

### Commitment

- ❖ Group leaders will be asked to participate in a variety of preparatory tasks prior to arriving in Ottawa for the Program Orientation (such as conference calls with participants, getting vaccines, etc.) All of these tasks can be done from the Group Leader's home community and are fairly flexible in their timing.
- ❖ Group leaders are required to participate in a training/planning weekend. This is a 3 day commitment and will most likely take place in Ottawa, but will depend on where the Group Leaders are located. All travel costs associated with the training are covered by NYA.
- ❖ Group Leaders will need to arrive in Ottawa before Orientation which is scheduled to begin June 30th. This will allow time for preparation, meeting with staff, and confirming program details.
- ❖ The full time commitment for Group Leaders is currently scheduled to conclude on Monday, Aug 21st (following the re-orientation program in Ottawa). This date could change to be later or earlier by a couple of days due to travel.

### Applicants Must:

- ❖ Be available for the duration of the fulltime commitment, and also to attend training, and fulfill pre and post departure tasks (see commitment above).
- ❖ Be at least 24 years of age as of June 1, 2017 (as our eldest participants are 22 or 23 this ensures that a clear separation between leader and participant).

### Applying as an Individual or Pair

- ❖ Applicants can apply in pairs, as individual applicants, or as a pair who are also willing to be considered separately.
- ❖ Pairs can be a couple, friends, co-workers, or anyone who you feel would be a great partner to share this experience with.
- ❖ Groups of all females or all males are welcome to apply, but should be aware that this may reduce their chance of selection.

### Groups

- ❖ Two Group Leaders will be selected and lead a group of 6 participants. The 2017 Participants (who were selected in February) are Indigenous youth from Nunavut and the NWT between the ages of 16 and 22 who have completed the Canadian Phase of NYA.
- ❖ It is likely, based on this year's participant applications, that both groups will include male and female participants. Because of this, we will have a strong preference to have a male and female leader for the group.

### Program:

- ❖ Participants will participate in a program orientation at MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre outside of Ottawa. The orientation will include morning, afternoon and evening sessions that will prepare the group for their placement. The sessions are delivered by facilitators in tandem with the group leaders. Participants are responsible for completing the orientation curriculum and for meeting the objectives of the orientation program. Doing this earns them one of the eight high school credits they are eligible for receive through the program.
- ❖ Throughout the placement, participants must complete their summer assignment package. This package includes activities on a variety of pertinent topics such as development education, group dynamics, and communications. The assignments are designed to encourage the youth to reflect upon their experience and how it relates to the overall objectives of the NYA program. Group Leaders are responsible for ensuring that these assignments are complete, for assisting the participants with any troubles they may have, and for ensuring the objectives of the NYA curriculum are met.
- ❖ The program re-orientation begins in Ottawa immediately after the group returns and is 3 days in length. The group facilitator(s), in collaboration with staff, take the lead role in the re-orientation program allowing our group leaders to wrap up the program and work on a program reporting.
- ❖ The International Program orientation is held concurrently on the same site as the Canadian Program orientation, and as NYA Next. Participants in our advanced programs (International and NYA Next) are encouraged to mentor and help guide those in the Canadian Program. Some sessions are combined. The re-orientation programs are held separately.

### International Placement

- ❖ NYA is in the process of confirming the host country for the 2017 program. In the past our teams have travelled to Guatemala (2014/2015), Botswana (2002-2013) and Swaziland (1999-2001). The placement should be confirmed by the end of March.
- ❖ Groups will volunteer at pre-arranged work placements and will be working on projects that could include construction, working with children and youth, working on a special infrastructure project, or working on other community service projects. Group Leaders may be responsible for partial or whole supervision of the groups at their work placements.

#### International Placement (continued)

- ❖ NYA partners with an in-country NGO as a local liaison who assists with in-country logistics, support, and orientation. Depending on what placements are selected, leaders may find that most of the arrangements are cemented before arrival, while in other cases leaders may be required to work together to develop terms that are mutually agreed and satisfactory. Leaders should be prepared to be flexible and to work in collaboration with partners no matter what circumstances arise.

#### Benefits

- ❖ A once in a lifetime opportunity to guide, facilitate, and support a group of young people in their growth and development while experiencing a new country and culture.
- ❖ All costs of participation are covered. This includes all travel and accommodation expenses for the planning weekend, program orientation and re-orientation, and for all facets of the international placement.
- ❖ NYA covers the cost of comprehensive medical and travel insurance for each group leader and all participants as well as vaccines
- ❖ Group leaders are each given a honorarium upon completion of the program, which includes the submission of financial and narrative final reports, of \$1000 (net)

Further questions can be directed to Rebecca Bisson, Executive Director, by email ([rebecca@nya.ca](mailto:rebecca@nya.ca)) or phone (866-212-2307). More information on our program can be found at [www.nya.ca](http://www.nya.ca)