



**2016-2017 YIP SURVIVOR TIPS
(Guidelines for YIP Sessions)**

- **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ONGOING YIP MESSAGES (MESSAGES WILL BE SENT FROM dkoch@thegeorgefoundation.org or yip@thegeorgefoundation.org.)**
- School attire is appropriate for all sessions. Any special dress codes for projects will be listed in your monthly YIP updates prior to a session.
- **REMEMBER:** You will be working on projects that might require painting or landscaping duties outdoors, so **DO NOT WEAR CLOTHING THAT YOU WOULD BE UPSET IF THEY WERE TO GET DIRTY OR PAINT SPATTERED!**
- **WEAR ONLY CLOSED TOE SHOES – THIS IS FOR ALL SESSIONS!**
- For the *Investment in Youth Luncheon* (March 2, 2017), YIP Team members will be presenting their projects to community members at the *Investment in Youth* luncheon and school attire STILL works for the luncheon---after all, you will be coming from school!
- YIP Team members are responsible for their **OWN TRANSPORTATION** to the University of Houston at Sugar Land (UHSL) for the Orientation on October 8, 2016 and the Evaluation Session scheduled for February 11, 2017. The address for UHSL is 14000 University Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX 77479. The session will be held in the Brazos Building in Room 103.
- YIP Team members are responsible for their **OWN TRANSPORTATION** to the Fort Bend Chamber (445 Commerce Green, Sugar Land, TX 77478) for all remaining scheduled volunteer sessions. At the Chamber, you will meet your team and board the bus to be transported to and from the scheduled nonprofit site for that specific session. Transportation to project sites once you arrive at the Fort Bend Chamber will be provided via a Stafford Municipal School District bus.
- It is important for YIP Team members to **ARRIVE BY 9:00 A.M. IF YOU MISS THE BUS, YOU MISS WORKING WITH YOUR TEAM ON A PROJECT FOR THAT SESSION.** The Chamber building will be open at 7:30 a.m. for any student needing to be dropped off early due to family scheduling constraints.
- Transportation arrangements for the *Investment in Youth Luncheon* will be sent to YIP participants in February.
- **NO PERSONAL CARS MAY BE DRIVEN to or from a project site!**

- **YIP Team Members MAY NOT FOLLOW THE BUS IN PERSONAL CARS TO A PROJECT SITE!**
- YIP Team members **MAY NOT COME AND GO FROM SESSIONS. ANY PORTION** of a session missed **IS AN ABSENCE**, and **ONLY ONE ABSENCE** is allowed if a YIP member is to remain in the program.

PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH THE YIP COORDINATING COMMITTEE IF YOU MUST MISS A SESSION BY CONTACTING dkoch@thegeorgefoundation.org.

- The following YIP schedule is the commitment you have made to the program:

SESSION SCHEDULE	
Orientation	10/08/2016
Volunteer Session #1	10/22/2016
Volunteer Session #2	11/05/2016
Volunteer Session #3	12/03/2016
Volunteer Session #4	01/14/2017
Evaluation/Philanthropy Session	02/04/2017
<i>Investment in Youth Luncheon</i>	03/02/2017

- While the YIP Coordinating Committee takes into consideration the dietary requirements of YIP Team Members, we cannot guarantee to meet all restrictions and, therefore, YIP Team members with special dietary needs may want to plan accordingly. This is especially critical since the nonprofits will be planning lunch for team members and may be challenged to meet all dietary restrictions.
- Breaks and lunch is your time to text, answer emails and make phone calls. Otherwise, **PHONES ARE NOT TO BE VISIBLE AND DISRUPTIVE TO YOUR INVOLVEMENT** in any session or volunteer project.
- **Make it a practice to check your email often for YIP messages.** You will be emailed session information, documentation of volunteer hours and other program information. **DON'T FORGET TO RESPOND TO AN EMAIL WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO.**
- **Volunteer hours** will be awarded each session. Documentation of volunteer hours will be sent via an individual email sent to your personal email as provided on your application
- Please do not hesitate to contact Dee Koch at dkoch@thegeorgefoundation.org any time you have questions or concerns about the YIP program.
- **YIP is a Smoke-Free environment** throughout the entire session time whether inside or outside.