



2025-2026 YIP SURVIVOR TIPS
(Guidelines for YIP Sessions)

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

SESSION SCHEDULE	
Orientation (Mandatory)	10/4/2025
Volunteer Session #1	11/8/2025
Volunteer Session #2	12/6/2025
Volunteer Session #3	1/10/2026
Volunteer Session #4	2/7/2026
Evaluation Session (Mandatory)	2/28/2026
<i>Investment in Youth Luncheon*</i>	TBD

*Date is subject to change.

- **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ONGOING YIP MESSAGES (MESSAGES WILL BE SENT FROM ablahuta@thegeorgefoundation.org or yip@thegeorgefoundation.org.)**
- **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.**
- 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. **Please check the weather for appropriate attire.**
- **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!**
- YIP Team members are responsible for their **OWN TRANSPORTATION** to the University of Houston at Sugar Land (UHSL) for the Orientation and the Evaluation Session. 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 University of Houston at Sugar Land (UHSL) for all scheduled volunteer sessions. Students **will ride as a team on provided transportation** to and from the scheduled nonprofit site for that specific session. Students who arrive at the nonprofit on their own will not be allowed to participate and will be counted absent.

- It is important for YIP Team members to **ARRIVE BY 8:30-8:45 A.M. BUSES WILL DEPART AT 9:00 AM. IF YOU MISS THE BUS, YOU MISS WORKING WITH YOUR TEAM ON A PROJECT FOR THAT SESSION.** USHL building will open at 8:00 a.m. for any student needing to be dropped off early due to family scheduling constraints. *If you have a conflict, please contact Ammie Blahuta at ablahuta@thegeorgefoundationr.org to make any special arrangements.*
- **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 YIP@thegeorgefoundation.org.**
- 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.
- For the ***Investment in Youth Luncheon*** 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!
- Transportation arrangements for the *Investment in Youth Luncheon* will be sent to YIP participants in by their school YIP Advisor.
- **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.
- **YIP is a Substance-Free environment** throughout the entire session time whether inside or outside. This is a zero tolerance guideline.
- Please do not hesitate to contact Ammie Blahuta at ablahuta@thegeorgefoundation.org any time you have questions or concerns about the YIP program.