High School Programs
Create a Culture • Close the Gap • Ensure Safety • Engage the Community

Summer Camps

Leadership Camp
*Hosted at the Cispus and Chewelah Peak Learning Centers*
High School Leadership Camp is a six-day intensive leadership experience designed for elected student government officers and highly motivated student leaders. Although each camp has a unique personality, the leadership curriculum is structured around five components: communication skills, group processes, managerial skills, self-awareness and human relations skills. Each leadership camp staff is composed of high school activity advisers and professionals with a background in leadership. College students serve as Junior Counselors.

La Cima: A Bilingual Leadership Camp Experience
*Hosted at the Cispus Learning Center*
The goal of La Cima leadership camp is to impart leadership and life skills to Latino youth in Washington. The camp welcomes all students regardless of their fluency in English or Spanish. The camp is staffed with adult leaders from both ends of the linguistic spectrum.

Deaf Teen Leadership Camp
*Hosted at the Cispus Learning Center*
The goal of the Deaf Teen Leadership camp is to serve deaf teens in Washington. The mission of the camp is to empower deaf youth, foster personal growth, encourage confidence and create personal and community change. The camp is co-sponsored by Washington State Association of the Deaf.

CheerLeadership Camp
2 sessions hosted at Central Washington University
Few groups have a more significant public leadership role with peers and the community than do cheerleaders. This program focuses on putting the “Leader into Cheerleader”. Experienced teachers and coaches from throughout the state teach leadership curriculum. Members of the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) teach the technical skills. These five-day camps are held at Central Washington University for three weeks each summer. A workshop for coaches is offered in conjunction with each session of camp.

AWSL Conference
*(Formerly known as the WASC Conference)*
*Hosted at rotating sites throughout Washington State*
The annual three-day AWSL Conference in the fall attracts over 1,000 high school students from across the state. Student leaders and advisers get energized and informed for the school year by attending small group workshops, listening to keynote speakers, participating in the conference service project and visiting with vendors and peers. An integral part of the conference is the required host family experience.

Custom Workshops & Retreats
*Hosted at your site, the Cispus Learning Center or the Chewelah Peak Learning Centers*
Custom workshops and retreats are available upon request. The workshops are designed to build specific skills into a school’s student leadership program. Typical workshop requests are teambuilding, officer responsibility, meeting skills, school climate and developing the school activity calendar for the year. Custom programs can involve multiple school delegations from neighboring schools.

AWSL Executive Committee
Since its inception in the 1960s, the AWSL Executive Committee (formerly known as the WASC Board) has been a voice for high school students in Washington State. Representation on the committee is based on geographic location and an application process. The AWSL Executive Committee coordinates the selection process for student representatives on the State Board of Education.

Support Services

AWSL Membership
High schools can join the Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL). AWSL member schools receive the monthly e-newsletter *In the Loop* as well as special print publications. In addition, member schools receive discounts on all Washington Student Leadership programs.

Washington Activity Coordinators Association
*www.wacaonline.org*
Since the 1970s, the Washington Activity Coordinators Association has held an annual professional conference in mid-March. Meet vendors & speakers, take workshops and network with other advisers.

Curriculum Manuals
“Building Leaders for Life: A High School Leadership Curriculum”
These manuals were designed for and by high school student leadership advisers. Both contain a collection of lessons, activities, models and resources for a school’s student leadership program.

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