

Y2Y WEEK 2018: STUDENT AMBASSADOR'S GUIDE



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Safety and security allow Job Corps students to focus on their education and career training, as they build skills for a long and successful career. So, to acknowledge the positive effects of peace and the efforts of the students and staff who continually advocate for it, Job Corps celebrates Y2Y Week annually. The week offers the entire center, as well as the surrounding community, the opportunity to come together and publicly display their support of peace, as well as form meaningful and impactful relationships. This year, Y2Y Week 2018 will take place Monday, Sept. 17, through Friday, Sept. 21, culminating with the International Day of Peace on that Friday.

2018: STUDENT STANDING TOGETHER

The theme of Y2Y Week 2018 is “Students Standing Together”—in an effort to spotlight the importance of safety for students in every learning environment. In addition to planning and executing an event to celebrate the week, each Job Corps center is being asked to invite a nearby high school to stand with them in support of peace.

If your center already has an existing relationship with a high school, please feel free to invite them to participate and strengthen that relationship. If your center is not near an area high school, please partner with another center that is.

During your planning process with the school, have a conversation with the principal or a school administrator about the school’s student photo release policy. Oftentimes parents and guardians sign photo release forms at the beginning of the school year, but you’ll want to find out if those release forms cover Job Corps’ being able to use photos from your Y2Y event. If you need a template photo or video release form for minors, you can e-mail us at JobCorpsY2Y@mpf.com to have us send you one. Or you can ask the principal to provide us with either an e-mail or written note that authorizes Job Corps to use photos taken during your Y2Y activities we want to highlight; it’s important to have this photo release in order to do that.

WHY HIGH SCHOOLS?

The Y2Y mission of promoting peace does not end at the doors to our centers, and tragic events over the past year have reinforced the need for peace in all learning environments. Promoting peace in our community at large is more important than ever. What better way to spread that message than to stand together with other students, as advocates for peace?

Additionally, Y2Y Week 2018 will serve as an opportunity for center students to be role models for their high school peers. By sharing positive messages of peace, Job Corps students can have a powerful impact on both their centers and communities. .



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HOW CAN WE PARTNER?

Establishing contact with a high school should be done by each Y2Y team's staff advisor, and should be directed to school administrators. It's important to remember that not every student at the high school needs to be involved in the partnership. Try to find groups or teams within the student population that share a mission or goal similar to Y2Y's. Examples include:

- Random Acts of Kindness Clubs
- Youth Mentor Groups
- Student Council

When planning your Y2Y Week events, consider activities that are easily accessible and able to accommodate a large number of participants. Some event ideas include:

- Holding a peace walk to commemorate the International Day of Peace (Friday, Sept. 21).
- Hosting a guest speaker to discuss the importance of peaceful communities.
- Holding a gallery show to display artistic works (by students) around the topic of peace.
- Coordinating a volunteer community service opportunity for students and community members.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

There are several ways to learn more about Y2Y Week 2018. Visit the Y2Y website at JobCorpsY2Y.com for updates, announcements, and a whole toolkit of helpful planning materials. Or, if you need more hands-on support, feel free to contact the Y2Y Support Team any time.



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