Frequently Asked Questions about AWSL Summer Leadership & CheerLeadership Days

Who facilitates the program?
AWSL has more than 500 educators and advocates for youth development staffing our programs and summer camps. We have over 100 program staff ready and willing to bring their experience and expertise directly to schools this summer. AWSL staff will be guiding our program staff who are facilitating the programs.

What about AWSL camps that serve a specific student demographic like La Cima, Native American Leadership Camp and Deaf Teen Leadership?
Consider incorporating these students into the mix of students brought by your school to your Summer Leadership Day experience. Since we will be working with your school directly, we can customize everything we do to meet the needs of your team(s). Or please contact us with your ideas and we will work to develop an affordable program to reach a specific demographic of students.

How will the Summer CheerLeadership Days work with the partnership AWSL has with National Cheer Association (NCA)?
We are already working to develop a core structure of CheerLeadership camp for this summer. Built on the NCA Commuter and Day Camp models, we will continue to teach all the skills and aptitude for a cheer squad while infusing leadership development curricula and lessons into the camp. Again, these are all customizable to the teams attending.

What if we have 51 students that want to attend?
The programs will be framed under the Governor’s Safe Start Plan as well as the Department of Health’s (local and state) guidance. We chose a student limit of 45 based on the assumption that 2-3 AWSL facilitators will also be present along with 2-3 school advisers thus keeping within the expected limit of 50 people gatherings in Phase 3. If we reach Phase 4, we have many more possibilities for larger groups.

What if we are electing our student leaders in the fall and we want them to receive some training?
Consider having all candidates attend this session for your school. What better way to develop leaders from the beginning? Plus, your team will then be up and running prior to elections. The Summer Leadership Days format will also roll into the fall.
We believe we have the capacity to serve students both this summer and into the fall with this program.

**My students are really bonded with a specific summer camp. Can that camp staff come directly to our school?**
All AWSL summer camps teach to the same standards and goals based around social-emotional learning. They do this in slightly different ways. AWSL has designed a curriculum for Summer Leadership Days that is a blend of curricula from all of the camps. So, a facilitator might be from a camp staff your students have grown to adore, though they will be teaching from an AWSL designed set of concepts and activities.

**What if I don’t know what date might work for our school and students?**
We are all in “best guess” mode right now. We do know some counties in the state are already firmly in Phase 2 while others are still in Phase 1. If your county is in Phase 2, we recommend reserving a best-guess date in mid-July assuming that is when your county will move to Phase 3. If your county is still in Phase 1, we recommend reserving a best-guess date in mid-August as that is when we assume your county will be in Phase 3

**What if I reserve a date then need to cancel or reschedule? Do I get a refund?**
Our first priority will be to attempt to reschedule, yet our policy will be focused on refunding, given our current times. We understand advisers are in a situation with variables beyond their control.

**Can schools combine and make it a regional?**
Yes – if schools combine, the max number permitted would be 40 total students. Also, both schools and districts would need to support this endeavor as we adhere to health and safety protocols.

Please contact us at AWSLevents@awsp.org for more information

Or set up a reservation at https://awsl.formstack.com/forms/2020_summer_leadership