



What is The Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute – PYLI?

The Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute is a state-of-the-art training program designed to teach leadership and community service skills to high school-age students. There are three major program elements to PYLI. They include teaching the curriculum, planning and implementing the community service project and conducting a graduation ceremony.

The Curriculum

PYLI employs a specially designed curriculum developed by the Center for Creative Leadership, one of the world's foremost authorities on leadership training. It incorporates the latest methodology for teaching key leadership skills - such as goal setting, team building, project planning and decision making - while emphasizing the importance and means of applying these skills to community service endeavors. The training program consists of approximately 30 hours of classroom instruction, plus hands-on field exercises and a community service project.

The Community Service Project

The service project is a unique part of PYLI that distinguishes the program from similar leadership training programs. The purpose of the service project is to give PYLI participants an opportunity to utilize what they have learned from the training curriculum; gain confidence in their abilities to create, develop, and implement a service project, and act upon their social concerns expressed during training. The project can be completed in a single day or over a period of time.

The Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony is an essential element of the program. It is an opportunity for the young people to celebrate their accomplishments and a way for the community to recognize their commitment.

For more information, please visit www.pyli.org