms must be received by GYLI **BEFORE** any student or faculty member can participate.

Year 1 Required Equipment List

These items must fit in one duffle bag (soft-sided and squishable):

- Sleeping bag or blanket and sheet
- Tennis shoes and socks or sandals with straps (i.e Tevas, Chacos or similar style)
- Comfortable shorts and loosely fitting pants or jeans
- Tee Shirts and long sleeve shirt
- “WATERPROOF” jacket (not just “water resistant” we are outside – rain or shine)
- Medium sized towel
- Small backpack
- Water bottle
- Hat with brim
- Small flashlight
- Pen/Pencil
- Sunscreen, bug spray, and toiletries..... It is best to use biodegradable toiletries to minimize water pollution
- Swimming suit (one piece / modest)
- Sunglasses
- Wristwatch

Optional:

- Camera
- book for leisure time
- playing cards
- journal

Not Allowed:

- Flip flops
- Short-cropped tops and low-rider jeans
- Snack food
- Knives or camping tools
- Cell Phones/Laptop/technology that takes you away from community.....We are coming together in a place that slows our daily pace down more than we are used to. There is little electricity to power your devices, cell phones don't have coverage in the area, and technology breaks up the circle we are trying to experience.