Directions to:

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

From I-66: Take Exit 55B onto the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) North; turn right onto Fair Lakes Parkway (east); turn right at light onto Monument Drive; turn right onto Government Center Parkway. The Government Center is on your left.

From Route 50: Take the exit for West Ox Rd. (Route 608) South; turn left at light onto Monument Drive (east); turn right onto Government Center Parkway. The Government Center is on your left.

From Fairfax City (Route 29 South) **:** Turn right at the light at Forum Drive; turn left at the light onto Government Center Parkway. The Government Center is on your right.

From Centreville (Route 29 North): Turn left at the light at Forum Drive; turn left at the light onto Government Center Parkway.

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Planning for the Youth Leadership Program was accomplished through a joint effort of the Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools.

This program is a component of the "Closest to the People" initiative which was established to help young students in middle and high school understand the link between local government and their everyday lives, and to inspire them to become engaged citizens willing to share their ideas and bring their energy to help develop solutions to issues communities face in the new millennium.

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Program Goal, Schedule, and Student Responsibilities

Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program

Preparing today's high school students to become tomorrow's community leaders

Sponsored by a partnership between Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools

September 2008

Program Goal

The goal of the **Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program** (YLP) is to help high school students gain an understanding and appreciation of how local government impacts their everyday lives. The curriculum and activities are designed to develop citizenship skills and encourage participants to become active, involved citizens in the future.

Participants will learn how local government addresses community issues and helps people solve problems. They will meet key decision makers in government and gain insight into the services County government provides.

Through a summer internship, training opportunities and site visits, participants will expand their knowledge of public service and their own community.

Applications are available from Fairfax County Public Schools' Guidance Departments or Social Studies Departments.

Applications are due October 31, 2008.

For more info or to get an application online, see:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/FCYLP.htm

Schedule

Meetings are 3:00-6:00 p.m.

February 18, 2009–*Introduction to Fairfax County and Getting to Know the Youth Leadership Program Class of 2009.*

March 11, 2009–*Education and Human Services - Part I.*

April 22, 2009– *Human Services Part II - Poverty Simulation.*

May 27, 2009–*The Budget: Expression of Community Priorities.*

July 6-24, 2009–*Summer internships.* **STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE ON THESE DATES IF THEY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN YLP.**

September 23, 2009–*Time for Fun: Cultural and Recreational Programs in Fairfax County.*

October 14, 2009–*The Judicial System and Public Safety*.

November 18, 2009–*Quality of Life: Land Use Policy and Environmental Services.*

January 20, 2010–*Graduation of the Class of 2009.*

Refreshments will be provided at each meeting.

Student Responsibilities

- ***Assignments:*** Following most meetings, students will be given a written assignment. These assignments must be completed and approved by their sponsors. A teacher/sponsor has been designated at each school to work with the student during the year.

- ***Attendance***: Students may have only **one** absence from monthly meetings during the year to qualify for graduation.

- ***Internships***: Students participating in the Youth Leadership Program will work a three-week summer internship in County offices. For their service, the students receive a $1,000 stipend. During these internships, student interns will be expected to arrive promptly at work each day, complete work assignments, and wear suitable attire for a business office setting. Please note the dates of the internship requirement directly conflict with the Governor's School Program.

- ***Transportation:*** Students are responsible for arranging transportation to monthly meetings and to the summer internship assignment. Most internship assignments are located at the Government Center complex or nearby.

- ***Cancellation of meetings***: If for any reason (such as inclement weather) afternoon activities are cancelled by Fairfax County Public Schools, then the Youth Leadership Program meeting scheduled that day will also be cancelled.

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